

PROGRAM

**“Providing Security in Times of Uncertainty:
Mosaic Security Systems and the UN’s Quest for Coherence While Sustaining Peace”**

**A roundtable discussion on the report of the FES Global Reflection Group
“Monopoly on the Use of Force 2.0?”**

Thursday, January 18, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

(Lunch Buffet 12:30 p.m.)

**Hotel Roger Smith, Mezzanine Floor, Starlight Ballroom
501 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017**

WELCOME

Bettina Luise Rürup

Executive Director, FES New York Office

PRESENTERS

Dr Mely Caballero Anthony (Associate Professor and Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Chair of the UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; Co-Chair of the Reflection Group)

Dr Eboe Hutchful (Professor of African Studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, Executive Secretary of the African Security Sector Network (ASSN) and member of UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters)

DISCUSSANTS

Robert Pulver, Chief, Justice and Corrections Service, Office for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, UNDPKO

Michael von der Schulenburg, former Executive Representative for the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL) and Deputy Special Representative for Political Affairs with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq

GENERAL DEBATE

Moderator: *Volker Lehmann*, Senior Policy Analyst, FES New York

CLOSING

Larry Sampler

President of One Earth Future

BACKGROUND

In December 2014, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) set up the Global Reflection Group “Monopoly on the Use of Force 2.0?” Consisting of over 20 experts from around the world and with different areas of expertise, the group was meant to raise awareness for important, structural questions about the future of one of the core pillars of modern states – its monopoly on the legitimate use of force.

The work of the Reflection Group culminated in a comprehensive report “[Providing Security in Times of Uncertainty](#)”. It explores prospects for local, national and global security as a public good and develops four global scenarios for possible future security provisions. The report lays out a vision of how the existing, sometimes chaotic security arrangements can be harnessed as mosaic security systems to produce inclusive security that benefits all citizens, safeguarding both human security and a just international order.

A closer look at the changing and interrelated local, national and global security environment reveals two sets of trends that impact on the monopoly on the legitimate use of force and the provision of inclusive security: Fragmentation versus consolidation of the use of force; and inclusive versus exclusive security provision. How can arrangements be made to ensure the right to inclusive security (for all people) and avoid or reverse the trend of exclusivity?

The group recommends a two-pronged approach: strengthen the state monopoly on the legitimate use of force or, where appropriate, initiate a process to meld the growing number of fragmented security providers into a regulated and coordinated security architecture that protects citizens in an inclusive and accountable way. This approach aims to make the best use of the monopoly on the legitimate use of force while recognizing the multiplicity of actors involved in providing, but also undermining, security.

Further information: <https://www.fes.de/de/reflection-group-monopoly-on-the-use-of-force-20/>

At the roundtable discussion, members of the Reflection Group will present some key findings and recommendations of their report and commentators will gauge these recommendations against experiences made in UN-led field missions. The subsequent debate among all participants will also reflect changes in the monopoly on the use of force in the context of current UN efforts, i.e. the Sustaining Peace Agenda, the UN-Secretary-General’s peace and security reform proposals, and the implementation of SDG 16. Invited will be some 30 experts from the UN System, diplomatic missions and think tank/academia/NGOs.

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