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Ankelohe Conversations 2007
May 31 to June 3, 2007

**“Resource Wars – the New Security Challenge
of the 21st Century”**

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Thursday, May 31, 2007

until 6.30 pm Arrival of participants at Gut Ankelohe

6.30 - 7.30 pm Reception, followed by dinner

8.30 pm **Keynote address**

***"The World Wars as Resource Wars:
Beginnings, Means and Ends."***

Speaker

Dr. Dan Todman, *The Great War: Myth and Memory*, Lecturer,
Department of History, Queen Mary, University of London,
London, United Kingdom

10.30 pm Relaxed gathering at bonfire

Friday, June 1, 2007

from 7.30 am Breakfast

9.00 - 10.30 am **Session 1: Overview of past, current,
and likely future resource conflicts worldwide**

Chair

Christopher Reuter, *My Life is a Weapon*, Foreign Editor, stern
Magazine, Hamburg, Germany

- What are resource conflicts?
- What types of internal and inter-state resource conflicts exist?
- Where have resource conflicts taken place in the past, and what kind?
- Where are they happening now, and what is the outlook for the future?

Speaker

Michael Renner, *Fighting for Survival*, Senior Researcher and
Director of the Global Security Project, Worldwatch Institute,
Washington, D.C., USA

10.30 - 11.00 am Coffee break

11.00 am
- 12.30 pm

Session 2: *How do population growth, industrialisation, and climate change affect resource conflicts?*

Chair

Paul French, *North Korea: The Paranoid Peninsula*, Director,
Access Asia, Shanghai, PR China

- To what extent does population growth, particularly in developing countries, lead to or aggravate resource conflicts?
- What role does industrialisation, i.e. higher consumption of resources, play?
- How is climate change affecting the availability of and the competition over water and arable land?

Speaker

Prof. Dr. Stefan Rahmstorf, Head of Department "Climate System", Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Potsdam, Germany

12.30 - 02.00 pm Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 pm **Session 3: *Running dry – the global water crisis***

Chair

James Crabtree, Writer, London, United Kingdom

- What are the water-related problems on earth?
- Is it fair and accurate to speak of water apartheid?
- Is water the oil of the 21st century?
- What solutions are governments and the UN trying to implement?

Speaker

Fred Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, London, United Kingdom

3.30 - 4.00 pm Coffee break

4.00 - 5.30 pm **Session 4: Water wars**

Chair

Daphna Baram, *Disenchantment*, London, United Kingdom

- How serious is the water crisis in China?
- What role does water play in the Middle East conflicts?
- How likely are future water wars in the Nile River and Indus River basins?

Speakers

Dr. Seungho Lee, Lecturer in Contemporary Chinese Studies,
University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Dr. Daniel Schaffer, *Dry: Life Without Water*, Head of the Public
Information Office, the academy of sciences for the developing
world (TWAS), Trieste, Italy

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| 6.30 pm | Dinner |
| 7.30 pm | Relaxed gathering at bonfire |

Saturday, June 2, 2007

from 7.30 am	Breakfast
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9.00 - 10.30 am	Session 5: <i>Energy wars</i>
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Chair

Michael Thumann, *Der Islam und der Westen*, Foreign Editor,
DIE ZEIT, Hamburg, Germany

- What is the role of energy in today's foreign policy and military planning?
- Oil conflicts in the Persian Gulf, the Caspian Basin, and the South China Sea
- How important are access and ownership in the international oil and gas markets?
- How is Russia using gas as a political weapon?
- How are consumer countries trying to become energy-independent?

Speaker

Paul Domjan, Director, John Howell & Co. Ltd., Shamley Green,
United Kingdom

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| 10.30 - 11.00 pm | Coffee break |
| 11.00 - 12.30 pm | Continuation of the discussion on energy wars |
| 12.30 - 2.00 pm | Lunch |

2.00 am
- 3.30 pm

Session 6: *What political measures could prevent future resource wars?*

Chair

James Ledbetter, *Starving to Death on \$200 Million*, Deputy Managing Editor, CNN.Money, New York, NY, USA

- How can resource disputes be resolved through globalised market mechanisms?
- Or should a non-capitalist resource allotment scheme be realised?
- How are the United Nations' Millenium Development Goals to be implemented?

Speaker

Dr. Wolfgang Sachs, *Fair Future*, Senior Fellow, Head of Project Group "Globalization and Sustainability", Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Wuppertal, Germany

3.30 - 4.00 pm

Coffee break

4.00 - 6.00 pm

Session 7: *Is 'the era of identity conflicts' being supplanted by 'the era of resource conflicts'?*

Chair

Misha Glenny, *The Balkans*, London, United Kingdom

- Is the 'resource scarcity' doctrine destined to replace the 'rogue state' doctrine in security politics?
- Will this be the next great shift in international relations?
- Example: Is the war in Darfur also a conflict about water and arable land?
- Or are other motives for war – ethnic strife, religious fanaticism, geopolitical competition, rogue state misbehaviour, anti-terrorism – ultimately more important?

Speaker

Joshua Hammer, *Yokohama Burning*, Berlin, Germany

7.30 pm

Dinner and relaxed gathering

Sunday, June 3, 2007

All day

Departure of participants

from 8.30 am

Breakfast

1.00 pm

Lunch