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POLITICAL DIALOGUE

German Chancellor Angela Merkel met in Berlin with the Chilean Christian Democrat Ignacio Walker and KAS chairman, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering.



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE

The KAS organised an international conference on the G20 process in Seoul at the end of May.



MEDIA

The KAS kick-off event for "E-lection Bridge Africa" took place in the presence of CDU general manager, Dr. Klaus Schüler.



DIALOGUE ON VALUES AND RELIGION

The KAS office in Ramallah supported the 5th annual Wasatia conference, titled "Moderation, Charity, Volunteer Work: That's What Islam Stands For."

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KAS OBSERVES CHANGES IN NORTH AFRICA

Following his trip to Cairo at the beginning of March 2011, the chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, travelled to Tunis for talks from 23 to 26 March.

He met in the capital with interim president, Fouad Mebazaâ, as well as Prime Minister Béji Caïd Essebsi, Foreign Minister Mouldi Kéfi (on the right, speaking with Pöttering) and the president of the Commission for Political Reforms, Yadh Ben Achour. "We express our solidarity with the Tunisian people," Pöttering said after his meeting with the president. In his talks, he stressed the importance of the Tunisian revolution for the entire Arab world and the future of Euro-Mediterranean relations. He offered the support of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in the reform process and help in guiding the political process.



A further high point of the trip was his participation in an international conference on "Political Change in Tunisia and the Effects on the Mediterranean Region," which the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung co-organised with the Centre for Mediterranean and International Studies (CEMI).

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DEAR READER,



Since January of this year, events have occurred in North Africa and the Middle East that hardly anyone ever thought possible. Presidents were ousted; the younger generation rose up; the legitimacy of the ruling class – which had mostly been built upon strong internal security and party structures – was called into question. The turmoil, which began with Tunisian President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali fleeing to Saudi Arabia on 14 January 2011, has since changed the face of the entire Arab world. The demonstrations and protests in Arab countries are directed at governments who – in the eyes of their people – can no

longer adequately deal with and solve economic, social and most of all political problems. But mostly they target the perverted mechanisms that allow leaders to cling to power. Oppression, corruption and patronage were – and in many cases still are – widespread. The most important words uttered in these protests are the calls for dignity and freedom.

After a few euphoric weeks in the face of the truly historic events, a sense of disillusionment has set in. Tunisia and Egypt first celebrated a huge movement for freedom and democracy. But now people must organise and implement that democracy given the political reality of a difficult transformation process. The election of a constitutional assembly planned in Tunisia in October is a key moment for a political clean slate; in Egypt parliamentary and presidential elections are also scheduled in autumn. The polls are a litmus test for Egypt. But we have also seen how other countries are trying to violently put down the Arab Spring. Regimes that are unwilling to learn still rely on the same approaches to guarantee stability and order the way they think it should be. So it is all the more important that countries such as Tunisia and Egypt can show success in their efforts to embark on a path of democratic governance based on the rule of law.

In the run-up to this year's G8 summit, Chancellor Angela Merkel said guarantees were needed so "this initial political progress is not jeopardised by economic instability." The KAS has had offices in the North African and Middle Eastern regions for more than 30 years. We, and our partners, have contributed to increasing the reach of freedom despite often difficult and repressive conditions. We must profit from these new opportunities – with the planned constitutional ballot measures, the founding of new political parties, the establishment of real parliamentary systems, as well as a free and responsible press along with transparent economic structures oriented along Social Market Economy principles. We will continue to intensify our involvement in the region.

Berlin, July 2011

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Pöttering opened the conference along with Tunisian Education Minister Tayeb Baccouche. The participants and speakers included researchers, scholars, professors and politicians, among them Michael Gahler, member of the Foreign Policy committee in the European Parliament and chairman of the delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), who gave the closing address. The conference resulted in proposals on how to deal with political change and developments in the future. Tunisian TV, print and on-line media all reported extensively on Pöttering's visit.



Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering met with protesters on Cairo's Tahrir Square during his trip to Egypt in March 2011.

GERMAN EXPERTISE IN EGYPT: DEALING WITH THE SECRET POLICE ARCHIVES

In early March, activists stormed the building housing the hated Egyptian national security services, confiscating a wide variety of secret police files. The pictures reminded many of the events in 1989/90 in Germany – and similar questions were raised. What would happen to the files? What kind of treatment should the people working for Egypt's secret police receive?

At the end of March, the KAS invited an expert from the East German secret police, or Stasi archives office (BStU) to Cairo to speak about German experiences in dealing with Stasi files. Herbert Ziehm, the deputy head of information at the BStU, gave two speeches and held discussions with activists, journalists, lawyers and officials. It became clear that while there was a great deal of interest in how Germany dealt with its past, Egyptians still had many reservations. Officials were especially sceptical about a public debate about the Egyptian state security services. Egyptian civil society representatives however underlined the need for a public discussion on the issue. Many of those participating in the discussions said Egyptians wishing to deal with political history could learn from Germany's own experiences. The KAS office in Cairo is planning to hold further events at which reforms of the police force will be on the agenda.



Herbert Ziehm of the office on Stasi documents speaking to Egyptian journalists in Cairo



Already at the beginning of 2011, the department of European and International Cooperation published a research paper called *Observing Change in the Middle East*, in which it presented a complete strategy for the region.

From left to right: Dalia Mogahed, Shadi Hamid, Moderator Matt J. Duffy, Assistant Professor at the College of Communications and Media Services, Zayed University in Abu Dhabi, Abdel Bari Atwan and Dr. Tarik Yousef



■ FOCUS

REACHING THE WORLD THROUGH TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND CNN

KAS REGIONAL PROGRAMME GULF STATES ORGANISES DUBAI DEBATES ON THE ARAB SPRING

The KAS Regional Programme Gulf States in cooperation with bridgemedi and CNN launched a new era of debates with the newly established Dubai Debates. More than 120 people, among them top analysts and journalists, attended a lively discussion on 31 May, called "After the Arab Awakening: Opportunities and Challenges for a New Arab World." Attendees and participants in the high-calibre panel used Twitter to report on the events in real time, reaching some 15,000 users.

