

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The BMBF-sponsored joint research project **PiraT** has been going full steam ahead since it was launched a few months ago – and we are very glad to present our first newsletter to you. We will provide you with a short account of the project partners' kick-off-workshop, which was the trigger for our work together. Furthermore we are pleased to announce the release of the opening edition of our new series of "**PiraT-Working Papers on Maritime Security**". Written by the PiraT staff of IFSH, it offers initial insights into the complexities of maritime security. And last, but not least, we will point out some features of our recently re-arranged **website** as well as some **new publications** of our staff and partners.

We are looking forward to keeping you up to date on our activities, publications and other developments through the newsletter.

Your suggestions and feedback are most welcome.

Sincerely,

Your **PiraT** Team

## PiraT Project Sets Sail with Kick-Off-Workshop

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, the kick-off workshop of the joint research project **PiraT** took place at the IFSH. With about 20 participants from the five partner institutes, the core team of **PiraT** gathered for the first time. The purpose was not only to get to know each other but also to exchange views on the content and methodology of the project.

Our discussion first revolved around the concept paper presented by the IFSH. The conceptual approach of "security governance", in particular, triggered a lively debate. Speaking from their respective academic disciplines' points of view, the participants shared their opinions on the utility of this concept and discussed how it could be used within their fields of research for approaching maritime security. One aspect emphasized was the challenge resulting from the transnationality of maritime violence and the resulting necessity for a multi-level approach in politics, law, economics and technology. The participants underlined the importance of efficient cooperation and coordination among state and non-state actors from all sectors particularly important to maritime security. Connecting lines and intersections between the different disciplines soon became visible, thereby paving the ground for fruitful cooperation between the partnering institutes.

The discussion also focused on the characteristics of maritime violence both in current *hot spots* such as, for instance, the Gulf of Aden, and over the course of time. To develop indicators of risk analysis, the partners fully agreed on embracing the evolving of maritime violence over time and space. As part of the German federal government's program on "Research for Civil Security", the primary task

of the **PiraT** project is to generate a comprehensive risk analysis for our supply chain. Keeping this in mind, the partners will therefore, place considerable emphasis on taking into account the perceptions of actors concerned by both piracy and maritime terrorism. Overall, the kick-off-workshop was a great success: it allowed the partners to sound out

overlapping thematic interests and to specify the future course of the project. All of the partners are eager to carry out the empirical study which will be undertaken as the primary step of the project and very much look forward to discussing the results at a series of workshops envisaged for spring 2011, perhaps even with you.



The core research team of PiraT from the partner institutes IFSH, BLS, TUHH, DIW und ISZA

## PiraT – Working Paper No 1 published

**“Security Governance as a Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Piracy and Maritime Terrorism. Conceptual and Empirical Foundations”**

Assessing and tackling the risk of pirates and terrorists for maritime trade is the objective of the research project **PiraT**. The interdisciplinary endeavour combines political, legal, economic and technical perspectives for the development of a comprehensive approach to maritime violence.

The working paper written by Hans-Georg Ehrhart, Kerstin Petretto and Patricia Schneider aims at providing initial empirical insights into the purpose of such research and offers a conceptual outline for the assignment. It is

thereby to be understood as a work-in-progress being revised and adapted over the course of the project.

As an effective response incorporates state and non-state actors from all over the globe, research will aim at collecting and analyzing their diverse perceptions of the threat, as well as their motivations and capacities for getting involved in securing international sea routes. The concept of Security Governance serves as a conceptual framework for the analysis. It stems from the assumption that due to the

growing incapacity of the state to ensure its citizens' safety, a global risk society has emerged and new forms of non-hierarchical cooperation between states and non-state actors have become mandatory. In this respect, Security Governance has been developed to shed light on multidimensional, non-hierarchical forms of international coordination. By providing a tool for the analysis of characteristics, driving forces, types, dimensions, and steering mechanisms of such international coordination, the concept aims at raising awareness of the problem of managing in the contemporary global risk society.

