

INVITATION

to the conference and book presentation on

“Just intervention? Between the Prohibition of Force and R2P”



- Date:** Monday, October 16th, 2017
- Time:** 5:00 pm
- Venue:** Diplomatische Akademie Wien, Favoritenstraße 15a, 1040 Wien
Festsaal
- Format:** two panels
- Working language:** English
- Registration:** <https://www.da-vienna.ac.at/en/Events/MoreInformation/Id/987/Just-interventionbr-Between-the-Prohibition-of-Force-and-R2P>

Content

In February 2016, as a consequence of the activation of the mutual defence clause of France after the ruthless terrorist attacks in Paris, the International Institute for Peace (IIP) and the Karl-Renner-Institut organised a conference in Vienna dealing with the topic of military interventions and EU-solidarity. In the aftermath, the IIP published an anthology which tries to tackle different issues in the framework of military interventions from various perspectives, which is available now.

Armed interventions in domestic conflicts have been named as *ultima ratio* in the last years in order to fulfil the International Responsibility to Protect (R2P) or the right of self-defence. There is to differ between UN-mandated and therefore legitimate interventions and uni- or multilateral interventions, which we can observe momentarily in Syria, where France, Great Britain and the USA are continuing the so called “War against terror”, which already started in Afghanistan in 2001. However, the questions of the reasonability, efficiency and extent of those interventions are at the very core of the discussion.

Which intentions are eventually leading to an armed intervention and on which theoretical and judicial basis is it exercised? Who is realizing them and which purposes are behind them? Which impacts did military interventions have in the past and which possibilities do states, like e.g. the neutral Austria or alliances such as EU and NATO have in or outside of such intervention-coalitions? When is an intervention seen as efficient and effective and sustainable? Can those interventions, as a consequence, lead to obligations of solidarity within the European Union^[1] and if so, to what kind of obligations? Which role did Europe have in this regard, which consequences did this interventionism have and is there a difference between legality and legitimacy in international relations?

About the book:

Authors from different scientific disciplines and countries as well as journalists and practitioners are addressing various questions with regard to the legitimacy, efficiency, extent and practices of military interventions from several perspectives.

^[1] France, for the first time, invoked the mutual defence clause after the terrorist attacks in Paris in November 2015 calling on the EU member states to support them in their fight against terrorism.

Programme

5:00 pm **Welcome**

Hannes Swoboda
President IIP, MEP ret.

Opening Address

Erwin Lanc
Minister ret., Honorary President of the IIP

5:15 pm **Panel I: Just Interventions**

Moderator: Stephanie Fenkart
Director IIP

Panelists:

Heinz Gärtner Prof. of Political Sciences, Advisory Board member IIP	R2P and Theory of Just War
Angela Kane UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs ret., Vice-President of the IIP	UNO and Protection of Civilians
Ursula Werther-Pietsch University of Graz, Institute for International Law and International Relations	R2P and Human Rights
Hannes Swoboda President of the IIP, MEP ret.	R2P – A Contribution to Peace?

6:45 pm **Break**

7:15 pm **Panel II: Europe's Solidarity**

Moderator: Stephanie Fenkart

Panelists:

Matthias Dembinski Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany	R2P in Practice
Alexander Nikitin Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Director of the MGIMO Center for Euro-Atlantic Security	Russia and R2P
Ralph Janik University of Vienna, International Law	Europe's Role and the future of R2P
Jan Willem Honig King's College London, Department of War Studies	Role of Military
Markus Gauster National Defence Academy Vienna Institute for Peace-and Conflict-Management	Practical Relevance of Protection of Civilians for Austria's Whole-of-Nation-stakeholders

9:00 pm **Reception**



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