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Facing Global Environmental Change
Environmental, Human, Energy, Food, Health and Water Security Concepts

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1. Reasons for Reconceptualization of Security
2. Goal: Global Mapping of the Rethinking on Security
3. Hexagon Series: Human & Environmental Security & Peace
8. Global Climate Change Impacts for International, National and Human Security
9. Conclusions: From Knowledge to Action
10. Policy Vision & Perspective for the UN & EU: Towards a Sustainable Peace with a Fourth Green Revolution &
1. Goal: Global Mapping of the Rethinking on Security

1. “Reconceptualization of Security” has occurred, matters and is highly policy relevant for (inter)national policy
2. Contextual change and conceptual innovation
3. Since 1990 there has been a widening, deepening, sectorialization of security concepts
4. Goal: Global conceptual mapping of the rethinking of concepts & redefinition of tasks
5. Main focus on the environmental dimension of human security in multilateral contexts
6. Means: conceptual research and dialogue
7. Result: 270 peer reviewed chapters by about 300 scholars and practitioners from 100 countries
1. Contextual Change or Conceptual Innovation? Reasons for Reconceptualization of Security

- **End of the Cold War**: Fall of Berlin Wall (9 Nov. 1989)
- **Globalization**: Non-state Actors and Processes
  - Direct Violence: Terrorism & organized crime: weapons, drugs, human trafficking (children, women, organs etc.)
  - Structural violence: Uncontrolled financial transfer & speculation: effects due to kind of “structural terrorism”
- **Global Anthropogenic Environmental Change**
  - Nobel Laureate Paul Crutzen: Anthropocene: phase of Earth history since industrial revolution
- **Goal**: Conceptual Foundations & Long-term Thinking on a new **Security and Peace Policy for Anthropocene**,
  - Goal: sustainable development with sustainable peace.
  - Requires: “Fourth Green Revolution with Decarbonization”
2. Conceptual Innovations in the Social Science Discourse on Security

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2.1 Why: Reconceptualization of Security?

Reasons: Threefold Contextual Change

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2.3. Theories of Securitization and of Global Risk Society

Ole Wæver’s Securitization Theory (1995)

- Copenhagen school security as a “speech act”, “where a securitizing actor designates a threat to a specified reference object and declares an existential threat implying a right to use extraordinary means to fend it off”.
- Such a process of “securitization” is successful when the construction of an “existential threat” by a policy maker is socially accepted and where “survival” against existential threats is crucial.
- Major contribution to conceptual emancipation and vitality of European scholarship from US conceptual dominance during Cold War period

Buzan: Widening, Deepening and Sectorialization of Security Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities & Risks

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3. Hexagon Book Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace

Hexagon book series offers a platform for scientific communities on

- global environmental & climate change, disaster reduction, human, environmental, gender security,
- Peace, security, development & environmental studies
- for the humanitarian aid and the policy community in national governments and international organizations.

Scientific & Policy Goals:
- Impacts of anthropogene global environmental & climate change on the security of states & human beings (humankind)
- This requires a „Reconceptualization of Security“
- Global mental mapping of the rethinking on security

Multi-, Inter- & Transdisciplinarity:

International and Diversity
- Beyond the dominant thinking of the „top billion“ of the triad

Dialogue: scientists and policy-makers
- Former or active policymakers, diplomats, military officers
- Experienced scholars but also young talents

6 causes of anthropogenic GEC supply side
- Air: Global climate change
- Soil degrad., desertification
- Water scarcity, hydrol. cycle

Human-induced demand side
- Population growth
- Urbanization, Pollution, Health
- Rural systems: Agriculture
3.2. Hexagon Series: Volumes V - IX in Preparation

To be published in 2010


- **Vol. 6**: ThanhDam Truong, Des Gapter (Eds.): *Transnational Migration: The Migration - Development – Security Nexus.*

- **Vol. 7**: Úrsula Oswald Spring (Ed.): *Water Resources in Mexico.*

To be published in 2011

- **Vol. 8**: Jürgen Scheffran, Michael Brzoska, Hans Günter Brauch, Peter Michael Link, Janpeter Schilling (Eds.): *Climate Change, Human Security and Violent Conflict: Challenges for Societal Stability*

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- **Globalization and Environmental Challenges**: 92 authors, 36 countries, 16 disciplines, former vice presidents, ministers, generals, diplomats (2008)

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- **Coping with Global Environmental Change Disasters and Security – Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks** (2010)

**Forewords**

- **Stavros Dimas**, EU Environment Commissioner
- **Prof. Hans van Ginkel**, Rector of UNU (1997-2007);
- **Prof. Klaus Töpfer**, Executive Director, UNEP (1997-2006).
- **Achim Steiner**, UNEP Executive director,
- **Joy Ogwu.** former foreign minister, Nigeria
- **Stavros Dimas**, EU Environment Commissioner
4.1. Editorial Team:

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- **Jörn Birkmann**, Academic officer of UNU-EHS, heads the section on vulnerability assessment, coordinates Working Group on “Measuring Vulnerability”. 
Spreading the Global Messages: Translation & Bookaid

- **Translations:** Spanish, Turkish & Greek (others are possible depending on local partners)

- **Bookaid Project:**
  - **2004:** 260 books to more than 90 countries
  - **2008:** Modest Start: Local Savings Bank & author
  - **2009:** 100 copies purchased/distributed by DAAD
  - **2010:** 150 copies of vol. 1 & 2 of GEHSHA to 110 University and National Libraries in 69 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America (value of 40.000 €)
  - **2011:** Fundraising: for sending 100-500 boxes (300-1500 books)
4.2. Bookaid Project for University Libraries in Third World

Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director, UNEP (1997-2006)

“This book deserves many readers in all parts of the world, especially in those countries where university and research libraries may not be able to afford such references books.”

