



Building Resilience: Preventing and Understanding Traumatic Stress while Fostering Peaceful Societies

Time: Scientific conference: Friday, 17.10.2025 and Saturday, 18.10.2025

Location: Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBw)
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Friday, 17.10.2025

2:00pm to 3pm	Pre conference activity: Mental Movement, Stretching & Awareness (light exercises)
3:00pm to 3:30pm	Arrival and registration Prof. Inga Schalinski, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, and NGO vivo international e.V., Germany and Fellow of the Bavarian Science Alliance for Peace, Conflict and Security Research
3:30pm to 4:00pm	Keynote: Preventive Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) for Soldiers: A Pre- and Post-Deployment Study Among Burundian Military Personnel Deployed to the African Union Mission in Somalia Prof. Anselm Crombach, University of Saarland, Germany and NGO vivo international
4:00pm to 4:30pm	Keynote: Vulnerability and Resilience as Normative Dimensions of Democracy Prof. Michael Reder, Munich School of Philosophy, Germany; Fellow of the Bavarian Science Alliance for Peace, Conflict and Security Research
4:30pm to 4:45pm	Coffee break
4:45pm to 5:10pm	Input presentation: Military and psychology protecting and rebuilding societies while carrying wounds of war Dr. Col. Aurelio Tassi, NGO vivo international e.V., Italy
5:10pm to 6:30pm	Panel discussion: Ethical aspects of psychological interventions on the front-line, psychological care Prof. Anselm Crombach, University of Saarland, Germany, and NGO vivo international Dr. Col. Aurelio Tassi, NGO vivo international e.V., Italy Captain Dennis Büttner, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany Lieutenant Junior Grade Florian Rohde, M.Sc., German Navy Ops School, Germany
6:30pm to 7:30pm	Reception and Aperitivo: Impression from Mali - exhibition at the Foyer of the University Library Master Sergeant Mathias Plank, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany
Open end (with prior registration)	Dinner

Saturday, 18.10.2025

- 7:15am to 8:45am Pre conference activity: Introduction to meditation
- 9:00am to 9:30am Arrival and registration
- 9:30am to 11:00am **Symposium: Psychological Challenges and Strengths in the Armed Forces Resilience: Strength and Vulnerabilities in Military Personnel**
Lieutenant Junior Grade Florian Rohde, M.Sc., German Navy Ops School, Germany
Eating- and Weight-Related Disorders in the Armed Forces
Prof. Hubertus Himmerich, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience at King's College London, England
Moral Injuries in the German Military
B.Sc. Karl Fiedler, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany
Narrative Trauma Work (NAT) - an effective counselling tool for non-specialist providers working with individuals who have experienced or perpetrated violence
Dr. Elisabeth Kaiser, NGO vivo international e.V., Germany
- 11:00am to 11:15am Coffee break
- 11:15am to 12:00am **Keynote: Engaging with the vulnerable self, Resilience and peace in the light of human vulnerability.**
Prof. Friedrich Lohmann, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany and Fellow of the Bavarian Science Alliance for Peace, Conflict and Security Research
- 12:00am to 2:00pm Lunch break
- 2:00pm to 2:45pm **Keynote on individual and collective avoidance in the context of trauma**
Dr. Katy Robjant, NGO vivo international e.V., England
- 2:45pm to 3:30pm **Keynote: The silencing of mass atrocity crimes - the example of German Foreign Policy**
Prof. Dr. Bernhard Stahl, University of Passau, Germany and Fellow of the Bavarian Science Alliance for Peace, Conflict and Security Research
- 3:30pm to 3:45pm Coffee break

Saturday, 18.10. 2025

- 3:45pm to 5:15pm Symposium: From Testimony to Healing: Using Survivor Narratives in individual and collective Interventions
First results of Narrative Exposure Therapy cases in the Mexican population: a case series in the National Institute of Psychiatry in Mexico City
[B.Sc. Nathalie Görtz, MD Iván Arango, NGO vivo international e.V., Germany/Mexico](#)
- Revisiting Congo's NET Trial: The Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse on FORNET treatment outcomes.
[Dr. Andrea Jobst-Heel, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich and vivo international e.V., Germany](#)
- FORNET with incarcerated women in a Brazilian prison: a pilot study
[Dr. Fernanda Serpeloni, NGO vivo international e.V., Brasil](#)
- Interactive Digital Testimonies of Holocaust Survivors
[Dr. Daniel Kolb, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany](#)
- 5:15pm to 6:00pm Keynote: Barrikad: Theatre that challenges, connects, and changes
[Susanne Axelsson, NGO vivo international e.V., Sweden](#)
- 6:00pm to 6:15pm Closing
[Dr. Sabine Schmitt, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, and NGO vivo international e.V., Germany](#)
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