Opinion researcher Dalia Mogahed, executive director of the Abu Dhabi Gallup Centre, and according to Arabian Business magazine the "Arab world's most influential woman," Shadi Hamid, research director at the Brookings Doha Centre, Tarik Yousef, dean of the Dubai School of Government and Abdel Bari Atwan, editor-in-chief of the London-based daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi, held a spirited and intense debate. The discussion can be seen on www.dubaidebates.com and CNN.com is marketing the event.

"The most recent developments in the Arab world have shown us that an increasing number of people follow world events via the new media such as Twitter, Facebook and blogs, and help shape the events themselves," said Thomas Birringer, head of the KAS Regional Programme Gulf States. "With these channels we were able to reach an audience that would have never fit into one room." Seventy percent of the audience present had already registered through Facebook on the DubaiDebates.com webpage.

Participants in the real and virtual world applauded when Mogahed answered with a clear "yes" the question whether Arab and Islamic values were reconcilable with democracy. The events in the region clearly show that this democracy will take on new forms, and that new media are a catalyst behind it all. The debate in Dubai proved this. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung plans to use this type of debate more frequently at future events.

KAS-CJD PLATFORM TO GET TO KNOW TUNISIAN POLITICAL PARTIES

More than 80 parties have registered for the election of the Tunisian constitutional assembly. So far just one has presented a party platform to the public.

Political parties in Tunisia traditionally have had a bad reputation. To help Tunisian people establish first contacts with the new political parties, the KAS office in Tunis is supporting the partner organisation Centre des Jeunes Dirigeants d'Entreprise (CDJ) as part of the get-to-know platform "Rounds CJD – Partis Politiques." This event series has been happening every Saturday since early April and gave representatives from the

country's most important parties the opportunity to present their party platforms.

The goal is to provide young business leaders with information on political parties. Party representatives are called upon to present details on their economic programmes. Last but not least, the parties are supposed to provide information on what kind of economic system they plan to make a part of the new constitution.





From left to right: Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, KAS Deputy Secretary General; Mariano Rajoy, chairman of the Spanish opposition Popular Party (PP), and Dr. Hubertus Ehler, chairman of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) committee on foreign trade

SPAIN, EUROPE AND THE ECONOMY

"Europe, efforts, reforms" – that is how Mariano Rajoy, chairman and top candidate of the Spanish opposition Popular Party in next year's general elections, summed up the priorities for his country in the wake of the economic and financial crisis. Rajoy says the common European currency is the anchor of the European Union, and as such is an important part of the future for several hundred million Europeans. At a lecture at the KAS on 11 April 2011 in Berlin, Rajoy expressed why he believed the European project was a matter of the heart for him. "Spain is profoundly committed to the EU – not because it is obliged to but because of its deep and authentic ties."

ARAB SPRING: OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE

Dr. Hardy Ostry; Denis Bauchard, former ambassador and advisor on Middle Eastern affairs at the IFRI institute; Dr. Céline-Agathe Caro, KAS European policy coordinator, and Jean-Christophe Peaucelle, deputy director for North Africa and the Middle East at the French foreign ministry

On 11 and 12 May 2011, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (French Institute of International Relations, IFRI) held the 12th German-French Strategy Forum in Berlin. The forum meets twice a year, alternating between Berlin and Paris, to discuss current challenges in foreign and security policy. High-level representatives of the German Bundestag or parliament, the German defence ministry, both foreign ministries and the European Commission, along with experts from various research institutions took part in this bilateral forum. The current events in North Africa and the Middle East spurred lively and constructive discussions on the topic "The changing Arab world: The Options for Germany, France and the EU."



PASSION FOR EUROPE

The chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and former president of the European Parliament, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering (pictured above with Dr. Sara Hagemann of the LSE), gave a speech on 5 May 2011 at the London School of Economics to students and others, titled "Europe: Where is the passion?" He also met with the German ambassador to Britain, Georg Boomgaard, Lord Chancellor and Justice Minister Kenneth Clarke, the former British prime minister Tony Blair as well as representatives from think tanks and academics to discuss political issues.

Earlier, Pöttering had travelled to Hungary where he met with President Pál Schmitt and Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. The talks occurred a day before the adoption of the country's new constitution. The chairman welcomed the fact that Hungary had agreed on a new constitution 20 years after the fall of Communism. He said it was remarkable the extent to which European values had become a part of the new constitution, and paid tribute to Hungary's – in his view very successful – presidency of the European Union.

The E-lection Bridge Africa logo symbolises the idea of mutual exchange. During the conference in Accra, knowledge and experience travelled both ways – from one country to another, from continent to continent.



■ MEDIA



E-LECTION BRIDGE AFRICA IN THE STARTING BLOCKS

KAS KICK-OFF CONFERENCE IN ACCRA FROM 29 APRIL TO 2 MAY – AN AFRICAN COMMUNITY OF DIGITAL CAMPAIGNING

Praise for the debut came straight from the top. "That was a phenomenal experience," said Dr. Klaus Schüler, commenting on the first E-lection Bridge Africa conference in Accra. The general manager of the CDU, one of the party's leading experts on political communication, travelled to Ghana along with Oliver Röseler, head of the party's marketing and internal communication department. African and German election campaign professionals requested his expertise at the meeting. The deputy ambassador of Germany, Hans-Christian Winkler, also remarked on the successful idea. Participants from Africa – which included people from Angola, Ghana, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa and Zimbabwe – were particularly interested in hearing about digital campaign tools. The E-lection Bridge Africa continues next year in Tanzania.

ANN MOBILISES BOARD

MEETING OF THE ASIA NEWS NETWORK (ANN) IN JAKARTA WITH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

The internet is changing the face of Asian journalism as well. Microblogging, social media and mobile content are shaping trends. Media and publishing executives have to address new distribution methods both in their strategic planning process as well as in practice. When the ANN board met in April, the editors in chief and publishers of ANN interviewed the Indonesian foreign minister, Marty Natalegawa – but instead of pulling out notebooks and pens they used their mobile phones. The interview was immediately "broadcast" via Twitter and Facebook. This new form of telephone interview did not intimidate Natalegawa in the least – he has twittered statements in the past and has a Facebook account. Indonesian Vice President Boediono opened the Jakarta gathering, which brought together more than 100 top officials from media, politics and business. Trade Minister Mari Pangestu also sat on a panel. The KAS Media Programme for Asia founded the Asia News Network more than a decade ago. It is the biggest newspaper network in Asia, with 21 papers from 19 countries and a daily circulation of over 10 million.

