

Workshop on
National Security Cultures
and Global Security Governance

April 18-19, 2008

Suffolk University
8 Ashburton Place, room Sawyer 427

The workshop will examine the reasons for and implications of changes in national security cultures, and explore the extent and scope for international security governance in light of those changes. It will deal with the barriers and opportunities posed by national security cultures to regional and global security governance with respect to the national understanding of the external environment, the preferred instruments of statecraft (coercive versus persuasive), the pattern of interaction (unilateral, bilateral or multilateral), and institutional choice. A further study aspect relates to the joint production of technology in security tasks and to variations in their level of 'publicness' in the (a)symmetry of threats (i.e., the costs associated with any failure to provide security), and in defence costs (i.e., the marginal costs of providing security).

The aim of the workshop is thus to provide a stock-taking of the common framework and to explore how the stipulated guidelines and empirical indicators apply to the ten countries plus the EU. Thus, individual papers/presentation to the workshop will provide a first-cut account of perceived security threats and the preferred instruments and institutions of response by elites in Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, the UK, the USA and the EU. The objective is to obtain a group picture or to determine the extent to which cooperation in security governance is possible among the ten countries plus the EU and to differentiate country behaviour by the four respective governance categories: prevention, assurance, protection and compellence. Each country report will follow a common rubric in terms of security governance examined and empirical indicators chosen



Friday 18 April

9:00 – 11:00

Introduction of the Book/Project

Chair: Roberto Dominguez (Suffolk University)
Presenter: Emil Kirchner (University of Essex) and James Sperling (University of Akron)
Discussant: Stephen Szabo (American Institute for Contemporary German Studies)

Germany

Chair: Luise Druke (Leibniz University, Hannover)
Presenter: Sebastian Harnisch (University of Heidelberg)
Discussant: Reimund Seidelmann (Free University Brussels)

France

Chair: Sebastian Royo (Suffolk University)
Presenter: Bastien Irondelle (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris)
Discussant: Marcin Zaborwski (Aston University)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00

Italy

Chair: James Sperling (University of Akron)
Presenter: Paolo Foradori (University of Trento)
Discussant: Osvaldo Croci (Memorial University)

The United Kingdom

Chair: John Berg (Suffolk University)
Presenter: Martin Smith (Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst)
Discussant: Sven Biscop (Royal Institute for International Relations)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

The European Union

Chair: Rodrigo Tavares (United Nations University-Comparative Regional Integration Studies)
Presenter: Emil Kirchner (University of Essex)
Discussant: Marcin Zaborwski (Aston University)

Canada

Chair: Judith Dushku (Suffolk University)
Presenter: Osvaldo Croci (Memorial University)
Discussant: Jim Walsh (Massachusetts Institute for Technology)

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 17:30

Mexico

Chair: Bastien Irondelle (Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris)
Presenter: Roberto Dominguez (Suffolk University)
Discussant: Rodrigo Tavares (United Nations University-Comparative Regional Integration Studies)

The United States of America

Chair: Reimund Seidelmann (Free University Brussels)
Presenter: James Sperling (University of Akron)
Discussant: Stephen Szabo (American Institute for Contemporary German Studies)

19:30 **Dinner**

Saturday 19 April

9:00 - 11:00

China and Southeast Asia

Chair: Paolo Foradori (University of Trento)
Presenter: Anthony Coates (University of Essex)
Discussant: Simone Chun (Suffolk University)

Japan

Chair: Sven Biscop (Royal Institute for International Relations)
Presenter: Haru Fukui (University of California, Santa Barbara)
Discussant: James Sperling (University of Akron)

Russia

Chair: Martin Smith (Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst)
Presenter: Rod Thornton (University of Nottingham)
Discussant: Aart Holtstag (University of Massachusetts at Lowell)

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 13:00

General Discussion and Conclusion

Chairs: Emil Kirchner (University of Essex) and James Sperling (University of Akron)

End of Workshop