

Monday morning meeting

11 November 2024

Notes

Director's office

- RSC on Tuesday at 14:30. We would still like a volunteer to take the minutes. Please let Priscilla know if you can serve as minute-taker.

Operations

PMO:

- Congratulations to three teams for successful concluding of projects:
 - Governance of Artificial Intelligence team with Laura as PM for concluding the project "LAWS – phase IV 'Towards a two-tiered regulation of AWS? Identifying limits and requirements on the development and use of AWS through a scenario exercise' (170.688 EUR, 3 donors/contracts, (Swiss MFA, Swedish MFA, Dutch MFA) used all the budget)
 - DUAT team with Kolja for concluding the project "MTCR II" (197.413 EUR, GFFO, used all the budget)
 - MILAP team with Diego as PM for concluding the project "Improving military expenditure transparency in Colombia" (244.963 USD, OSF Colombia, used all the budget)
- Reminder for each member of staff to manage their "Favorites" in Maconomy Timesheets, manual has been sent to staff.
- Reminder that per diem claims should always include (have attached):
 - boarding passes
 - event agenda or similar document (even email) proving the presence
 - should follow necessary deductions of meals when applicable, so that we comply with donors' terms, and the Tax Authorities' regulations. Following these instructions will decrease internal administrative burden.

GAD:

- Congratulations to the Governance of Artificial Intelligence team for securing the first part of the funding of Limits on Autonomy in Weapon Systems (LAWS) - Phase V with the Swiss MFA for 56 500 EUR, representing a third of the total budget of 170 000 EUR.

Outreach

- Thank you for a very good Fundraising Coordination meeting – while we finalize the product list, just a reminder that Joey, Marti and Steph are really happy to talk and engage with you **long before** you submit your funding proposal to sound out good ideas for your outputs, your type of events and other materials.

Armament and Disarmament

- Sibylle, Lucas, Kolja, Katarina and Wilfred will be in Brussels for the EUNPDC Annual Conference on 12-14 November. Katarina will chair a panel on challenges of conventional arms control; Sibylle will provide closing remarks and Wilfred will also chair a panel in a workshop connected to the conference, as part of the Young Women and Next Generation Initiative.
- On 12 November, Mark will be in Paris for a meeting of the Pall Mall Process. This is a UK-France initiative aimed at tackling the proliferation and misuse of cyber spyware tools.

- On 14 November, Pieter will participate in a workshop on 'Sanctions Against Non-State Armed Groups', organized by the International Institute Strategic Studies -Europe in Berlin.
- On 17 November, the Swedish Effective Altruism community 2024 annual meeting will include a conversation lead by Pieter about 'Armament Dynamics and the risk of Great Power War: capturing the data we need'
- Vivianne will attend a conference in Stockholm called 'Framing the Future: A Collaborative Summit on AI Policy and Governance' organized by Mila (based in Quebec) and the AI Policy Lab (based in Umeå)
- Vincent will join (online) a two-day meeting of the Global Commission on Responsible Use of AI in the Military Domain.

Conflict Peace and Security

- Later today, Jingdong will be meeting an analyst from Australia's Office of National Intelligence at the Australian Embassy.
- On Tuesday, Fei and Jingdong will be meeting Swedish MFA officials organized by Sibylle.
- On Thursday:
 - A delegation from the China Institutes of International Studies will visit SIPRI to discuss EU-China relations and developments in the Indo-Pacific.
 - Jingdong will also serve as a discussant at an event organized by the Korean Embassy and the Stockholm School of Economics on recent developments on the Korean Peninsula.
- The Peace Operations and Conflict Management Programme in collaboration with the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU, is organizing a seminar in Brussels entitled 'Towards a more strategic civilian CSDP: Strengthening EU civilian crisis management in a new era of geopolitics and risks'. Barbara will give the closing remarks. The PSC even rescheduled a meeting to ensure the PSC Chair and ambassadors can attend!
- Barbara will be in Berlin and Brussels all week, with plenty of meetings.
- Last week (Thursday), Claudia was a panelist at the Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Network on Peace Operations. The Panel's title was 'Peace Operations: Perspectives on Brazil's place in what lies ahead' and she was joined by a representative from the Brazilian MFA and an Admiral from the Brazilian Navy. On Wednesday, she will present on our database at an ACLED organized meeting on conflict data.

Peace and Development

- The second informal brown bag seminar on AI Tools in Research will take place today from 12:00 – 13:00 in the Conference Room. The objective is to provide a relaxed space to discuss the use of 'AI tools' (broadly interpreted, including LLMs and machine learning etc.) in our research.