

2020

ANNUAL REVIEW



**Peace Research
Center Prague**

Foreword

It has become a cliché that 2020 was a special year. Of course, for a juvenile institution like the PRCP, every year is still special. Yet, the challenges of its third year of existence, namely the challenges of engaging in work under the permanent Damocles' sword of Covid-19, were more than special; however, since everybody reading these lines has been most probably in the same boat, there is no need to belabor the obvious.

It is heartening that PRCP scholars continued the distinguished normalcy which developed during the first two years: to go after their planned research work and to present its results in widely recognized peer-reviewed journals and – after concluding major projects – highly visible books. These achievements concern all three major fields of research that PRCP is addressing, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, frozen conflicts, and global power shifts. Here are some highlights:

In the non-proliferation field, the international project “Nuclear Taboo 3.0,” launched in 2019, has already come to fruition, as the first-class journal *International Studies Review* has accepted for publication a compilation of articles coordinated by this project. PRCP's “Frozen Conflict Dataset” has been published by the *Journal of Peace Research*, the leading journal of the academic peace research community. In the power shift field, the work on the **world information interconnectedness index** has attracted a prestigious PRIMUS grant to continue development.



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In addition, the **PRCP Experimental Lab** (founded in 2019) has conducted its first survey experiments – on the use of military force – and placed the results in *International Interactions*, a journal known for its very high methodological standards. Maybe the number one achievement targeting the broader public was the publication in the Czech language of Nina Spitalnikova's unique study based on interviews with refugees from North Korea that turned into a bestseller which will be translated into a couple of other languages soon.

All this happened during a period of major organizational and personal transformation. In the light of such achievements, it is not surprising that PCRCP passed with distinction a complex and serious institutional evaluation on the occasion of the completion of its second operational year. On the basis of this assessment, continued funding has been approved.

Academic work is not for lone wolves. An academic institution is a kind of organism brimming with communication among its parts, which gives life to the whole. Coronavirus – and this is truly special in this special year – has made fulfilling this basic requirement a technical adventure. It bespeaks the degree of integration, mutual empathy, and communicative competence within the PCRCP that we managed to keep the degree of internal communication at the required and desired level without any stressful effort and to fasten the bonds that keep us together. This achievement – maybe the most important one in 2020 – is as much rewarding with regard to the past as it is promising for the future.

Prof. Dr. Harald Müller

2020 IN NUMBERS

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BOOK
CHAPTERS



11

JOURNAL
ARTICLES



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BOOKS



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Scopus

Selected publications

Frozen conflicts in world politics: A new dataset

Journal of Peace Research

by Kamil Klosek, Vojtěch Bahenský, Michal Smetana, Jan Ludvík

Nuclear Disarmament without the Nuclear-Weapon States: The Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty

Daedalus

by Harald Müller, Carmen Wunderlich

Strategic Patience Revisited: The Counterforce Effect

The Washington Quarterly

by Jan Ludvík

**Predictors of support for a ban on killer robots:
Preventive arms control as an anticipatory
response to military innovation**

Contemporary Security Policy

by Ondřej Rosendorf

Selected publications

How moral foundations shape public approval of nuclear, chemical, and conventional strikes: new evidence from experimental surveys

International Interactions

by [Michal Smetana](#), [Marek Vranka](#)

Conspiratorial thinking and foreign policy views: evidence from Central Europe

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties

by [Michal Ondreco](#) and [Florian Stoeckel](#)

Dynamics of norm contestation in the Chemical Weapons Convention: The case of ‘non-lethal agents’

Politics

by [Michal Smetana](#) and [Hana Martínková](#)

Atomic Salvation: A Case for Nuclear Planetary Defense

Astropolitics

by [Marie Němečková](#) and [Bohumil Doboš](#), [Jakub Pražák](#)

Selected publications

Military Interventions in Civil Wars: Protecting Foreign Direct Investments and the Defence Industry

Civil Wars

by Kamil Klosek

Contested multilateralism as credible signaling: how strategic inconsistency can induce cooperation among states

The Review of International Organizations

by Michal Parizek and Benjamin Faude

Nuclear Ban Treaty: Sand or Grease for the NPT?

