



Institute for Security & Development Policy

Report: July-December 2007

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP) has now completed its first six months as an independent think–thank, following the institutional change in mid-2007. The first months as an independent entity in a new setting was most promising, and gave us a taste of what 2008 could bring. The Institute secured premises for its main office in Stockholm’s Nacka district, within easy reach of the city center. This has enabled us to further strengthen our policy profile. The Institute has also initiated a number of new cooperative agreements with universities and think-tanks around the world, a process that we hope to further broaden in coming the year. Our partners will become even more important, and we look forward to a large number of visitors during 2008 that will strengthen our understanding of the regions we work with, and develop the quality of our output.

The Institute is focusing on building its policy profile, by broadening the background of its senior staff. Adding to our experts with a background in diplomacy and the military, we are fortunate starting from 2008 to have an analyst from the Swedish Police Board who will develop the Institute’s work on organized crime. Together with an added focus on development, organized crime is one of the fields where the Institute is planning to focus during the coming year.

In the past six months, the Institute and its staff published a number of publications. While staff have published numerous articles in journals and edited volumes, the Institute has continued to develop our own series of publications. We produced 3 books and some 14 papers in our own *Silk Road Papers* and *Asia Papers* series. We also launched a new publication series: the *Policy Papers*, which feature short (15-20 pages) analyses on key events and developments. This enables us to react quickly on current events and inform the international debate. We value our partners and friends around the world and would appreciate your comments on our development to further improve our work.

Svante Cornell and Niklas Swanström

ISDP Directors



CONFERENCES

The ISDP organizes occasional conferences and workshops.

September 7-8, 2007

Conference "Spotlight on Asia's Energy and Security Challenges - A Multilateral Response?" in cooperation with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. The conference was organized in cooperation with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and examined the energy and security challenges that Asia is facing. The event brought together leading experts on energy security in Asia.



The Conference was funded by the Swedish and Singaporean Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

September 22, 2007

Workshop on "Japan's Silk Road Diplomacy: Paving the Road Ahead" in Tokyo. In cooperation with the Slavic Research Center at Hokkaido University, and the Islamic Area Studies Program, The University of Tokyo, Japan. A one-day workshop is organized aimed to discuss and analyze Japan's role and impact in Central Asia thus far; to examine how Japan should proceed with its future engagement in the region, and to enable Japan and its partners to better coordinate their security and development strategies in order to promote stability in this emerging region.

The workshop was funded by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



October 29-30, 2007

National Seminar The Political Roles of Religious Communities in Pakistan, exploring the political roles of religious communities in Pakistan organized in Islamabad in cooperation with the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI). Of key concern was to identify these communities and explore their relation to the state apparatus, status in law, and how the local, national, and regional levels interrelate. It was conceived that this is important both for conflict-preventive purposes and to reach an understanding of the relations both within and between religious communities and how these relate to both local politics and larger geo-political perspectives.

November 14, 2007

Conference on "The Baltic states Joining Schengen: Opportunities and Challenges" in cooperation with the Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator (MOB). Researchers and practitioners presented their view on future conditions to conduct an effective fight against organized crime and narcotics in the Baltic Sea region and the possible effects of an expansion of the Schengen area.

GUEST RESEARCHERS AND FELLOWS

The ISDP regularly welcomes distinguished academics and prominent practitioners in order to enrich its research environment. Visitors carry out research that often leads to monographs, policy papers and open seminars.

The guest researchers and fellows at the ISDP often deliver seminars and lectures at prominent institutions in Sweden and in other Scandinavian countries (i.e. FOI, SIPRI, HHS, SU, UI, NIAS, Oslo University, FBA, FHS). The sharing of knowledge contributes to the development of our fields of research and opens new communication channels for professionals. In Autumn 2007 the ISDP has shared relatively few guest researchers due to its change of location.

September

Prof. Chen Yue Xue from Beijing University of Agriculture started her one year stay at the Institute in September 2007. She is interested in rural economic development of China and China-Taiwan trade relations. Prof. Chen received scholarship from the Swedish Institute.

November 12

Dr. Roy Allison from the London School of Economics visited the ISDP and held a Silk Road Forum on Regionalism and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: "The Implications of Authoritarian Rule".

EVENTS

The ISDP regularly organizes lectures and open seminars for students, researchers and policy makers in Sweden.

August 20

Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Institute for Far Eastern Studies at Kyungnam University in Korea.

September

Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated with the Department of Central Asian Studies at Stockholm University.

October

Memorandum of Understanding outlining future cooperation was signed with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore.

October 8

Workshop on "Europe's energy security: Gazprom's dominance and the role of the Caspian region", with Pavel Baev, Robert Larsson, Vladimir Socor, Elin Suleymanov, Nicklas Norling, and Mamuka Tsereteli.

