

Dear Reader,

To lower CO₂ emissions in the transport sector, Germany is setting its hopes on electromobility. The federal government's climate package plans to unlock billions for subsidies. However, a broad expansion of electromobility raises the question where and how the necessary raw materials are being sourced. How can we save both the climate and our planetary resources? Those and other questions will be discussed at the **Dresden Forum for International Politics** at the end of January 2020.

You can find out more about the **programme** and further projects and publications in this edition of sef:/INEF News.

We wish you an interesting read, happy holidays and all the best for 2020!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



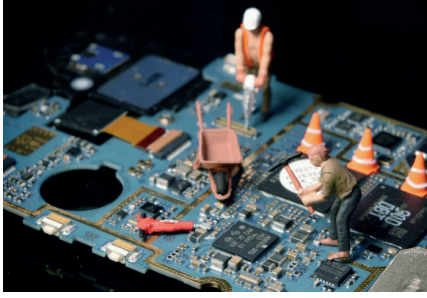
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: When the Ice is Melting - The Nexus between Environment and Peace

Public Evening Event
23 January 2020 in Dresden

The melting of the poles represents the ongoing destruction of natural livelihoods through mankind. Given the overexploitation of natural resources, what can be done to safeguard the survival and wellbeing of all humankind now and in future? What kind of policies are needed to prevent violent clashes over resources or conflicts over the destruction of habitats? The expedition leader and researcher Arved Fuchs will provide insights into his expeditions and discuss these questions with international experts.

Please register for this event at
<https://mitdenken.sachsen.de/DFiP2020>.



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: Resources for Climate Action: Conflict Potential and Prevention Strategies

Expert Conference

23-24 January 2020 in Dresden

Digital solutions and environmental technologies can help to reduce carbon emissions. However, they generally rely on specific raw materials whose extraction, in some cases, damages the environment and is associated with human rights abuses and conflict. What can be done to ensure that the extraction of resources for which there is a particularly high demand does not trigger or worsen conflicts in the producer countries or on the international level? How can recycling and innovation contribute to avoid resource conflicts?

Participation by personal invitation only. If interested, please send an email to neubauer@sef-bonn.org.

PAST EVENTS



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: Making the Case for Sustainability in Municipalities and Regions

Bonn Symposium

27-28 November in Bonn

Millions of people marched on the street in support of better climate protection and more sustainable ways of living and doing business this year. Many other still do not believe in the need of a fundamental transformation. Persuading people and organisations, then, is still a key task in embedding the SDGs at local and regional level. How can local projects and initiatives maximize the support of local citizens? What kind of new democratic procedures are needed in this regard? To discuss these questions, we invited activists, policymakers, business representatives and scientists to attend the **Bonn Symposium 2019**.

A conference report will follow soon.



: The UN treaty on business and human rights and the EU

Policy Lunch
19 November 2019

In October 2019, another round of UN negotiations on a legally binding instrument on business and human rights took place in Geneva. While the European Union has shown scepticism in earlier negotiations, participants commended the constructive appearance this time, despite the lack of an official mandate by the member states. The **Policy Lunch** on 19 November 2019 provided first-hand insights into the negotiations for the Brussels community.

You can read a summary of the discussion [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS



: Making Conflict Prevention a Concrete Reality at the UN

GLOBAL TRENDS. ANALYSIS 2|2019

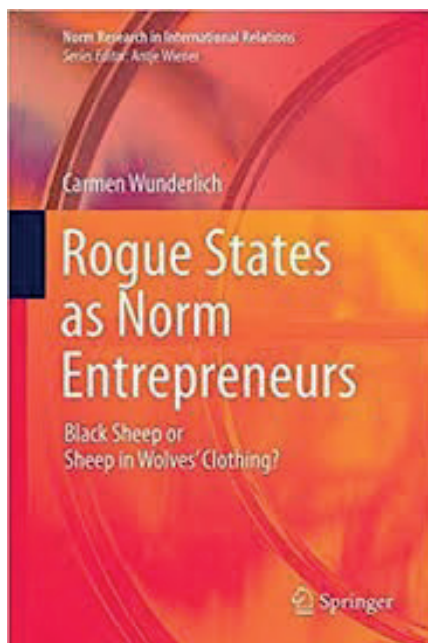
The idea of conflict prevention is at the very heart of the United Nations Charter. Yet, previous attempts by the UN to make conflict prevention a reality had only limited success. How can a preventive approach be made more effective? In **GLOBAL TRENDS. ANALYSIS 2|2019**, Adriana Abdenur discusses three key elements in order for conflict prevention to become more than a buzzword. Firstly, she argues for improved risk assessment methodologies – incorporating technological innovations. Secondly, she calls for greater synergy across the three pillars peace & security, development and human rights. And finally, she sees the necessity for more advocacy for conflict prevention at the political level.



• Principles and opportunities for multilateral cooperation in the UN

Global Governance Spotlight 5|2019

The dwindling support for multilateral cooperation by major global players is a direct threat to international organisations' capacity to act. Various initiatives to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 aim to restore this capacity. In **Global Governance Spotlight 5|2019**, Gisela Hirschmann and Cornelia Ulbert identify a number of options such as the flexible formation of coalitions, including the involvement of non-state actors, institutional reforms for more effective problem-solving and better communication to convince societies of the need for a collaborative approach to global challenges.



• 'Rogue states' as norm entrepreneurs?

New book on Iran's arm control policy and international norms

Even assumed antagonists of a Western liberal order can champion the genesis and evolution of global norms. This is what INEF member Dr Carmen Wunderlich argues in her **book**. A comparison with Sweden and North Korea back her plea to not limit the view of 'rogue states' as irrational norm breakers, but to take them seriously as legitimate participants in a discourse on what the normative order should look like.

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