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## Background/Career

*Dr. Frank Umbach* is currently Senior Associate of the Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS) in Munich-Berlin and a Consultant on International Energy Security. He's a regional expert on energy, foreign and security policy in Russia, the Caspian Region, East Asia as well as EU and NATO – i.e. of energy supply security, energy foreign policies, geopolitical challenges and global energy trends.

From 1996-2007, he was the Head of the Programmes "International Energy Security" and "Security Policies in Asia-Pacific" at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Berlin. Since February 2007, he is an official advisor of the Lithuanian government on international energy security. He is also Co-Chair of the *European Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific (ESCSCAP or CSCAP-Europe)*, the most important regional „track two-Diplomacy“-institution for security policies in the Asia-Pacific region – and currently, inter alia, a member of two expert groups on transatlantic energy security.

Before joining the DGAP in 1996, he worked as a research fellow from 1991-1994 at the *Federal Institute for East European and International Affairs (BIOst)* in Cologne und from 1995-1996 at the research institute of the *Japanese Foreign Ministry (Japan Institute for International Affairs/JIIA)* in Tokyo. In 1992 he worked for one year as a Research Assistant in the Office of the „Special Advisor for Central and East European Affairs“, office of the General Secretary of NATO, in Brussels and became a consultant of that office and a presenter at official NATO-conferences. Mr. Umbach also conducted several longer research stays in U.S.A. (Washington, Fort Leavenworth and Santa Monica) and Moscow. He received research grants from NATO, the *Kennan-Institute for Advanced Russian Studies* (Washington D.C.) and the *Japan Foundation*. He studied Political Science, East European history and international law at the universities of Marburg and Bonn, and received his Ph.D. in 1996 (Bonn) with a dissertation on the rise and fall of the Warsaw Pact 1955-1991.

During the last years, he has been a consultant of the German Foreign and Defence Ministries, and has published analyses as well as giving presentations on international energy security (and other issues of security policies) on behalf of the European Commission and the European Parliament in Brussels, the U.S. State Department, the U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission of the U.S. Congress, NATO, and the House of Lords in London. In 2006, he was also involved in one of the Presidential Working Groups of "International Issues Relating to Raw Materials" of the Federation of the German Industries (BDI).

Dr. Umbach is also a member of the prestigious *International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)* in London and the author of more than 200 publications in more than 20 countries, including the books: "*Global Energy Security: Strategic Challenges for the European and German Foreign Policy*" (Munich: Oldenbourg-Verlag, 2003, 328 pp. in German); "*Cooperation or Conflict in Asia-Pacific? China's Tying into Regional Security Structures and the Implications for Europe*" (Munich: Oldenbourg-Verlag, 2003, 395 pp. in German) and "*The Red Alliance. Development and Decay of the Warsaw Pact 1955-1991*" (The Ch. Links-Verlag, Berlin 2005, 728 pp.