October 16—November 15

Course Central Asia and the Caucasus IUME (Intelligence Understanding Mission Environment) Joint Course (ISDP and the Swedish Defense College), for European Defense Agency—the "Knowledge" module. The module of the IUME project consisted of a five week course based designed to give an in depth understanding of the Central Asia area in order to comprehend the factors that shape the attitudes and perceptions within the communities of interest. Lectures were given by Dr. Niklas Swanström, Dr. Svante Cornell, and Dr. Erica Marat.

October 19

Roundtable on "Russia in 2008: Domestic and International Challenges", organized in cooperation with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs.

October 24

Inauguration reception introducing ISDP's new premises. Guests were representatives of Asian and European Embassies in Stockholm, Swedish Ministry for

Foreign Affairs and Justice Ministry, Swedish Riksdag, SIPRI, UI, Stockholm University, IDEA, SIDA, and the Swedish Helsinki Committee.

November 12

Silk Road Forum with Dr. Roy Allison of the London School of Economics on Regionalism and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: The Implications of Authoritarian Rule".

ACTIVITIES

In addition to organizing events, staff at the Institute participates in events organized by other universities, research and policy institutes such as workshops and conferences.

July 28

Dr. Anna Jonsson presented a paper on "Rule of Law as a Development Goal in Central Asia – Methods and Achievements" at the International Conference on Law and Society of the 21st Century, the Law and Society Association at Humboldt University in Berlin.

August 1

Dr. Niklas Swanström had a briefing for the U.S. China Working Group of the National Committee on United States—China Relations in New York.

August 12-21

Dr. Niklas Swanström, Robert Nilsson, and Christopher Len visited CIVPOL Peacekeeping Training Center in Langfang and CICIR and PLA Academy of Military Science in Beijing, China. Dr. Swanström and Mr. Len gave a lecture on conflict management and negotiating skills.

August 21-22

Dr. Niklas Swanström and Robert Nilsson visited the Academy of Management in Mongolia, Civil Service Council, and they attended the Ulaanbaatar Forum for East Asia, a two day conference on resources, energy and the environment organized by the Office of the President of Mongolia.

August 22-23

Dr. Svante Cornell visited Istanbul, Turkey; met with Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Elmar Mamedyarov; Georgian Ambassador to UN Irakli Alasania; Georgian Deputy Defense Minister Batu Kutelia.

August 26-28

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia and chaired panel on South Caucasus.

September 1-6

Dr. Svante Cornell visited Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, for discussions with academics and officials on development of national identity in Kyrgyzstan and the future prospects of Kyrgyzstan's statehood. Visit was part of project on State-building in Central Asia funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). Also met with OSCE Police Reform program in Bishkek.

September 5-8

Nicklas Norling acted as discussant on a panel exploring the future role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization at the 17th Economic Forum, Krynica-Zdroj, Poland. The panel was chaired by H.E. Special Representative of the European Union to Central Asia Pierre Morel.

September 11

Dr. Svante Cornell held inaugural address on the occasion of being admitted to the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences on "Central Asia and European Security: New Threats along the Silk Road".

September 11

Dr. Niklas Swanström co-chaired panel on Security Culture in Central Asia at a conference on Security Culture in Africa and Asia organized by the London School of Economics and Political Science and Economic and Social Research Council in London.

September 12

ISDP welcomed, at its premises, Mr. Pierre Morel, EU Special Representative for Central Asia, to discuss EU strategy for region and particularly counter-narcotics activities.

September 13

Dr. Svante Cornell took part in Meeting of "New Group

of Friends of Georgia" organized by Lithuanian Foreign Ministry, in Vilnius, Lithuania.

September 17-19

Dr. Anna Jonsson presented a paper on "Transnational Cooperation to Combat Organized Crime and Human Trafficking" at the conference Surveillance and Border Control in the Caucasus, the Nato Science for Peace and Security Program in cooperation with TraCCC and Eurocrime.

September 18-20

Dr. Niklas Swanström presented a paper on economic integration as a tool of conflict management and prevention at the 8th International Conference of Central Asia and Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Shanghai, China.

September 24-25

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in conference on energy security at Lund University, and presented paper on importance of Trans-Caspian pipelines for European energy security.

September 27

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in roundtable at Gothenburg book fair on narcotics and organized crime.

October 8

Dr. Svante Cornell co-chaired workshop on "Europe's Energy Security: Gazprom's Dominance and the Role of the Caspian Region" organized in cooperation with the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Niklas Norling presented a paper for the workshop.

October 10-11

Nicklas Norling acted as discussant on Iranian domestic politics at a conference titled "Iran – consequences of an attack" organized by Swedish Defence Research Agency, (FOI).

