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"The European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) & Austrian Neutrality"



Moderator: Dr Giulia Mennillo
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ABSTRACT

The European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) is scarcely two decades old. CSDP can best be described as the functional crisis management end of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), of which it is an integral part. It covers both the military and civilian aspects of crisis management, with the majority of overseas missions being civilian in nature. Yet, it is the growth of the military dimension that has spurred extensive debate about the nature of the EU's actorness: Austria is one of the neutral EU member states. This has raised a lot of questions when it comes to Austria's participation within the CSDP.

BIO

Karin Fichtinger-Grohe is the current Austrian Ambassador to Singapore. She held previous positions in Dublin, Berne, The Hague and Belgrad. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna she was in charge of European Security Policy, bilateral relations with EU countries, bilateral and multilateral economic policy, and politico-economic relations with America, Asia, Africa and Australia.

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