STRATEGY WORKSHOP

BY THE KAS MEDIA PROGRAMME

From 16 to 18 May 2011, the annual KAS media programme strategy workshop was held in Berlin. Markus Brauckmann (Media Programme for sub-Saharan Africa, from left to right), Matthias Barner (South-East Europe), Paul Linnarz (Asia) and Peter-Alberto Behrens (Latin America) met with



programme coordinator Dr. Angelika Klein. Aside from the strategic development of KAS projects, participants also discussed the influence of digital culture and social media on politics and the transfer of knowledge in the field of political communication.



DW Global Media Forum (from left to right): Semih Dündar Idiz (*Milliyet* daily, Turkey); Prof. Heba Raouf Ezzat (Cairo University, Egypt); Dr. Angelika Klein (coordinator, KAS Media Programme); Daniel Gerlach (publisher, *Zenith* magazine, Berlin) and Wafeeq Khaled Ibrahim Al Natour (Palestinian journalist and media expert)

MEDIA ■

ISLAMIC MEDIA IN A SECULAR ENVIRONMENT – AND VICE VERSA

KAS PANEL AT THE DEUTSCHE WELLE GLOBAL MEDIA FORUM FROM 20 TO 22 JUNE 2011 IN BONN

The clash between secular and Islamic forces in the Arab world is also affecting on the media. Secular media have to deal with Islamic-oriented governments, while religious-based media have to assert themselves in secular surroundings. Both strive for independence – and both face either repression or prejudice. At the invitation of the KAS, participants from Egypt, the Palestinian territories and Turkey analysed the situa-

tion in their countries and asked questions about the political and social conditions the media face on site. Central to the discussion was the interaction between religion and secularism. How Islamic, how secular are the media, what is the environment like? Where are the lines of conflict, what creates disagreements? What kind of tension exists between members of the media itself? And finally how does this all affect society?



MEDIA FREEDOM IN EUROPE

Despite being guaranteed by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, freedom of expression and freedom of information still remains deficient in many southeastern European countries. To improve that situation over the long term, the KAS supported the founding in May of an international group of media rights activists and experts from European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), University of Pecs in Hungary, Sofia University in Bulgaria and Belgrade University in Serbia.

RELAUNCH OF PORTAL MEDIOS LATINOS

The information portal on Latin American media has been overhauled and re-designed. Starting in July 2011, readers can go to www.medioslatinos.com, where they will find comprehensive information in Spanish on the media landscape and use of the media – as well as the legal situation – in individual countries in the region. Of special interest is the index analysing the level of professionalism characterising relations between politicians and journalists in Latin America, a central issue for the media programme.

ARAB JOURNALISTS EXPLORE GERMAN MEDIA

Six journalists from Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian territories travelled to Germany for a week at the initiative of the KAS office in Jordan. They focused on the structure and operations of the German media, and the role they play in the democratic process. Participants showed a great deal of interest. "We have many questions for the German media," Rania el-Malky, publisher of the *Daily News Egypt*, said. "There are so many changes headed our way in Egypt, we need ideas."

Aside from receiving an introduction to the German media landscape, the journalists also held meetings with representatives of the German journalists union DJV and paid visits to newsrooms, including that of *Der Spiegel* magazine. Participants



paid particular attention to how the new media are shaping established newspapers and magazines.

Promoting democracy and the rule of law are among the most important goals of the foundation's international work.

■ RULE OF LAW

A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR EGYPT

Since the fall of Hosni Mubarak an intense debate has broken out in Egypt over constitutional reform.

Has the fall of the old system also meant the fall of the old constitution? What kind of constitutional rights still exist? And what should the new constitution look like?

Many legal scholars and activists think that the debate over a constitution should continue long after the constitutional referendum on 19 March. That wish spurred the KAS in Egypt to organise several workshops in cooperation with the vice president of the Egyptian constitutional court, Dr. Adel Omar Sherif. International analysts joined Egyptian constitutional scholars to discuss a future Egyptian constitution. It became clear that voting rights, the role of the president and the relationship between religion and state will shape the constitutional discussion in Egypt for the foreseeable future.



Dr. Tahani al-Debali (right) and Dr. Adel Omar Searif (middle), judges at the Egyptian Constitutional Court, and the British constitutional law scholar Dr. Eugene Cotrane (left) are calling for a new constitution for Egypt.

PROSECUTOR GENERAL HARMS AND FEDERAL COURT JUDGE JÄGER IN BHUTAN AND VIETNAM

Germany's Prosecutor General Monika Harms and Dr. Markus Jäger, a judge at the German Federal Court of Justice, debated the role of state prosecutors in a democratic rule-of-law state with high-ranking judicial officials as well as politicians and businesspeople at a seminar in Hanoi.

This could further intensify the reform discussions in the country, which have just gotten under way. "Such dialogue works as a catalyst to move the debate within Vietnam forward," Germany's top prosecutor said at the seminar's conclusion.

Harms and Jäger then travelled on to the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan for another dialogue programme. There they had a lively exchange of views with attorney general (or justice minister) Phuntsho Wangdi, along with officials of the justice department, police and other governmental bodies on the rule-of-law criminal proceedings, especially concerning the rights of the accused. Chief Justice Lyonpo Sonam Tobgye at the top national court and finally Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley also welcomed the guests from Germany.



Prosecutor General Monika Harms (left) and Dr. Markus Jäger, a judge at the German Federal Court of Justice, speaking with Justice Minister Phuntsho Wangdi on 4 May 2011 in Bhutan



DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA

More than 8,000 visitors at some 70 film screenings – that's how organisers summed up this year's documentary film festival One World Romania, which was supported by the Czech Cultural Centre, the KAS Rule-of-Law Programme Southeast Europe and other partners. From 16 to 21 March, film fans saw 36 documentaries about human rights from 25 countries under the festival's slogan "What a wonderful world?!". A discussion followed each screening, led by film directors, KAS staff and representatives of Romanian human rights organisations. It was remarkable that most audience members stayed for the discussions. The quality of the interventions was impressive.