October 10

Dr. Niklas Swanström and Dr. Anna Jonsson held a presentation for the Swedish National Drug Coordinator at Rosenbad, Stockholm.

October 17

Dr. Anna Jonsson made a presentation on “The Black Sea Region in the 21st Century: Functional Perspectives” at a roundtable arranged by the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, the Austrian Institute for International Relations, the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation, the Centre for Transatlantic Relations (SAIS/Johns Hopkins University) and the University of Innsbruck in Tbilisi.

October 18-21

Dr. Niklas Swanström chaired a panel on Effects of Informal Institutions, Clans, and Corruption in Central Asia and Caucasus and presented a paper on political stability and organized crime in the region at a CESS conference at University of Washington in Seattle.

October 19

Dr. Anna Jonsson chaired a roundtable on Russia in 2008: Domestic and International Challenges organized by the ISDP in cooperation with UI.

October 20-22

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in conference on The Caucasus: Cooperation for Stability”, organized by Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies. Chaired panel on North Caucasus.

October 24

Dr. Fiona Rotberg chaired a panel on International Organizations and the Building of Democracy at the 2007 Annual Conference of the Swedish Network for Peace, Conflict, and Development Research in Uppsala.

October 27—November 1

Amb. Ingolf Kiesow and Nicklas Norling attended the National Seminar on the Political Roles of Religious Communities in Islamabad, Pakistan.

November 1-2

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in Tbilisi Summit 2007: Building Europe’s East and served as moderator for panel on European role in Caucasus and strengthening the European Neighborhood Policy.

November 1—6

Amb. Ingolf Kiesow and Major-General (ret) Karlis Neretnies visited the PLA Academy of Military Science

and China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) in Beijing, China.

November 9-14

Following the demonstrations in Georgia on November 2-7, Johanna Popjanevski and Niklas Nilsson travelled to Tbilisi to conduct research for a policy paper on the crisis in Georgia.

November 5-6

Dr. Svante Cornell participated in Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly hearing on the “frozen conflicts” in the post-Soviet space and delivered testimony on conflicts in Georgia.

November 6—10

Amb. Ingolf Kiesow, Major-General (ret) Karlis Neretnies, and Dr. Niklas Swanström visited the Institute for Disarmament and Peace, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the office of the UN World Food Program in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

November 9

Dr. Svante Cornell addressed the yearly conference of the Swedish Committee on Afghanistan, with a presentation on the drug trade and its implications.

November 14

Dr. Svante Cornell introduced conference on combating organized crime in Northern Europe; spoke on crime-terror nexus in Eurasia; government conference center, Stockholm, organized by ISDP.

November 14-16

Dr. Niklas Swanström chaired a panel on Security Situations and Prospects of Establishing Security Mechanism in the Northeast Asia and presented a paper at the Xingshan Forum on “Confidence Building in Security Affairs” organized by China Association for Military Science and PLA Foreign Language Institute the in Luoyang, China.

November 15

Dr. Svante Cornell lectured at the Department of Pharmaceutical Biosciences, Uppsala University, on implications of Eurasian drug trade.

November 21

Dr. Niklas Swanström held a lecture on “China—Raising Great Power in Central Asia” at the Department of Oriental Languages—Center for Pacific Asia Studies (CPAS) at Stockholm University.

November 21—November 30

Johan Alvin met with representatives of local UN office, think tank organizations and foreign diplomatic staff in Myanmar/Burma.

November 22

Dr. Niklas Swanström participated at the Asia Forum on China organized by the department of Asia-Pacific at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

November 29

Amb. Ingolf Kiesow held a lecture on energy as a global security policy problem at the People and Defence Initiative.

December 4

Johanna Popjanevski and Niklas Nilsson gave a lecture on the crisis in Georgia at a SIDA training seminar for election observers.

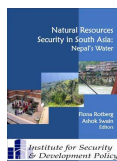
PUBLICATIONS

Publications in academic journals are the main written output of the ISDP research. The Institute's researchers also contribute to the public debate by submitting articles to newspapers.

Books

Fiona Rotberg and Ashok Swain eds., *Natural Resources—Security in South Asia: Nepal's Water*, Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm, 2007.

Edited volume of papers that adeptly address the complex local, national, and international water security issues that face the region today and that were discussed throughout the day at the Nepal Water Security Forum in April 2007.



Fredrick S. Starr eds., *New Silk Roads: Transport and Trade in Greater Central Asia*, Central Asia & Caucasus Institute -Silk Road Studies Program, 2007.

This book, with contributions by eminent scholars from sixteen countries, reviews the state of the links of transport and trade that are bringing about this fundamental change on the world's largest continent. It explores the potential of such interchange for fifteen of the countries most directly affected by it. It identifies some of the many impediments to the full realization of this epochal project. And it suggests a few steps that might be taken to ameliorate or remove these impediments.



