

# Protecting Soldiers or Civilians? Western Ways of War

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Armed conflict often poses a dilemma: should soldiers primarily defend themselves or the local civilian population? A focus on force protection makes it difficult for soldiers to defend civilians from insurgent or criminal violence, and may also lead the military to cause civilian casualties. Prioritizing civilian protection and thus accepting higher own risks clashes with the aversion of democracies against casualties among their own citizens. Drawing on insight from political science, law, military sociology, and political philosophy, the participants to this event discuss the practices, causes, and consequences of risk management in contemporary military missions.

## Program

- 14:00-14:15      Opening statements: Dr. Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH) and Professor Stefan Oeter (Hamburg University)
- 14:15-16:00      *Military Cultures and Routines as Determinants in Peace Operations*  
 Dr. habil. Cornelius Friesendorf (IFSH): How Western Soldiers Fight: Organizational Routines in Multinational Missions  
 Prof. Chiara Ruffa (Swedish Defense University and Uppsala University, Sweden): Military Cultures in Peace and Stability Operations: Afghanistan and Lebanon  
 Prof. Stefan Oeter (Universität Hamburg, Germany): Comment
- *Coffee Break*    -
- 16:30-18:30      *Force protection and civilian protection: Interdisciplinary perspectives*  
 Prof. David Turns, LL.M. (Cranfield University, United Kingdom)  
 Prof. Asa Kasher (Tel Aviv University and Shalem College, Israel)  
 Dr. Alexander Leveringhaus (University of Surrey, United Kingdom)