This unique film festival was well received by the Romanian media, by newspapers, radio and television – and was a great success for everyone involved in preparing and organising the event. It was an excellent way to advertise the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



Participants at the KAS human rights conference in Gaborone

RULE OF LAW ■

KAS HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN BOTSWANA

The KAS Rule-of-Law Programme Africa held a conference together with the Network of African Human Rights Institutions from 28 to 31 March 2011 in the capital of Botswana, Gaborone, on the issue of human rights and corruption. Professor Herbert Landau, a judge at the German Constitutional Court, also took part in the gathering.

Corruption is one of the biggest threats to economic and social rights in Africa. It undermines people who are seeking to defend their right to property as well as other rights – issues particularly crucial for development, given that Africa is the poorest continent in the world.

The goal of the conference was to sensitise key actors on this issue, and to encourage action. Attendees agreed on an action plan at the end. Ambassador Annett Guenther welcomed participants, while the vice president of Botswana, Ponatshego Kedikilwe, gave the keynote address. Justice Minister Attaliah Molokomme spoke on the issue, as did the German guest, Herbert Landau. Further contributors included the director of the Kenyan Anti-Corruption Commission, P.L.O. Lumumba; Tousy Namiseb, chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Namibia; judge Tuzilane Chizumila, ombuds-woman of Malawi, and Florence Simbiri-Jaoko, chair of the Human Rights Commission of Kenya. The participants from 14 countries all hold key positions in the fight against corruption.

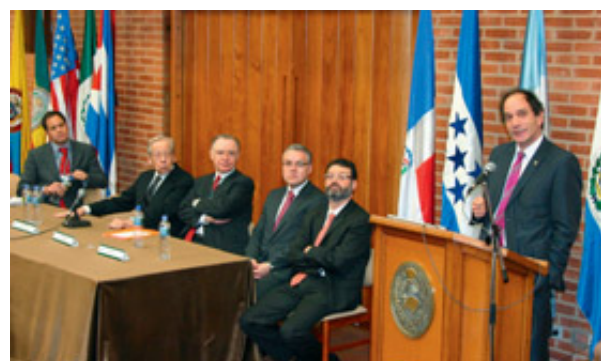
PRESIDENTIAL RE-ELECTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA – AN INDICATOR OF STABILITY?

Photo on the right: Juan Carlos Henao (president of the Colombian Supreme Court, at the lectern) stressed the importance of judicial impartiality within the rule of law. From left to right: Christian Steiner (head of the KAS Rule-of-Law Programme Latin America) Fernando Hinestrosa (president of the Externado University); Jorge Carpizo (president of the Ibero-American Association for Constitutional Law); Néstor Osuna (Externado University Law School) and Humberto Sierra (judge at the Colombian Supreme Court)

The re-elections of presidents to several terms have preoccupied Latin American societies ever since their presidential political systems were first established. How these countries deal with this phenomenon also ends up being an indicator of their stability.

At the invitation of the KAS Rule-of-Law Programme, the Externado Universidad de Colombia and the Ibero-American Institute of Constitutional Law, constitutional experts from North and South America met from 13 to 15 April 2011 to explore the legal pros and cons of repeatedly re-electing heads of government within the presidential system. It appears that allowing presidents to be re-elected indefinitely (e.g. Venezuela) can have a destabilising effect, while a ban on a second presidential term – e.g. in Honduras – does not guarantee democratic stability.

Just how countries deal with the re-election of their presidents can help one gauge the maturity of their democratic systems. Experts concluded that every



time a constitution is drafted, a balance needs to be found between passive and active electoral rights on the one hand, and the need in a republic for a regular change of those in power on the other hand. The principle of democracy provides arguments for both points of view. What really matters is that the re-election issue is generally depersonalised. Re-election debates or decisions can have a destabilising effect if they have the aim of benefiting sitting presidents.

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KAS PANORAMA



LATIN AMERICA

13 Integrated Course on Information and Communication Law in Latin America

Seminar
Buenos Aires, 4-8 July 2011

3 Integrating Indigenous Groups in the Political Participation Process

Training
Tegucigalpa, 13-14 July 2011

4 Migration and Integration

Forum
San José, 24 August 2011

1 Certificate Course Social Market Economy
Businesspeople, union members, researchers and politicians from Chihuahua state are the target group
Chihuahua, 26 August 2011

4 Panamá
Seminar with young party members of the Partido Popular Colón, Panama, 27 August 2011

11 4th International Day of Democracy
Workshop
Rio de Janeiro, 15 September 2011

2 2nd Certificate Course on Social Market Economy for Political Partner Parties in Central America
Workshop
Guatemala City, 25-30 September 2011

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

30 Human Rights and Transitional Justice in Southeast Europe
International Summer School 2011 in cooperation with the PRAVNIK Association
Sarajevo, 18-31 July 2011