New paper series—Policy Papers

The Policy Paper series forms part of the Institute's ambition to respond, through up-to-date analysis and policy implications, to contemporary events in Eurasia. Ranging from 10-30 pages in length, the Policy Papers are intended to give concise and accessible analysis to both policy-makers and business leaders.

Svante Cornell, Johanna Popjanevski, and Niklas Nilsson, *Learning from Georgia's Crisis: Implications and Recommendations*, Policy Paper, December 2007.

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Asia Papers

Yin He, *China's Changing Policy on UN Peacekeeping Operations*, Stockholm: Asia Paper, July 2007.

Bert Edström, *Farewell to Beautiful Japan: The Demise of Shinzo Abe*, Stockholm: Asia Paper, August 2007.

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Silk Road Papers

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Klas Kärstrand, *Countering narcotics and organized crime in the Baltic Sea region, Silk Road Studies Program Workshop*, Tallinn, Estonia, May 9-10, 2007.

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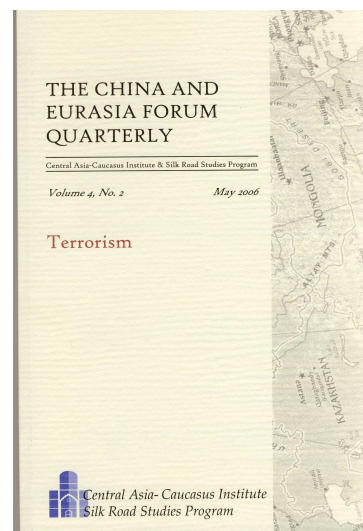
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THE CHINA AND EURASIA FORUM: WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The China and Eurasia Forum provides a weekly news briefing on events in the China and Eurasia region. The primary focus is on security, politics, economics, and trade and it was launched in October 2005.

THE CHINA AND EURASIA FORUM QUARTERLY

The China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly, an independent forum which seeks to bring together regional experts, academics, government policy makers, and business leaders with an interest in the growing relationship between China and Eurasia, was launched in November. The forum is affiliated to the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and the Silk Road Studies Program. Focusing primarily on Sino-Central Asian, Sino-Russian, and Sino-Caucasian relations, the goal of this website and the CEF Quarterly (formerly the CEF Monthly) is to foster discussion and information sharing between a geographically distant community that recognizes the significance of China's emergence in this important part of the world. The Forum has been very positively received among researchers, policy analysts, regional experts, business community, and policy makers. Dr. Niklas Swanström is the Forum's editor, Mr. Christopher Len and Mr. Nicklas Norling are assistant editors.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The ISDP is expanding its fields of research and at the same time working with PhD candidates and employing new personnel.

Dr. Sangsoo Lee, has become a Research Fellow at the Institute. Dr. Lee graduated from Peking University in 2006 where he holds a Ph.D. of the Northeast Asian Studies. His Ph.D. thesis dealt with China, Japan and Korea's Energy Policy Comparative Studies and was entitled: "A Study on Oil Crises and China, Japan, and Korea's Energy Measures". His areas of interest are focused on East Asian Regional Cooperation and Conflict Prevention in Northeast Asia.

Alec Forss has been employed as a Junior Research Fellow and Publications Editor. Mr. Forss holds a Masters Degree from the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University. His main interests are politics and conflict in Central Asia and peace parks as a peace-building tool in contested border regions.

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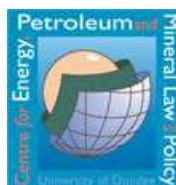
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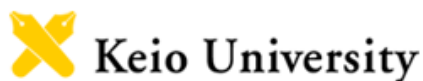
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Dr. S. Frederick Starr

is Chairman of the ISDP's Advisory Council. He is research professor at the Foreign Policy Institute of SAIS. He is a leading specialist on the society and politics of Central Asia, including Afghanistan, as well as Russian politics and foreign policy, U.S. policy in Eurasia, and the regional politics of oil. He holds degrees from Yale, Cambridge and Princeton.



Dr. Niklas L.P. Swanström

is Director and one of the cofounders of the ISDP. He is also the editor of the China-Eurasia forum Quarterly. His specialization is in conflict management, security issues, and negotiations in Central and Northeast Asia, as well as Chinese foreign policy. He holds a Ph.D. and a Licentiate degree from Uppsala University and a MALD degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



Dr. Svante E. Cornell

is Director and one of the cofounders of the ISDP. His specialization is in security issues, regional politics, and state-building in the Caucasus, Turkey, and Central and Southwest Asia. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Uppsala University, an Honorary Doctoral degree from the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan, and a B.Sc. degree from Middle East Technical University, Ankara.

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