

Report on

Workshop "Military Research and Responsibility of Scientists"

at IPB Congress October 1, 2016 [program](#) WS A15 (pp. 37) by [Dietrich Schulze](#)

In addition to the speakers according to the program we were lucky to find moderation help of [Anna Malin Frank](#) presently working at IFSH Hamburg.

Clearly with respect to the worldwide military research the lectures of [Subrata Ghoshroy](#) MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and [Stuart Parkinson](#) SGR (Scientists for Global Responsibility) were at the center point of the meeting with 17 international participants.

Fortunately the power point slides both of the main speakers had been submitted immediately. Here Subrata "[Social Responsibility of Engineers and Scientists in the Military-Industrial Complex](#)" and here Stuart "[Militarisation of Science and Technology in the UK](#)" Both exciting lectures of about 45 minutes combined with the intensive discussion had consumed 2 hours. Please study these important lectures.

And please investigate also Subratas personal story blowing the whistle (p. 2, 17-18). As he called me "father of the civil clause (CC)" reminding me on his big CC contribution with his lecture on December 1, 1999 in the packed strike auditorium at the KIT Redtenbacher. Here the [video](#) at Open Media Boston. This had been the real CC starting point of the German CC movement with more than 30 civil clauses decided by university bodies now - but also [alot of problems](#).

Discussion subject to Stuarts lecture: "Any university without military funding" (p. 14) "UAV research: Autonomous Systems Liverpool University" (p. 15) "Research is not 'security classified'" (p. 15) "Related work on arms conversion" (p. 21) "Ethical Careers: Info for university students" (p. 21). Stuart pointed also on the 2013 SGR paper "[Offensive Insecurity: The role of science and technology in UK security strategies](#)" and distributed copies.

The remaining half hour could be used by the report author. His opening remark: Got no time to prepare power point slides. Therefore only two actual examples to both title subjects:

▼ Karlsruhe: Saturday evening SouthWest television report: "[Military research in state Baden-Wuerttemberg](#)" "Fiddle about German Army and armor industry in the name of security: Insights of military research of the Fraunhofer society in times of increased uncertainty." [Dirty role](#) of KIT institute chief Jürgen Beyerer also chief of the Karlsruhe military Fraunhofer institute IOSB (research image acquisition, processing, analysis). Simply war propaganda of public funded media.

▼ Bremen: For the University of Applied Sciences/Polytechnic (HSB) since August there was developed the "[Public appeal protecting the universities' Civil Clause by developing it into a proactive Peace Research Conception](#)". Reason: The German armed forces succeeded to win the direction to to a formal cooperation establishing a computer-science study program for military purposes (cyber war), a clear violation of the Civil Clause. This protest is that time the only real CC activity with the perspective of expanding the Civil Clause. There are a lot of [supporting signatures](#) but this cooperation has not been stopped now. Dietrich distributed copies of the cited paper.

It is not easy to spread an impression of the engaged discussion. I should be permitted to show only one example in detail. [Laëtitia Sédou](#) from European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAAT) talked about the subject "[Why the EU should not subsidy military research](#)" with several bridges to the former discussion and other congress events in the field of armor conversion, the industrial CC to be supported by the trade unions. See the panel A4 (pp. 18) and the WS B12 (pp. 54).

The most moving event at end of this day was the action to illustrate the [Peace Symbol](#) by the participants in front of the main building of the Technical University.

Last not least the [organizers press release](#) on last day morning, which clearfys: 800 participants from all over the world on the peace conference "Disarm!"