29 Democracy and Rule of Law in Ukraine 20 Years After Independence
Seminar
Kiev, 8-11 September 2011

20 German-Estonian Rule of Law Forum
Conference
Tartu, 9 September 2011

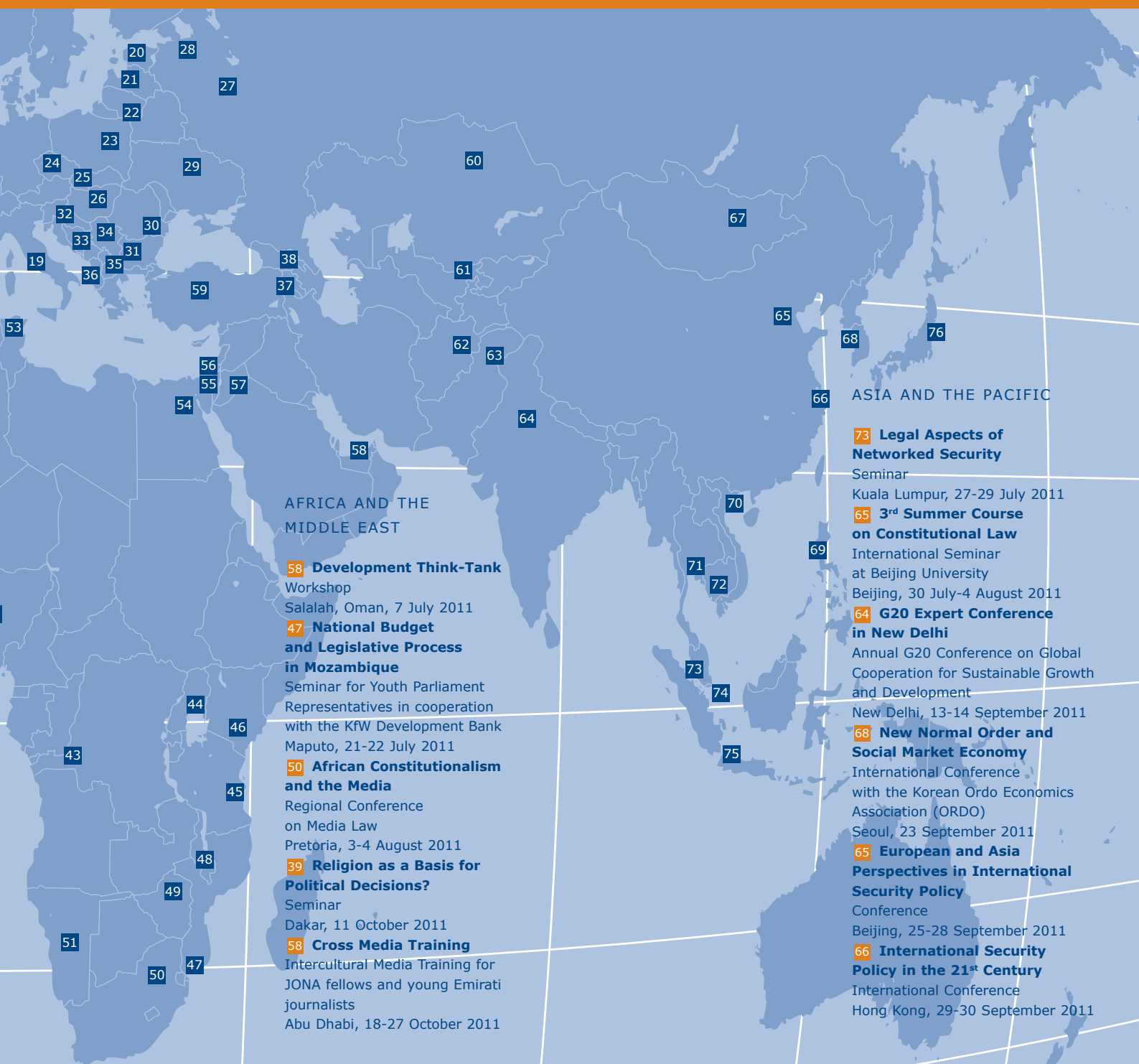
23 XI. International Conference on the Role of the Catholic Church in European Integration

In cooperation with the Pontifical University of John Paul II, Cracow, the Robert Schuman Foundation, Luxembourg, and the European People's Party group in the European Parliament
Cracow, 9-10 September 2011

15 Big Society – Civil Society
German-British Discussion
Berlin, 29 September 2011

30 Capacity Building for Judge Associations in South-east Europe
Conference in cooperation with the German Association of Judges
Bucharest, 26-29 October 2011

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■ ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE



Professor Günter Krings MP during the discussion on intellectual property rights in the information society

GERMAN-INDIAN CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NEW DELHI

From 10 to 11 March 2011, the KAS office in India, as well as the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Max-Planck-Institute and the Indian partner, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), held a two-day Indo-German conference on intellectual property rights. Protecting intellectual property rights has become more important given the existing economic ties and stronger trade relations between India and Germany. Robust economic growth and increased prosperity in

service-oriented societies can only be maintained by promoting innovation, creativity and the transfer of technology between trading powers like Germany and India. One condition is the protection of intellectual property rights. The KAS in India stepped up the exchange of views between experts in both countries with the Indo-German conference. Professor Günter Krings and Ansgar Heveling, both members of the German parliament, attended the gathering at the foundation's invitation.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE G20 PROCESS IN SEOUL

EXPERTS FROM 12 NATIONS DISCUSS SUCCESSES AND OUTLOOK FOR THE G20

Issues such as energy security, climate change, fighting corruption and development have become a part of the agenda of the G20 – which used to be a purely economic and political grouping. That has raised questions about the responsibilities and capacities of this informal gathering in connection with its contribution to global governance. Against this background, the KAS held an international symposium with representatives from selected G20 countries. Participants discussed the capacity of the G20 to work as a coordinating body, as well as the question of the group's role in the future, especially in regards to the promotion of democracy, human and civil rights.

CHANCELLOR MERKEL VISITS SINGAPORE

LECTURE EVENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE KAS

During her visit in early June 2011 to Singapore, Chancellor Angela Merkel appealed in her Singapore Lecture for confidence in the euro. The chancellor said the European economic and monetary union represented a community where all member states needed to make efforts to stabilise the euro over the long term. The Singapore Lecture, organised by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), a partner of the KAS office in Singapore, is considered the city-state's most important economic policy forum. On occasion of the chancellor's visit, the lecture, organised in cooperation with the Singaporean-German Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the KAS, attracted more than 700 guests.





KAS PROMOTES ORDOLIBERALISM AND SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY IN ROMANIA

In 2010, the KAS office in Bucharest – with the support of KAS partner, the Institute for Popular Studies (ISP) – convened a working group on the Social Market Economy. In a concept paper, it laid out the guidelines for the principles of ordoliberalism and Social Market Economy in Romania. The interdisciplinary group – which was headed up by former privatisation minister Valentin Ionescu and also comprised economists, sociologists and linguists – pushes for the implementation of Social Market Economy principles. It describes the necessary economic, social and political contexts so they can be introduced in Romania, and uses specific political examples to show how these principles can be used to overcome the economic crisis. The institute – the think tank arm of the governing Liberal-Democratic party – will now make the paper part of the political decision-making process in the country.



