



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?