

31. August 2021
6.00 – 8.00 pm

Hotel Schweizerhof, Berne

Switzerland and Neutrality – Challenge in a globalized world?

There is hardly a political issue on which Swiss public opinion is as unanimous as neutrality: **96%** of the Swiss surveyed in the Center for Security Studies' annual study «Security 2020» were **in favor of maintaining neutrality**. In the view of the study authors, neutrality has become **part of the Swiss population's cultural identity**.

However, a closer look reveals a **high degree of disagreement among the population** regarding the **implementation of Switzerland's neutrality policy**. Foreign, security and economic policy issues such as Switzerland's membership in international organizations, cooperation with foreign armed forces or arms exports regularly give rise to controversial discussions.

Is there a need for a redefinition of Swiss neutrality? We invite you to discuss the **questions** below with experts at the SSF Security Talk:

- What significance does the **principle of neutrality under international law** still have in the 21st century in view of advancing globalization?
- How can neutrality be maintained in a **globalized world** with **changing alliances**?
- What are the strategic and political consequences of a strategy of **«armed neutrality»**?
- How can Switzerland use its economic potential for a successful **trade and neutrality policy**?

We would be honored to welcome you as a participant as well as an event partner at the Security Talk.

We are looking forward to your response and remain at your disposal for any further questions.

Yours sincerely



Hans-Jürg Käser

President

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8th SSF Security Talk

Programme

Date: **31 August 2021**
followed by an aperitif

6.00 – 8.00 pm
registration from 5.15 pm onwards

Place: **Hotel Schweizerhof, Berne**
Bahnhofplatz 11, 3001 Berne

Welcome Address

6.00 – 6.15 pm



Hans-Jürg Käser

President
SWISS SECURITY
FORUM

Keynote Speeches

6.05 – 7.05 pm

Neutrality in its legal and historical context



Prof. Dr. Oliver Diggelmann

Managing Director of the
Institute for International
Law and Comparative Con-
stitutional Law, University of
Zurich

«Armed Neutrality» and Swiss Security Policy



Pälvi Pulli

Head of Security Policy
DDPS,
Ambassador

Active Foreign Policy and Neutrality



Micheline Calmy-Rey

Former Federal Councilor,
former Head of the Federal
Department for Foreign
Affairs (FDFA)

Security Policy and Peacebuilding of neutral Switzerland



Dr. Thomas Greminger

Director, Geneva Center for
Security Policy,
Ambassador

Panel Discussion

7.05 – 7.55 pm

**Debating:
the keynote speakers and**

Moderation



**Elisabeth
Schneider-Schneiter**

National Councilor (Die
Mitte, BL), Member of the
Foreign Policy Committee



Fredy Müller

Managing Director
SWISS SECURITY
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Closing Remarks

7.55 – 8.00 pm

Aperitif and Networking

from 8.00 pm onwards

After the event, the participants are cordially invited to an aperitif. The number of seats is limited due to Covid regulations.

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CHF 80.–

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