Josef Thesing and Wolfgang Wolf at the annual USEM conference on Social Market Economy and corporate social responsibility

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE ■

REMEMBER FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

EXPERTS CONVEY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY IN MEXICO

As part of a short visiting programme, the long-time head of the International Cooperation department of the KAS, Josef Thesing, and Wolfgang Wolf, managing director and board member of the state of Baden-Württemberg's industry trade association (LVI), spoke on the one hand to a large group about the central principles of Social Market Economy and on the other hand provided concrete examples of innovative processes in strongly interdependent economic relations. High points on the agenda were their participating in the annual conference of the Christian businessmen's association USEM in San Luis Potosí and an event organised by the Cátedra Konrad Adenauer in Guadalajara. The 400 guests from the world of business and some 400 students from three local

universities showed a keen interest in the forum called "Let's Give Mexico a Future." Among the speakers were Rocco Buttiglione, a former Italian government minister and president of Italy's lower house of parliament, José Ignacio Mariscal, the former deputy head of the international federation of Christian business leaders UNIAPAC, and Dr. Eduardo Aninat, former Chilean finance minister and the new director of the UNIAPAC foundation. Several speeches to the audience of multipliers rounded out the event, among them at the Instituto Mexicano de Doctrina Social Cristiana (IMDOSOC). Leading PAN party politicians then exchanged views with Thesing and Wolf in the perspective of drawing up a campaign platform for the 2012 presidential elections.



COMPARING GERMAN AND CHINESE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES

VOLKER KAUDER AND CHRISTINE CLAUSS IN SHANGHAI

Zheng Chunrong, political science professor at Tongji University; Volker Kauder MP, CDU/CSU parliamentary leader; Wolfgang Röhr, German General Consul in Shanghai; Dr. Peter Hefele, head of the KAS Shanghai office and Christoph Angerbauer, General Manager AHK Shanghai

Delegations from the German Bundestag and the state of Saxony travelled to Shanghai and Nanjing for high-level talks on financial and social policies. In April 2011, the leader of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, Volker Kauder, discussed the future of Shanghai as an international financial centre and the internationalisation of the Chinese currency, the yuan. Chinese and international experts as well as financial experts from the banking sector provided their views on the future of China's currency policy and on the role the People's Republic of China plays in the interna-

tional financial architecture. In mid-May, staff of the KAS office in Shanghai accompanied Christine Clauss, health minister in the state of Saxony, on a trip to Nanjing. There she met with experts of the Sino-German Institute of Law to explore challenges for both Chinese and German health policies. The minister reported on innovative approaches back in her home state, and was informed about current attempts at reform in China, where new legislation on social security goes into effect in July 2011.

Political dialogue promotes the exchange of views, peace and the conditions necessary to working together.

■ POLITICAL DIALOGUE

KAS INTENSIFIES COOPERATION WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN LATIN AMERICA

From 10 to 20 March 2011, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, the chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and former president of the European Parliament, and Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, the deputy secretary general of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, visited Latin America.

At the centre of the visit was the desire to increase cooperation with the foundation's Christian Democratic partners on issues concerning civic education and consulting. An exchange of views also took place with senior figures from the world of politics, business, society and science on current questions about the relationship between Latin America and Germany as

well as Europe. Among the high points of the trip were meetings with the Chilean president, Sebastian Piñera; former Christian Democratic presidents Patricio Aylwin and Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle; Fernando Henrique Cardoso, ex-Brazilian president; Brazilian Defence Minister Nelson Jobim; Colombian Vice President Angelino Garzón and Juan Carlos Echeverry, the current defence minister. The chairman was honoured several times during his trip for his commitment to democracy and human rights, including receiving an honorary doctorate from University Miguel de Cervantes in Santiago de Chile.

Patricio Aylwin, Chile's first president after the end of military dictatorship in 1989, presented Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering with an honorary doctoral degree.



CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS VISIT BERLIN

Agnacio Walker, Chilean senator and chairman of the Chilean Christian Democratic Party, met in Berlin with the chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering. The high point of the programme was a meeting with Dr. Angela Merkel, during which a visit by the German chancellor to Santiago de Chile in May 2012 for the EU Latin America summit was discussed.

Photo above: (from left to right) Ignacio Walker, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, Dr. Angela Merkel and Peter Hintze, parliamentary state secretary at the German Ministry for Economics and Technology

ARNOLD VAATZ AND PETER WEISS IN MEXICO

The deputy chairman of the CDU parliamentary group, Arnold Vaatz, and MP Peter Weiss were in Mexico for a comprehensive round of meetings and lectures. Among the high points were talks with the new leadership of the Christian Democratic party in Mexico, the Partido Acción Nacional (PAN), and discussions with important social and political actors in the national capital as well as the states of Tabasco and Chihuahua. The parliamentarians gave speeches on the current situation in Germany, social security reforms and human rights issues. The beginning of their trip coincided with a trip by German President Christian Wulff to Mexico, where the president took time for an extended meeting with representatives of German foundations in Mexico.

CDU members of parliament Arnold Vaatz (left) and Peter Weiss (2nd from right) held talks with PAN chairman Gustavo Madero (2nd from left). On the right Frank Priess, head of the KAS office in Mexico



Tobias Winkler, office manager for Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering in Brussels; Johan Boelts, trainee in Moscow; Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, KAS deputy secretary general; Ljudmila Alexejeva, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, Mara Poliakova, member of the presidential human rights council, and Dr. Lars Peter Schmidt, head of the KAS office in Moscow.



POLITICAL DIALOGUE ■



From 8 to 13 May 2011, the KAS gathered some 30 young representatives of civil society organisations from Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Togo. During a three-year programme, they will be trained as leaders for adult education.



The KAS office in Beijing, led by Thomas Awe (right), took up civil society concerns in cooperation with the German Studies Centre at Beijing University, which was represented by Prof. Zhen Hongjie (right), while former minister Prof. Christian Schwarz-Schilling spoke about the development of civil society expertise.

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MILITARY COLLOQUIUM IN NIGER

At the end of March, the KAS and Abdou Moumouni University organised a colloquium with top officials on the topic of the role played by the military in a democratic rule-of-law state. Around 100 participants from the military, politics and civil society discussed the reasons for political instability in Niger.

DR. HANS-GERT PÖTTERING ATTENDS POLITICAL TALKS IN MOSCOW

At the outset of his visit to Moscow, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering spoke with the former Russian foreign and prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov, about events in North Africa and the Middle East.

At a meeting with the president of the Russian Duma, Boris Gryslow, both individuals agreed on the need to support the democracy movements in Arab nations. Earlier, Pöttering spoke at Moscow's International University about EU-Russian relations as seen through the joint partnership for modernisation and develop-

ments on security policy. During a meeting with deputy foreign minister, Vladimir Titov, Pöttering drew attention to the tense situation in Belarus and called on the minister to put pressure on the government in Minsk. He said oppression of the opposition was unacceptable. At a visit to Christ the Redeemer cathedral, Abbot Philip, deputy head of the external relations department of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROK), and Pöttering agreed to expand the KAS cooperation with the ROK at a European level.

