



The Art of War and Peace:

Understanding our Choices in a World At War

The world is becoming a more dangerous place. Western credibility and deterrence are diminishing in the face of wars in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, tensions across the Taiwan Strait, and rising populism and terrorism around the world. Can peace, mutual respect and democracy survive, or are we destined to a new permanent chaos in which authoritarians and populists thrive? What is the best way to prevent, fight and resolve future conflict?

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung invites you to a discussion with Greg Mills and David Kilcullen, two renowned security experts from South Africa and Australia, on past and present failures, and on the best way to prevent, fight and resolve future conflict.

**Tuesday, 24 September 2024 at Haus der Kreislaufwirtschaft
Von-der-Heydt-Straße 2, 10785 Berlin**

17:00	Welcome remarks Dr. Stefan Friedrich, Head of Department for Sub-Saharan Africa, KAS
17:10	Failure in Afghanistan, war in Europe, conflict in Africa: What is going wrong in defending democracy Greg Mills, Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa David Kilcullen (online), Professor at Sydney and Arizona State Universities
17:30	How to prevent, fight and resolve future conflict Greg Mills David Kilcullen
Followed by	Discussion
18:30	War into Peace: Key takeaways moderated by Henri Bohnet, Policy Advisor, Department for Sub-Saharan Africa, KAS
18:50	Final words and a song: The Art of War and Peace Greg Mills and Robin Auld
19:00	End of the event
Followed by	Refreshments

Speakers:



David Kilcullen has professorships in Australia and the US, and is a leading theorist and practitioner of guerilla and unconventional warfare, counterinsurgency and counterterrorism, with operational experience over a 25-year career with the Australian and US governments as a light infantry officer, intelligence officer, policy advisor and diplomat. He served in Iraq as senior counterinsurgency advisor to US general David Petraeus, then as a senior counterterrorism advisor to US secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, and has served in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Libya and Colombia.



Greg Mills heads the Johannesburg-based Brenthurst Foundation, is a senior fellow and advisory board member at the Royal United Services Institute in London, and currently serves as the strategic advisor to the president of Zambia. He sat on the Danish Africa Commission and the African Development Bank's high-level panel on fragile states. He served four deployments to Afghanistan as the advisor to the commander, and he has also worked extensively in Colombia, and with a variety of African governments to improve the conditions for stability, investment and growth. Along with Dr Kilcullen, he is the author of "The Ledger", which pinpoints the reasons

for failure in Afghanistan.

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