

## **The War in Ukraine, Authoritarian Regimes and Opportunities for the Next Generation in Non-Proliferation: VCDNP and PRCP joint event at the Charles University of Prague**

On 21 April 2023, the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) joined the Peace Research Center Prague (PRCP) in the organization of the PRCP Annual Conference at the Charles University, Faculty of Law.

The VCDNP contributed to the event as part of its outreach activity to European universities under the [Young Women and Next Generation Initiative \(YWNGI\)](#). The YWNGI was jointly established by the VCDNP and the [Istituto Affari Internazionali \(IAI\)](#) and within the framework of the [EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium \(EUNPDC\)](#) in an effort to engage the next generation in non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control.

The first panel of the event was dedicated to the War in Ukraine. Speakers provided an assessment one year after the start of the conflict, discussing current developments, the military strategies of both sides, as well as possible future scenarios.

The panel was moderated by Michal Smetana (PRCP) and included the following speakers:

- Sir Lawrence Freedman (King's College London)
- Nina Tannenwald (Brown University)
- Harald Müller (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt/PRCP) Hanna Notte (VCDNP)



From the left: Michal Smetana, Sir Lawrence Freedman, Nina Tannenwald, Hanna Notte and Harald Müller

The second panel, dedicated to authoritarian regimes in the Middle East and North Africa, featured:

- Noura Wahby (American University in Cairo)
- Tereza Jermanová (PRCP)
- Jakub Kolářek (Charles University)

The panel was moderated by Jan Daniel (PRCP) and explored authoritarian practices as well as ways in which the undemocratic rule is challenged by citizens and various movements.



From the left: Jan Daniel, Noura Wahby, Jakub Kolářek, and Tereza Jermanová

The third panel was dedicated to the work of the EUNPDC and to opportunities for young women and the next generation in the arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament field.

The panel featured:

- Paola Tessari (IAI)
- Federica Dall'Arche (VCDNP)



From the left: Paola Tessari and Federica Dall'Arche

Harald Müller, one of the original co-founder of the EUNPD Consortium, also contributed to the panel, sharing his experience in establishing the Consortium.



Harald Müller talking about the EUNPD Consortium

All panels were followed by Q&A sessions

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