

Monday morning meeting

26 May 2025

Notes

Director's Office

- Tomorrow, 27 May, at 10.30-12.00, there will be an RSC held in the conference room. The meeting is open to all staff and interns. The agenda will include:
 - Reports back from the Board meeting the previous week;
 - Institute finances – including the figures for the first 4 months;
 - And possibly other items.
- We are looking for volunteers to take the minutes – thank you in advance!

Senior Management Team

- At the SMT meeting last week, the agenda included:
 - Report back from the virtual Board meeting held last week, on 19-20 May.
 - Review of SIPRI's policies: Anti-corruption Policy and Whistleblower Policy
 - Virtual internships
- At this week's meeting, the agenda will include:
 - SMT Away Day agenda
 - Cluster finances

Outreach

- This morning, we are launching our new data and a Fact sheet on multilateral peace operations! CONGRATULATIONS to Claudia and Jair, and the Outreach colleagues, especially Caspar, Joey, Amelie and Emma for making this happen!
- We are also finalizing the Yearbook while it is at the indexer already and all strength and endurance go to Joey, soon there!
- We are also preparing all materials to launch the Yearbook on 16 June as well as an online event, a teaching workshop, a public event on Central Asia and a two-day research workshop, all happening on and before the 16 June.

Cross cluster

- On Tuesday Barbara K, Mathew and Florian are hosting an online expert workshop on "Strategic stability and regional security on Nato's new northern flank".

Armament and Disarmament

Last week:

- On Friday, the Dutch Ministry of Defence indicated that it was willing to co-fund Netta's project on responsible procurement of military AI and committed to cover 100K€. Congratulations to Netta for securing this!

This week:

- Laurianne and Katarina will be in Yaoundé, Cameroon as part of the Voluntary Trust Fund project on "Strengthening Cameroon's annual reporting to the Arms Trade Treaty."
- Vincent is hosting and moderating a virtual private sector roundtable on autonomous AI agents. Alex, Diego, and Jules will also participate.
- Netta Goussac is in Tallinn for the CyCon Conference to present a paper on Legal review of military AI capabilities.
- Alex and Laura are attending an online consultation on the Group of Governmental Experts on Autonomous Weapons.

- Jules and Vincent are attending an online US-China Dialogue organized by IHNR.
- Vlad is in Vienna to attend the 'Third Inter-regional Conference on Emerging Technologies', organized by Republic of Korea and the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).
- Tytti is in Helsinki to speak at an event as part of her work on the nuclear weapons monitoring group.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Alaa secured additional 600,000 SEK from FBA until the end of the year and started working on a new research project on Leveraging Infrastructure for Peace and Resilience in Syria and Lebanon.
- Alaa's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Contemporary Palestinian History offered for free at Coursera by Utrecht University has over 1200 enrolments since its launch last month <https://www.coursera.org/learn/contemporary-palestinian-history>
- Next week, Alaa will speak (virtually) at a Closed Roundtable on the Role of International Diplomacy and Mediation in Palestine co-organized by Berghof Foundation, Peking University, and China's MFA. The week after, Alaa will attend and speak (virtually) a two-day meeting organized by the IDRC, Asfari Foundation, and the Asfari Institute on "Reclaiming Civic Spaces: A MENA Roundtable of Researchers and Donors". In mid-June, Alaa will attend and speak at an international two-day conference at Birzeit University (Palestine) on "Engineering Destruction: Militarization and the War Economy" Conference.

Peace and Development

- Barbara MT is in Portugal today teaching at the Peace and Conflict Summer School at the University of Coimbra.