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## What do we know about weapons trade with conflict regions?

International arms trade continues to lack transparency. Still, large data bases on trade in military goods are becoming available, not least due to the efforts of both Gemeinsame Konferenz Kirche und Entwicklung (GKKE) and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). This bears great potential for in depth evidence-based analyses and new insights we are in great need of to understand the phenomenon: Which goods are exported by and to whom? Which consequences do these exports have? How can we ensure that arms transfers do not destabilize the situation in importing countries or worsen the human rights situation? This panel will review the ongoing discussion. We want to ask which role science plays in addressing these questions and discuss the core problems scientists face when engaging the field. We want to shed light on the reasons for and consequences of this mix of commercial, (geo-) politically strategic and policing endeavor. What drives export decisions? Which implications does weapons trade have in importing countries and regions?

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### Venue and Date

LMU München, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, 80539 München  
Room M110

**Thursday, 29.01.2015, 18.00 to 19.45**

### Speakers and Discussants

- Dr. Aude Fleurant, Director of the Arms Transfers and Arms Production Programme of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- Jan Grebe, Researcher and Project Leader in the field of arms exports control, Bonn International Center for Conversion, Speaker in the "Fachgruppe Rüstungsexporte" of Gemeinsame Konferenz Kirche und Entwicklung
- Lukas Hafner, student of political science, Political Science Department, LMU Munich (winner of essay competition on Arms Transfer conducted by IFAIR)
- Prof. Dr. Paul W. Thurner, Chair of Empirical Political Research and Policy Analysis, Political Science Department, LMU Munich

To facilitate our organization, please register for the event via email until Monday, 26.01.2015, at [sekretariat.thurner@gsi.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:sekretariat.thurner@gsi.uni-muenchen.de).



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### **Program**

- 18.00**      **Address of Welcome and Introduction**
- Prof. Dr. Paul W. Thurner (LMU Munich)  
Lukas Rudolph (IFAIR)
- 18.10**      **Presentation I: The Global Development of Arms Trade:  
Transparency and Patterns**
- Dr. Aude Fleurant (SIPRI)
- 18.35**      **Presentation II: German and European Developments and  
Implications**
- Jan Grebe (BICC)
- 19.00**      **Panel Discussion and Query and Answer Round**
- 19.45**      **Reception: Wine and Cheese**

This event is jointly organized by the Chair of Empirical Political Research and Policy Analysis, LMU Munich and IFAIR – Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations e.V.