

CONFLICT AND SECURITY

Panel at the Conference *Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies*

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Although there is no set deadline for the submission of papers, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Catherine Goetze: Catherine.Goetze@hsfk.de.

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There seems to be a large consensus that ethno-political and social conflict is widely based on subjective and individual feelings of insecurity and anomie created by the collapse of state institutions which are exploited by so-called »violence entrepreneurs«. The panel *Conflict and Security* wants to investigate into this link between the problems of the legitimate monopolisation of violence by the state, the citizens' trust in their institutions and the escalation of ethnical and/or social conflict. Posed this way the problem not only concerns the Balkans but also Western states and the rising of the new extreme right movement, the new communitarism (well analysed by Zigmunt Bauman), the overall theme of security and politics etc. Contributions which dealing with questions of subjective feelings of security and political perception, political institutions and citizens' trust, trust between citizens and conflict resolution and society building are most welcome.