4TH GERMAN-TURKISH SECURITY DIALOGUE

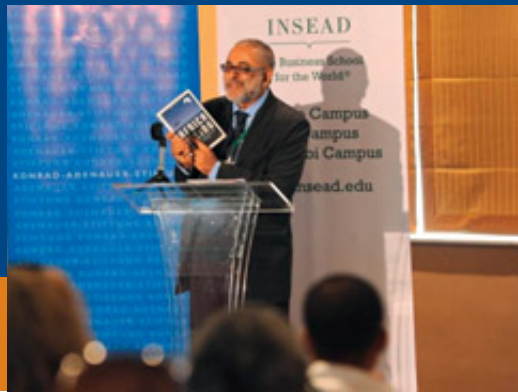
Around 40 German and Turkish experts discussed worldwide challenges to security policy and NATO's new strategic concept at the 4th German-Turkish Security Dialogue, which was held on 17 and 18 April 2011 in Ankara. Aside from the events in North Africa and the Middle East, delegates also discussed climate change and its impact on security policy as well as security in cyberspace. Some of the Turkish colleagues asked for an assessment of Germany's future role in foreign policy. Thomas Kossendey, parliamentary state secretary at the German defence ministry, responded that Germany was asked to take on responsibility more so than in the past. But he added that Germany's response was not limited to military means.



From left to right: Michael Rühle, Emerging Security Challenges division, NATO; Jan Senkyr, head of the KAS office in Turkey, Thomas Kossendey MP parliamentary state secretary, German defence ministry; Ercan Citlioğlu, advisor to the Turkish military chief of staff and head of BÜSAM, and Frank Spengler, deputy head of the department for European and International Cooperation at the KAS.

What matters is that Germany's foreign and security policy evolve in cooperation with the UN, OSCE, NATO and the EU – given the changes in 21st century security policy.

■ DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT



The South African ambassador to the UAE, Yacoub Abba Omar, giving the keynote address

THE GULF STATES INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN AFRICA

The conceptual foundation of development cooperation is among the most important topics of discussion for the KAS and its comprehensive network of partners the world over. That was the reason for a conference on supporting local entrepreneurs in Africa, which the KAS regional programme Gulf States and INSEAD business school in Abu Dhabi co-organised. It included participants from Germany and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), as well as Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria and South Africa. The conference focused particularly on different facets of social entrepreneurship and how

they can be key for sustainable economic development, especially in rural areas of Africa. In his keynote speech, South Africa's ambassador to the UAE, Yacoub Abba Omar, drew attention to the increase in foreign investment in Africa. Pasha Bakhtiar, the founder of WillowTree Investments, underscored the positive role that private investments can play. Representatives of the Rural Women's Movement from KwaZulu-Natal province in South Africa as well as the organisation Dubai Cares described successful examples.



The comic book "With My Voting Card, I'm Voting in 2012!"

In May, the KAS office in Senegal and the civil society organisation ASECOD published a new comic book in its *Afrique Citoyenne* series on civic education. These comics are sent to all schools and many of Senegal's youth organisations, where they are used as a basis for discussing issues of general or specific political or national interests. Senegal has scheduled presidential and general elections in 2012. *Afrique Citoyenne* is an important contribution by the KAS office in Dakar towards the promotion of democracy. While free and transparent elections have a long tradition in Senegal, voter participation – especially among younger people – frequently leaves a lot to be desired.



THE ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN JORDAN

On 24 March 2011, the KAS office in Jordan and the Vision Center for Strategic and Development Studies at Ajloun National University held a workshop on decentralisation. It can play a key role in the current process of democratisation in countries such as Jordan, since decentralisation and local participation allows for better awareness of the needs of the local population. It gives citizens easier access to political institutions and can lead to increased participation. The goal of the workshop was to develop support programmes for local communities and to describe ways of fighting poverty and unemployment. The focus was on the development of institutional capacities in both the public and private sectors that are called upon to create business and investment opportunities and improve living conditions.

Dr. Martin Beck, head of the KAS Jordan office; Mu'in Al Kasawneh, mayor of Greater Ajloun Municipalities; Faisal Al Qadi, governor of Ajloun; Dr. Hazim Qashou, minister for local development, Prof. Ahmad Al Ayadi, president of Ajloun National University, Dr. Khaled Al Awamleh, chairman of the Visions Centre for Strategic and Development Studies, in Amman

DAY OF ACTION ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

On the occasion of Women's Day in Mozambique, the association of civil society organisations GPAD and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung held a day of action on 24 April in Gaza province on the role of women. The event included speeches by the district administrator and an eyewitness who reported on the life of a Mozambican women's rights activist. The Guitar and Chokwe civic organisations also provided information on their projects ranging from social issues to income-generating measures.



Participants at the day of action on the role of women in Mozambique



Participants at the "Moderation, Charity, Volunteer Work: That's What Islam Stands For" conference

DIALOGUE ON VALUES AND RELIGION ■

THE REAL ISLAM

"Wasatia" means moderation in Arabic. Wasatia is also an organisation that promotes the spreading of a moderate version of Islam that adheres to democratic values with the help of workshops, seminars and publications. The KAS office in Ramallah has supported the group for years.

The fifth annual Wasatia conference took place in March 2011 at the headquarters of the Palestinian Red Crescent in Ramallah. The conference was titled "Moderation, Charity, Volunteer Work: That's What Islam Stands For." Around 120 religious officials as well as experts, students and journalists took part in the gathering.

BERNHARD VOGEL WELCOMED IN ARGENTINA

The honorary chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Prof. Bernhard Vogel, visited Argentina from 5 to 9 May 2011. The main reason for his trip was to attend the 1st national congress on Catholic social teaching in Rosario (Santa Fé



province) organised by the Argentine Episcopal Conference. During the conference, Vogel met with a number of representatives of the church, politics and civil society, among them Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, the president of the papal council for peace and justice, and Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, the winner of the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize.

POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAMME IN KENYA AND TANZANIA

On the occasion of a trip by a delegation that included Dr. Hermann Kues, parliamentary state secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, the KAS offices in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam organised a political dialogue programme on "The Meaning of Christian Social Teaching for Africa's Development."