Achim Steiner, Exec. Director, UNEP

I hope that private foundations and donors can ensure that its important ideas, debates and essential reading find their way equally onto the library book shelves of the South as well as the nations of the North.

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Federal Ministry for Education & Science
- 75 copies of vol. III and IV (150)

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4.3. Spanish, Turkish & Greek Short Editions in 2008, 2009, 2010

○ **Turkish Editions (2008-2009):**
  - *ULUSLARARASI İLİŞKİLER (International Relations)* SPECIAL ISSUE ON SECURITY
  - **Guest Editors:** Hans Günter Brauch, Freie Universität Berlin, Mustafa Aydin, Rector, Private University, Istanbul, Türkei: Ursula Oswald Spring, UNAM/CRIM, Cuernavaca, Mexiko;
  - **Turkish book in preparation:** about half are translations from Hexagon Book Series


○ **Greek Editions (2010): 2 Editions of Agora**
  - **Guest editors:** HG. Brauch, U. Oswald Spring, Charalambos Tsardanidis and Amb. Yannis Kinnas

○ **Arab edition in discussion & fundraising**
5. Two Key Themes of this Book: GEC & Sectorialization of Security

- Facing Global Environmental Change (GEC)
  1: Contextualization of Global Environment. Change (1-3)
  2: Securitization of GEC (chap. 4-14)
  3: Securitization: Extreme Natural & Societal Outcomes

- Sectorialization of Security
  4: Energy security (chap. 23-32)
  5: Food Security (chap. 33-35)
  6: Health Security (chap. 36-40)
  7: Water Security (chap. 41-58)
  8: Environmental Security (chap. 59-73)
  9: Human and Gender Security (chap. 74-96)
  10: From Knowledge to Action (chap. 97-100)
5.1. Global Environmental Change: Issues of sustainable development

Scientization: agenda-setting, networking, research
- Since 1970’s: conferences, agenda setting

- UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCCD and water regime (WWF, WWW, GWP)

Securitization: Since 2000 of water, since 2002 of climate change and since 2003/2009 of desertification & soil but not yet of biodiversity
5.2. Addressing Linkages of Global Climate Change and Security

- Three Schools or Approaches
  - Dramatizers: Climate war
  - Sceptics: lack of research (PRIO)
  - Observations & future scenarios

- Causal analysis
  - Natural phenomena -> migration, crises, conflicts (violence)
    - 2nd phase: Homer-Dixon, Bächler
    - 4th phase: Oswald – Brauch - Dalby

- Discourse analysis: climate change
  - International security
  - National security
  - Environmental security
  - Human security

Objects of Security Analysis (Securitzation)
- Physical Effects: e.g. temp, rise
- Impacts: Sectors
- Societal Effects
  Whether they pose:
  - Objective Security Dangers
  - Subjective Security Concerns

- Goal of a stabilization of climate change at a 2°C increase in global average temperature by 2100:
  - 50% global reduction of GHG, or 80% for OECD countries
  - Major transformation and decarbonization of the economy

- Combination of sustainable development strategy & peace policy: sustainable peace to prevent that GEC issues pose a threat to international peace.

- Fundamental transformation with a demilitarization of security is needed not a militarization of the environment: We are the threat & solution.
7. Security Policy in the Anthropocene: Towards a Sustainable Peace

- Fourth phase of environmental security research:
  - Move from environmental scarcity, degradation and stress as cause of violence to GEC issues
  - Address the human dimension of env, security
  - Reflect the HUGE impacts (gender sensitivity)

- Towards a Policy of Sustainable Peace:
  - Linkages between sustainable development & peace

- Political Geoecology for the Anthropocene
  - Earth systems science & geoecology lacks political dimens.
  - Geo: spatialization of the environmental dimension of IR
  - Ecology: linking natural science with human & social ecology
8. Summary

- Since 1989 a major reconceptualization of security has taken place globally due to a contextual change.
- One theoretical innovation was used for the global mapping of security: theory of securitization.
- Thesis: Since 1994 a major shift has occurred from state-centred to human security concepts: from national and international security to a *people-centred* concept of human security.
- The human security concept is both a new analytical and a political concept that is widely used in policy declarations in the UN system.
- Results of securitization of Climate change is mixed:
  - Climate change has been declared as a threat of utmost importance
  - But not extraordinary measures have been launched to cope with the impacts of GEC and global climate change
  - Many policy makers have too easily become victims of the structural terrorism of the global banking crisis
9. Conclusions: From Knowledge to Action

- Empirical Knowledge on climate change and security is needed

- Three schools of thought:
  - **Climate determinists**: climate change will lead to future wars
  - **Climate sceptics**: No evidence in peer reviewed quantitative literature
  - **Climate empiricists**: need qualitative case study literature

- Four scientific approaches:
  - **Causal analysis**: linkages between earth & human systems
  - Perception and discourse analysis
  - Empirical analysis
  - Trend and scenario analysis of conflict constellations

- From reactive to proactive policies
  - Prevention of violent escalation of conflict potentials in the framework of specific conflict constellations
Thank you for your attention and patience.


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