12:30 Panel 5: International Interventions: Blessing or Curse?
Hauke Benjes
Why Only the Rohingya Muslims and No Other Ethnic Minorities Are so Violently Persecuted in Myanmar
Ronja Liertz
Foreign Aid as Neo-colonialist Strategy: Should Development Assistance Be Stopped?
Amine Safadi
Exporting Autocracies: The New Trend in Interventionism?
Yakuphan Ordu
Discussant

14:00 Poster Vernissage: Case Studies
Saad Braun (tbc)
Dawn of Niger’s Untouched Potential
Robert Lintz (tbc)
The Mexican Drug War: Why Is There No End to the Violence?
Nguyen Quy Anh Minh
Hydropower Dams in Mekong River And The Devastating Effects to The Food Resources of Mekong Delta

15:00 Panel 6: Environment and Security: How Hardly Controllable Forces Threaten our Survival
Iris Wittke
Climate Change: Causes and Effects
Joo Kyung Sim
The Global Impact of Trump’s Climate Change Policies
Marie Gieß
Discussant

16:30 Closing Remarks
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In light of current developments in Europe and other parts of the world, it seems as if there is no shortage of threats to security. The securitisation of borders against refugees, a diffuse terrorist threat as well as rising sea levels and extreme weather phenomena are only a few examples. This situation demands a thorough discussion on the value of security vis-à-vis peace by scholars, practitioners and those who want to follow in their footsteps – or pioneer new paths towards peace and security. Are military interventions legitimate policies in the name of peace and future security? Are modern forms of warfare, e.g. drone strikes and cyber-attacks, more likely to contribute to peace and security in the long run because of an expected decrease in human casualties? This conference aims at discussing current efforts towards peace and security, assessing their legitimacy and chances for success.

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY 2018

10:00 Registration

10:15 Opening Address (tbc)
by Dr. Heide Naderer, President of Hochschule Rhein-Waal

10:30 Keynote Speech
by Prof. Dr. Conrad Schetter, Director of Research at the BICC and Chairman of the AFK

11:30 Lunch break

12:30 Panel 1: Traditional Warfare Farewell?
Wars in the 21st Century
Daniel Schmidt
The Next Step of Warfare: What Will the Race for Autonomous Weapons Mean for International Relations?
Guilherme Klinkerfuss
Death, Destruction and Ethics: The Rise of Military Robots
Christopher Gerritzen
The Internet of Things: A Weapon of Mass Disruption?
Melina Durgut
Discussant

14:00 Coffee break

14:30 Panel 2: Terrorism, Security and Human Rights:
An Unsolvable Equation?
Nhat Le Nguyen
Securitization of (Islamist) Terrorism: How Does It Shape Policy-making in the West?
Daryl-Mae Racela
What Is Security Worth? The Incoherence between Counterterrorism And Collateral Damage
Rojan Keuter
Analysis of De-Radicalization Programs for Islamist Terrorists
Mariyan Familiyanov
Discussant

18:00 Reception

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2018

10:00 Panel 4: Of Robots and Rockets: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Armed Drones
Hyeon-Seoh Kim
Two Sides of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: International Controversies over the Use of Armed Drones
Julius Kivel
Do Military Drones Resolve Conflict or Enhance Instability? A Case Study of Afghanistan and Pakistan
Joshua Mock (tbc)
The (Il-)Legality of Drone Strikes: A Case Study of Drone Warfare in Yemen
Christina Schneider
Discussant

11:30 Lunch break