In: Non-Nuclear Peace: The Ban Treaty and Beyond (Sauer, Kustermans & Segaert)

Routledge

by Michal Onderčo

New Czech Bestseller:
+ Svědectví o životě v KLDR
by Nina Špitálníková



FROZEN CONFLICTS DATASET

THREE YEARS OF HARD WORK

We singled out frozen conflicts as a category of conflicts that is neither spatially nor temporally specific. To facilitate a more holistic and rigorous study of this phenomenon, we have developed **The Frozen Conflict Dataset (FCD)**.

The dataset was prepared by Kamil Klosek, Vojtěch Bahenský, Michal Smetana, and Jan Ludvík as part of our research program on frozen conflicts. It was published in the *Journal of Peace Research*, in the article *Frozen conflicts in world politics: A new dataset*.

We identified 42 cases of frozen conflicts in the period from 1946 to 2011. Of those, 25 are 'traditional' interstate conflicts, whereas 17 are conflicts between a state and a de facto state.

Policy Briefs



DOUBLE STANDARD ON DUE DILIGENCE IN CYBERSPACE

Tomáš Bruner

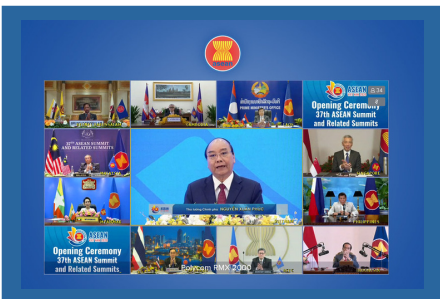
THE 2020 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THE GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Jan Hornát



WORK ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO RESUME DESPITE (OR THANKS TO?) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Barbara Dufková

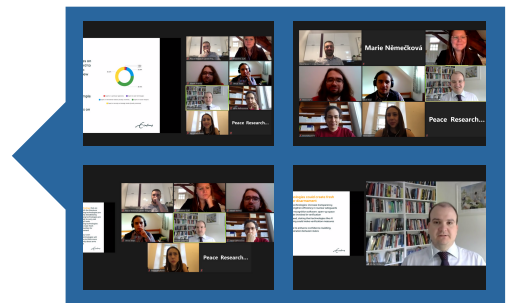


Events and seminars

PRCP research seminars

monthly

Online



PRCP annual meeting

17. 6. 2020

Hybrid format: Prague + online

Za oponou totalitního režimu: Debata o Severní Koreji

18. 6. 2020

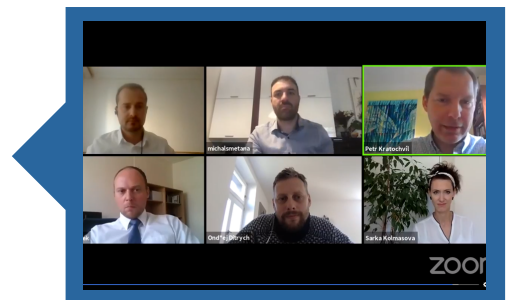
Public online debate in Czech language

Grant Applications:

Why you shouldn't be scared
& How to succeed

22. 9. 2020

Public roundtable via ZOOM



Media



Media outreach

Members of the PRCP have joined the public discussion through their position as experts on various topics, from the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons to the insights to North Korean politics and society.

Social media



Our social media presence is professionally managed and interacts with a broader audience in a manner similar to other international peace research centers.



New website section

In addition to our established website, we have prepared a new website (section) for the Frozen Conflicts Dataset project: www.frozenconflicts.com. The website provides a comprehensive access point for both researchers and the general public.

Research grants

State's Strategic Crisis Communication Readiness: Lessons Learned from COVID-19

Security Research (Ministry of the Interior)

Jan Ludvík

Global Flows of Political Information (GLOWIN)

PRIMUS Grant Scheme (Charles University)

Michal Parížek

EUNPDC internship

Building on the previously gained international connections, PRCP has participated in the EU Non-Proliferation and disarmament consortium's internship program.

While the internship was partially conducted online, our **Alaïs Laurioux** still managed to conduct interesting research on the topic of CTBT ratification process, which will be published on the EU-NPDC website.





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NEW TEAM MEMBERS FOR 2021

Barbora Fuksová obtained her Ph.D. in Egyptology from the University of Cambridge and spent 8 years working on archaeological digs all over Egypt. She currently works as a Business Development Manager in the IT sector. Her research focuses on statistical methods, and at PRCP, she will be part of the Power Shifts and World Order research pillar. She brings yet another exciting interdisciplinary approach to our center.



Full PRCP team





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