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DiEM25's Alternative Security Conference

Security for whom?

Contrary to its own proclamations and their reiterations in the Western media, the Munich Security Conference is not a venue of populations at large and their security concerns, but of corporations which dominate the world and the political and doctrinal managers that shape and present it in their interests.

If the security concerns of people however are to be taken seriously, it is clear that the existing bodies of decision making power and discussion (like the Munich Security Conference) have to be pressured into doing so and alternative bodies have to be formed which by their own virtue take them into account.

It is this which DiEM25 proposes to do from the 27th to 29th of April 2021, by hosting its first ever Alternative Security Conference.

In a variety of formats with speakers from different professions from around the world we will seek to deconstruct the predominant discourse of security policy, rooted in state and corporate power, and offer some alternatives which seek to accommodate people's interests instead.

Programm:

Tue, 27 April, 18:30 - 19:30 CEST

1. "What is Security" A basic discussion on the notion of security. What is it? Whom does it serve in its current form? Whom should it serve instead?

Speakers: Francesco Strazzari (Scholar of international relations at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa). Security policies, political violence and extra-legal governance)

Moderator: Mohammad Khair Nahhas, DiEM25 Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

Tue, 27 April, 19:45 - 21:15 CEST

2. “Counting the Money“ -A look at the arms trade and its internal money flows. Who stands to gain from them? Who stands to lose?

Speakers:

Stephen Semler (Co-founder of the Security Policy Reform Institute)

Shana Marshall (Researcher at the Institute for Middle East Studies (George Washington University and the author of “Middle East Armies and the Global Military-Industrial Complex”) **Mark Akkerman** (Researcher at “Stop Wapenhandel” and the “Transnational Institute”)

Moderator: Mohammad Khair Nahhas, DiEM25 Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

Wed, 28 April, 17:30 - 18:30 CEST

3. “The Ecological Crisis“ -A discussion on the global ecological crisis. Its perception in the West. It's reality. And what people can do about it.

Speakers:

Martin Lukacs (Canadian journalist for the Guardian and The Breach and the author of “The Trudeau Formula: Seduction and Betrayal in an Age of Discontent”)

Ridhima Pandey (Indian climate activist, one amongst 16 children to file a complaint with the UN in 2019 for violations of its Convention on the Rights of the Child due to the climate crisis)

Further speakers to be announced via <https://internal.diem25.org/en/events/1188>.

Moderator: Tom Stopford, DiEM25 Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

Wed, 28 April, 19:00 - 20:00 CEST

4. “Cyber Security“ -A workshop on how the threat of cyber-war can be mitigated and ended in the future and how such efforts should be grounded in international law.

Speakers:

Allison Pytlak (Curator of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom) **James Shires** (Cybersecurity scholar and Assistant Professor at the University of Leiden) **Evelyne Tauchnitz** (Senior Researcher at the ‘Lucerne Graduate School in Ethics’, specialisation on digital technologies, peace and conflict transformation)

Moderator: Amir Kiyaei, DiEM25 Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

Thu, 29 April, 18:00 - 19:00 CEST

5. “Disarmament”- How the arms-race has been reinstigated and how this development can be averted.

Speakers:

William Robinson (Professor of sociology at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Author of “The Global Police State” and “Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Humanity”)

Moderator: **Igor Mijatović**, Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

Thu, 29 April, 20:15 - 21:45 CEST

6. “Woke Imperialism” A contemplation of modern-day imperialism and the disguises it seeks to hide itself from the public eye.

Speakers:

Aaron Maté (Freelance Journalist for The Nation, The Grayzone and Democracy Now!)

Further speakers to be announced via <https://internal.diem25.org/en/events/1188>.

Moderator: Arturo Desimone, DiEM25 Task Force for the Alternative Security Conference

The Alternative Security Conference can be followed over a live-stream on YouTube, via DiEM25's official YT-channel.

The link to the stream as well as additional information regarding the event can be found on: <https://internal.diem25.org/en/events/1188>.

Join us when we pose the question: Security for whom? For states and corporations? Or for people at large?

The Alternative Security Conference is organized by DiEM25

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