



Federal Academy
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19 February to 6 March 2024
Complexity of the digital world

Expert Course on Digitalisation and Security Policy 2024





— About the course —

The Expert Course on Digitalisation and Security Policy is conducted by the Federal Academy for Security Policy on behalf of the Federal Chancellery. It is intended to offer the participants

The seminar is a key component of the training programmes offered by the Academy.

information about and experience with the effects of rapidly advancing digitalisation on society, particularly from a security-policy standpoint, on the basis of a broad and comprehensive approach to security.

A maximum of 16 participants may attend the course. It includes:

- talks with high-ranking representatives of the Federal Chancellery and ministries, the private sector, scientists and expert representatives of institutes, organisations and government agencies;

- numerous high-level talks and excursions in Berlin and during the trip in Asia;
- access to an exclusive network of actors in the world of national and international security policy.

Invitations for the nomination of course participants are issued personally by the Head of the Federal Chancellery and Federal Minister for Special Tasks.



Dates

Participants have to attend the Expert Course on Digitalisation and Security Policy in person and it takes place from **19 February to 6 March 2024**. The course will be conducted in Berlin and the destinations of the trip in Asia. Right now, the planned destinations are Seoul, Daejeon (South Korea) and Singapore. The course will be held in German and, during the trip, in English.

Target group

The course is designed for experienced senior officials and outstanding junior executive staff from German federal and state ministries, from business, academia and politics, as well as from civil-society groups such as churches, trade unions, NGOs or the media – all of whom are involved in strategic security discussions related to digitalisation.

Schedule

The Expert Course takes 17 days and is divided into two phases:

Introduction

Initially, the participants will gain in-depth knowledge of the challenges and opportunities of the dynamically advancing digitalisation of society. The current COVID-19 pandemic is demonstrating the importance of proactive action on a daily basis.



Destinations: For Asia, there are trips planned to the cities of Seoul, Daejeon and Singapore.

In particular, the participants will discuss the effects of digitalisation from a security-policy standpoint and at a strategic level with national and international experts from politics, business and society. Excursions in Berlin will supplement the theoretical exchange.

On-site experience

There is no other part of the world in which the digitalisation process of business and society has progressed as far as it has in Asia. The region is characterised in particular by its high readiness to use technological innovations. In addition to China, South Korea and Singapore are notably leading the way with respect to future technologies and trends, where concepts such as artificial intelligence, autonomous driving, e-health or Fin-Tech are present in all areas of society. A journey there will allow the participants to experience the complexity of the digital world in scholarship and business first-hand, and to get a sense of the influence digital developments have on the strategic level of security policy.



Focus topic

Digitalisation is a trend

Digitalisation is not just a trend, it is a megatrend. Our society is now discussing increasing digitalisation more actively than almost any other topic. We all feel it every day. Our own homes are becoming “smart”, entire houses are coming out of printers, and

Digitalisation has implications for business and society.

ending the use of cash is up for debate. Experts agree that digitalisation will permanently affect virtually all areas of our lives and society, and all political issues. The processes of change will become even more dynamic in the years to come and have lasting effects on initial and follow-on training for specialists and managers in administration, business and society.

Digitalisation affects security

Cyberattacks on government agencies, attacks on electronics and IT of critical infrastructures, artifi-

cial intelligence in weapon systems, facial recognition and the General Data Protection Regulation – digitalisation permeates all areas of security in our society and has long since taken on a key role in the strategic focus of security policy.

Against this backdrop, the course will range from the basic ethical and moral principles of digitalisation to the changes it causes in the framework of security policy. In addition to general topics, the issues of digitalisation and democracy, as well as Germany’s Digital Agenda, will be discussed in detail. The special security-policy considerations will include key actors in the digital world with particular focus on artificial intelligence, critical infrastructures, cyberspace, cybersecurity and domestic security.





== Tasks and objectives ==

Since it was founded in 1992, the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS) has been a place of strategic thinking and security policy training. The Academy's work is interdisciplinary in its approach and practically oriented. It promotes a broad understanding of Germany's long-term security objectives, and a shared concept of the comprehensive approach to security among individuals from politics, government agencies, academia, business, civil society and the general public.

The Federal Academy for Security Policy's tasks are divided into three areas: **teaching/training, expert conferences and public dialogue.**

== Organisation ==

Politically, the Federal Academy for Security Policy is led by a board of trustees, which is chaired by the Federal Chancellery and includes representatives of all federal ministries represented in the Federal Security Council. The board of trustees is supported by an advisory board consisting of key figures in the security policy arena. Organisationally, the Academy falls within the area of responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Defence.

The President of the Academy is Ambassador Ekkehard Brose. The Federal Academy for Security Policy has some 70 employees from all ministries represented in the Federal Security Council. The Academy was founded in Bonn in 1992. It has been based on the premises of Schönhausen Palace in Berlin since 2004.



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