Furthermore, the paper provides insight into the phenomena of both piracy and maritime terrorism and expounds the problem of defining these two phenomena. An overview of responses to maritime violence around the globe serves as a basis for a subsequent conceptual discussion in which the five suggested building blocks of the "Security Governance" concept are applied to the context of maritime security. The outline of the risk model of **PiraT** will, in the further course of the project, allow for analysis of the insecurity-situation

### At your Service: the PiraT-Website

Since mid-May 2010, the research project **PiraT** has had a presence on the websites [www.maritimesicherheit.eu](http://www.maritimesicherheit.eu) (in German) and [www.maritimesecurity.eu](http://www.maritimesecurity.eu) (in English). On the one hand, our internet presence aims at enhancing the understanding of the importance of maritime security and its challenges in general. On the other hand, we would very much like to share our efforts and research results with you.

With this in mind, we provide you with information on our joint project outline, the diverse subprojects, objectives and project-structure under the menu item "Project". By clicking on "Partners" you can find out more about the diverse institutions taking part in and associated with the project as well as

and facilitate the development of coordinated measures to strengthen maritime trade security.

The paper concludes first, that maritime violence needs enhanced coordinated and differentiated strategies by state and non-state actors alike. This is particularly important for strategies aiming at tackling the root causes of maritime violence in a long term perspective. Their elaboration and implementation will, however, demand a high degree of willingness to compromise by all actors concerned. Secondly, the authors come to the conclusion that the first test of the "Security Governance" concept has proved it to be a promising conceptual framework for analyzing maritime violence and finding ways to tackle the challenge within the interdisciplinary joint research project **PiraT**. The application and discussion of its sundry variables has, moreover, indicated multiple approaches for the design and refinement of the concept.

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their fields of expertise. "Publications" leads you to press releases and the newsletter archive as well as our Working Paper Series on Maritime Security. Articles written by researchers from **PiraT** and already published elsewhere can be accessed under "Other Publications".

The menu item "Service" encompasses the subscription to the newsletter, a photo gallery and a link collection representing the core of this section: it is updated and expanded continuously and serves the purpose of generating web-based knowledge on the topic of maritime security. While you can find interesting video clips under "Multimedia", clicking on categories such as "National Institutions" or "Maritime Sector" leads you to actors involved

in the field of maritime security such as the European Union, NATO, ministries, United Nations' bodies or shipping companies. The section on "Regional Hot Spots" contains links to current international military operations as well as to political initiatives aiming at fighting piracy and maritime terrorism in the long-run. Additionally, we offer you further information

on countries and regions of origin of contemporary pirates. For the moment, however, we are focusing primarily on the Horn of Africa as a hot spot. Selected links on the socio-cultural context of maritime violence in other regions such as, for instance, West Africa or South-East Asia, will be added soon.

## New Publications

Ehrhardt, Hans-Georg/ Petretto, Kerstin/ Schneider, Patricia (2010): **Security Governance als Rahmenkonzept für die Analyse von Piraterie und maritimen Terrorismus. Konzeptionelle und Empirische Grundlagen.** PiraT Arbeitspapier zur Maritimen Sicherheit Nr. 1, Hamburg.

Ehrhart, Hans-Georg; Kahl, Martin (Hg.) (2010): **Security Governance in und für Europa – Konzepte, Akteure, Missionen.** Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Geise, Torsten; Schneider, Patricia (2010): **Piracy on the coast of Somalia as a Security Policy Challenge.** In: **Annual Report 2009**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), pp. 13-18.

König, Doris (2010): **Der Einsatz von Seestreitkräften zur Verhinderung von Terrorismus und Verbreitung von Massenvernichtungswaffen sowie zur Bekämpfung der Piraterie: Mandat und Eingriffsmöglichkeiten.** In: A. Zimmermann u.a., *Moderne Konfliktformen - Humanitäres Völkerrecht und privatrechtliche Folgen*, Berichte der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht Bd. 44, S. 203-248.

Petretto, Kerstin (2010): **Piraterie als Problem der Internationalen Politik.** In: Stefan Mair (Hg.) *Piraterie und maritime Sicherheit. Fallstudien zu Afrika, Südostasien und Lateinamerika sowie Beiträge zu politischen, militärischen, rechtlichen und ökonomischen Aspekten*, SWP-Studie 2010/S 18, Juli 2010, S. 10-19.

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