



# SWISS SECURITY FORUM

EVENT PLANNING

Calendar Year 2021

## 8th SSF Security Talk

# Public and Private Security Forces in a Modern State

February/March 2021  
Berne

**In the last two years, police violence and the outsourcing of public security functions to private companies have been subject to a heated public debate. At the same time, security forces report to face ever more aggressive and violent attacks in the course of their duties.**

- > How is public security defined in a modern, democratic state? What are the rights and obligations of the police force and private security forces?
- > How should prevention, intervention and repression be balanced? How is the population protected from power abuse by public security forces (police and other)?
- > How are the police and other security forces protected from misrepresentation and the increasing violence they face in the course of their duties?

# European Security Architecture and the role of neutral Switzerland

May/June 2021

Berne

**We invite you to discuss with national and international experts from politics, military, public administration and science:**

- > Current status: What does the current pan-European security architecture look like? How effective is it? What is the role of individual states, the NATO, the EU and other actors?
- > Battle of ideas: Which (contradictory) initiatives and ideas exists for the renewal of the pan-European security architecture?
- > Challenges: Is an efficient and stable pan-European security at all possible in a world of fast-changing and compartmentalized alliances? Could cooperation within lead to aggression against the outside?



## 10th SSF Security Talk

# Key Industries: Global Supply Chains vs. Re-Nationalisation

August/September

Basel

**Swiss key industries – towards globalisation, re-nationalisation, or regionalisation? We invite you to discuss with experts from politics, industry, public administration and science:**

- > Are national key industries such as pharmaceuticals, mechanical and electrical engineering, food, and ICT too dependent on international supply chains?
- > Would re-nationalisation be a viable alternative to make these industries more resilient?
- > What are other measures to increase the supply reliability of these critical sectors – especially in the event of crisis?
- > Is stronger regulation needed to protect Swiss key industries from foreign influence and to reduce international dependence?
- > How much is Switzerland willing to pay for additional autonomy?



# Is Neutrality out-of-date?

October/November 2021

Geneva

**We invite you to discuss the perspective on Swiss neutrality as a security concept with experts from science, economics and public administration:**

- > What are the origins of neutrality as Switzerland's fundamental foreign policy principle?
- > What are the implications of a strategy of armed neutrality?
- > How is the principle of neutrality balanced with the various Swiss memberships in international organizations?
- > How can neutrality be upheld in a globalized economy with its resulting interdependencies?
- > Do we have to redefine Swiss neutrality in the future?