Aside from discussions with foundation and church representatives, the programme included talks with Prime Minister Raila Odinga and a meeting with the chairwoman of the NARC party and former justice minister Martha Karua. These meetings included substantive talks on the implementation of the new constitution, rule of law, fighting corruption as well as questions about the role of the church and the responsibility of Christians in society. The four days in Tanzania focused in particular on Social Market Economy as the basis for the KAS continuing cooperation with its partners in Tanzania.



From left to right: Gideon Ochanda, programme officer at the KAS office in Kenya; Prof. Christian Roschmann, head of the KAS Rule of Law programme sub-Saharan Africa; Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, KAS deputy secretary general; Martha Karua; Dr. Hermann Kues; Margit Hellwig-Bötte, German ambassador to Kenya; Anke Christine Lerch, head of the KAS Kenya office, and Dr. Hardy Ostry, head of team Africa and Middle East, KAS.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Ute Granold MP, the spokeswoman for the Stephanus Circle in the Bundestag and the KAS department for European and International Cooperation, held a roundtable discussion on religious freedom as a focus of German human rights policy. Within the CDU/CSU parliamentary group and since the beginning of the legislative term, the Stephanus Circle has tried to promote the demand in the coalition agreement that spotlights the situation of Christian minorities around the world.



From left to right: Prof. Heiner Bielefeldt, UN special rapporteur on religious freedom and belief; Dr. Martin Beck, head of the KAS office in Amman; Ute Granold MP, spokeswoman for the Stephanus Circle in German parliament; Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, KAS deputy secretary general, and Prof. Udo Di Fabio, judge at the German constitutional court.

Effective policies on climate change must combine environmental protection, energy supply and economic growth in an intelligent manner.

■ ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND ENERGY

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR KAS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN WORLD CUP GREEN GOAL PROGRAMME HONoured IN DOHA

A year after the World Cup in South Africa, the KAS is delighted to have received a very special honour for its environmental project "Host City Cape Town Green Goal Programme." The International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Sport & Environment Awards gave a prize to the Green Goal Programme of the World Cup host city Cape Town. According to the jury, the city contributed with innovative projects to an environmentally friendly and sustainable football tournament in South Africa. The KAS Regional Programme Gulf States was also represented at the award ceremony. The issue has already become relevant for the regional programme given that the FIFA World Cup will be held

in Qatar in 2022, and will only grow more important. Modelled after the Green Goal environmental concept developed by the Freiburg, Germany based Öko Institut for the World Cup in Germany in 2006, the KAS office in South Africa held a series of workshops from 2007 to 2009 with the same name. The goal was to minimise the negative environmental effects of the huge sporting event, which was held for the first time on African soil in 2010 – and to initiate projects at the same time that would leave incentives for sustainable development in place even after the sounding of the final whistle.



From left to right: Hans Werner Bussmann, German Consul General; Dan Plato, mayor of Cape Town, Helen Zille, prime minister of the Western Cape Province, and Dr. Werner Boehler, KAS representative in South Africa, at the launch of the Host City Cape Town Green Goal Progress Report in Cape Town.

A POLISH APPROACH TO CHANGING EUROPE'S CLIMATE



Pawel Oslej, representative of the European Commission in Poland

From 27 to 29 May, a gathering of the political academy – which is involved in political youth organisations – organised a simulation project role-playing game in Warsaw with a German-Polish group called Changing Europe's Climate. Forty participants negotiated on increasing energy efficiency and energy

sources that produce less CO₂ – thus helping with the development of a joint European energy policy for the future. Participants not only learned about how energy and climate policy is linked but also learned about the difficulties reaching decisions in the European multi-level system – or expanded their knowledge base overall.

4TH EICHHOLZER CONFERENCE

CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT – POLITICAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Eichholzer conference is the fourth in a series of annual events that is addressing the fundamental political issues of development policy. At the centre of the event was the debate over development policies that take climate protection into account. From 15 to 16 April 2011, high-ranking experts from politics, business, churches, media

and civil society met on these issues at the KAS civic education centre Schloss Eichholz. After being welcomed by Dr. Franz Schoser, member of the board and KAS treasurer, and Marie-Luise Dött, chair of the Federation of Catholic Entrepreneurs, Hans-Jürgen Beerfeltz, state secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, formally opened the conference (see picture above). Some 90 guests from development and climate change circles also took advantage of the gathering for informal networking.



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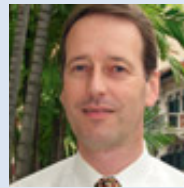
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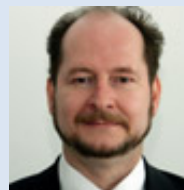
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SELECTED NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



SOCIAL MEDIA POLITICS

The book describes the role of social networks in political communication in Asia. In 13 chapters, the authors demonstrate how online social communities and networks such as Twitter, Facebook and blogs are used as tools for general political communication in Asian countries.



SADC LAW JOURNAL

The first edition of the SADC Law Journal marks the debut of a professional journal that for the first time takes up the legal aspects of regional integration within the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the 14-nation grouping of southern African countries. The KAS was deeply involved in the creation of the journal and provides support to the publisher, the SADC Law Journal Trust.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SCHOOL – THE CURRENT DISCUSSION IN RUSSIA AND GERMANY

This volume summarises the contributions to a joint international conference of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung on religious education at public schools in Russia and in Germany. Of particular interest was the question of the legality of a religious dimension in the public sphere in Russia.



MISUNDERSTOOD FRIENDS A DIALOGUE ON POLITICAL CULTURE IN GERMANY AND ITALY

The German-Italian publication "Misunderstood Friends" takes key issues from the field of political culture, and matches them with writings from both German and Italian perspectives. This encourages comparison and dialogue. The book helps the misunderstood friends Germany and Italy to get to know and come closer to each other.



NEW INTERNET PORTAL ON PAPAL VISIT TO GERMANY

Since June 2011, the KAS office in Rome has provided information on the upcoming papal visit to Germany at its new internet portal: www.kas.de/papstbesuch (in German only). Short contributions from different German and Italian writers, comment from politicians, church representatives and researchers provide valuable information. Send us an email with the subject line papal visit to info.italien@kas.de and we'll send you our electronic newsletter.