



# The Federal Academy for Security Policy

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Why we are there



Providing **security** today is no longer the exclusive domain of the police, the intelligence services, and the military. Many other Federal and State authorities ensure security in freedom in Germany. Their internal cooperative efforts must be supplemented by external coordination and cooperation with actors in the economy and private sector as well as within the civil society. Improved networks, an intensified dialogue of the relevant actors and a better understanding of comprehensive security are the main focus of the Federal Academy for Security Policy.



The Academy's "House Berlin" (left) and one of the lecture rooms in the building, fitted with modern conference equipment



## Mission and Objectives

Since it was founded in 1992, the Federal Academy for Security Policy (Bundesakademie für Sicherheitspolitik, BAKS) has been a **place of strategic thinking** and learning. The Academy's work is interdisciplinary in its approach and practically oriented. It promotes a common understanding of national and international security policy - among civil servants, officers, managers, scientists, journalists, key figures from civil society, and experts from abroad. In future, the general public should be getting more involved in the Academy's discussions.

The **Academy's mission** is divided into three tasks: education, expert conferences, and public dialogue.

What we do

## Education

The Academy provides training seminars to top civil servants and officers from Federal and State authorities and to senior officials from the private sector, civil society organisations and partner countries:

- A three-month **core seminar on security policy** is aimed at younger leaders – up to 25 persons per seminar are given in-depth training on the required collaboration of security policy actors and the relevant processes, enabling them to cooperate more effectively in the future.
- A three-week **seminar for senior officials**, for up to 15 participants, is open to key executives only. Participants study in depth a current security policy issue of direct relevance to their work.



The Senior Course on Security Policy 2014 as guests of Federal President Joachim Gauck in his Bellevue residence



**Each year**, the Federal Academy for Security Policy holds over 70 events for more than 4,000 participants. The latest information about the Academy's work can be found online at: [www.baks.bund.de/en](http://www.baks.bund.de/en)

## Expert Conferences

The aim of expert conferences is to allow participants to share their knowledge and exchange their experience at a national and international level. These events provide a confidential forum in which decision makers and experts can discuss comprehensive approaches and related processes to security. Examples include:

- the **German Forum on Security Policy**
- workshop and colloquium of the German **“White Paper 2016” process**
- **Berlin Cyber Security Forum**
- **Working Group of Young Security Policy Experts**
- internal events held by the police, the intelligence services and the Bundeswehr

Attendance at these conferences is by personal invitation only.



From media training to open discussion platforms – the BAKS provides a mix of methods within its three task areas.

## Public Dialogue

The public is to take part more strongly in debates as well: Hence, the Federal Academy established a series of events that place direct discourse with citizens at their centre. Exemplary events include **citizen dialogues**, that take place regularly, and the yearly **summer conference for university students**, as well as the day of the “Open Campus”. The Federal Academy’s internet presence and social media channels open up security-relevant discussions to the broader public.

## Organisation and Staff

The Federal Academy for Security Policy is directed by a Board of Trustees which is chaired by the Federal Chancellor and includes all ministries represented in the **Federal Security Council**. The Board of Trustees is supported by an Advisory Board consisting of key representatives working in the security policy domain. Organisationally, the Academy is subordinated to the Federal Ministry of Defence.

The President of the Academy is currently Dr. Karl-Heinz Kamp; Vice President is Thomas Wrießnig. The Academy employs approximately 50 staff members. Since March 2004, the Academy is located on the premises belonging to Schönhausen Palace in Berlin – close to the Federal Government and the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag).



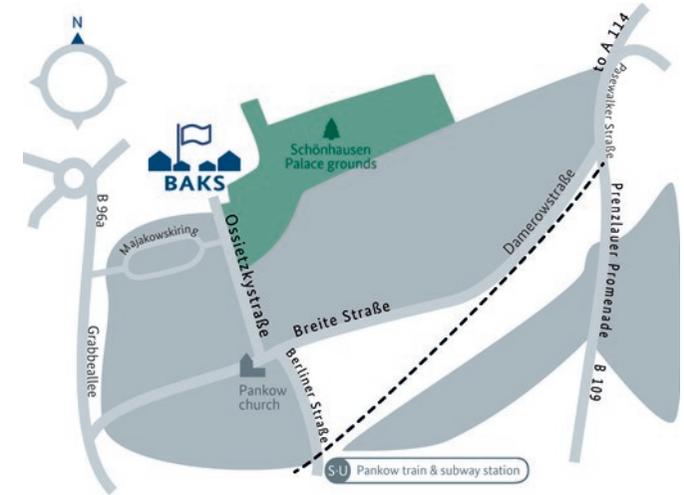
President  
Karl-Heinz Kamp  
(far left) and  
Vice President  
Thomas Wrießnig

The BAKS's open campus within the Schönhausen Palace grounds in Berlin's district Pankow



## Association of Friends

The Association of Friends of the Federal Academy for Security Policy provides support for the Academy’s work. The Association is also an essential link between the Federal Academy, alumni of its courses, and the interested public.



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