

Preliminary Agenda

Symposium on Crisis Early Warning

“The Potential of Data, AI, and Interdisciplinary Analysis in Situational Awareness and Decision Making”

September 17 and 18, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Wednesday 17.09.

08:15 – 09:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 – 09:45 **Welcome & Keynotes**

State Minister Florian Hahn, Federal Foreign Office
State Secretary Nils Hilmer, Federal Ministry of Defence
Prof. Carlo Masala, Head, Center for Crisis Early Warning

09:45

VIP Policy Panel

“Crisis Early Warning in times of perpetual crises – still worth it?”

Chair: Prof. Carlo Masala, Head, Center for Crisis Early Warning
Philipp Rotmann, Director, Global Public Policy Institute
Anka Feldhusen, Director for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Stabilization, FFO

followed by

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Research Panel I

“Leveraging Large Language Models in Crisis Early Warning”

Chair: Dr. Hannes Müller, Autonomous University Barcelona
Dr. Edoardo Vigano, Witten/Herdecke University
Dr. Egemen Bezci, University for Continuing Education Krems
Laura Braun, Center for Crisis Early Warning

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Research Panel II

“Advancing Methodological Approaches in Crisis Early Warning”

Chair: Dr. Paola Vesco, Uppsala University
Prof. Thomas Chadeaux, Trinity College Dublin
Chandler Williams, Peace Research Institute Oslo
BND Desk Officer

15:00 – 16:15

Workshops

Session 1: Worst cases or likely cases? – The Integration of Foresight Methodologies and Data driven Early Warning

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Session 2: Hybrid Threats – State-Targeted Cyber Attacks as Digital Smoke Before Escalation?

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Session 3: Data driven Anticipatory Action

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:45 **Policy Panel I**
“How to warn? – lessons and best practices”
Chair: Isabelle Arradon, International Crisis Group
Andreas Pérez Fransius, European External Action Service
Minako Manome, Development Risk Practice Unit, UNDP
Dr. Philip AbdelMalik, Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, WHO

17:45 – 19:00 Canapés & Fingerfood (Genscher Forum)

Thursday 18.09.

08:15 – 09:00 Check-in & Coffee

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome**

09:15 – 10:45 **Research Panel III**
“Conflict Onset and Civil War Recurrence in Crisis Early Warning”

Chair: Dr. Nadine O’Shea, Technical University of Munich
Lotta Rüter, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Hannah Frank, Trinity College Dublin
Dr. Namig Abbasov, Arizona State University

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 **Workshops**

Session 4: Central Risk Factors in Early Warning

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Session 5: Think Like an Adversary – A Practical Exploration of the Disruptive Potential of AI

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Session 6: Pimp My Dataset – Enhancing Existing Event Datasets with Large Language Models

12:15 – 12:30 Plenary Workshop Recap

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15 **Policy Panel II**
“Global Commons or national silos? Informed decisions through common datasets”

Chair: Anka Feldhusen, Dir. for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Stabilization, FFO
Dr. Martin Frick, World Food Program
Prof. Clionadh Raleigh, Armed Conflict Location & Event Data
Dr. Barbora Šedová, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

14:15 – 15:45 **Research Panel IV**
“Exploring New Data in Crisis Early Warning”

Chair: Prof. Melanie Sauter, Universität Mannheim
Christoph Deppe, Helmut Schmidt University
Dr. Allison Koh, University of Birmingham
Dr. Anne Schneibel, German Aerospace Center

15:45 – 16:00 Closing Remarks: Anka Feldhusen, Federal Foreign Office