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**Arms Control – how to prevent a new arms race in
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Colonel (ret) Wolfgang Richter joined the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) after retirement from military service in 2010. His research areas cover the European security order including the role of the OSCE, NATO-Russia relations, territorial conflicts, conventional and nuclear arms control, and military strategies. He also published policy papers on the use of armed drones and on explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA).

In his military career as a general staff officer in the German Federal Armed Forces he dealt with strategic planning, development of defence concepts, military tasks and structures, and arms control issues. He served in various command and general staff functions, inter alia, as Chief of Staff of a German Airborne Brigade (1985-87), planning staff officer in NATO HQ SHAPE (1987-89) and the German Ministry of Defence (1993-95), commander of a Motorized Rifle Regiment (1991-93), and head of the conventional arms control division of the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (1999-2004). He was posted as delegate to the CFE negotiations in Vienna (1989) and as senior military advisor to the Permanent Representations of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, the UN Disarmament fora in New York (1995-1999) and the OSCE (2005-2009).