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Prof. Dr. Reimund Seidelmann discusses the peace-building process in Europe from the end of World War II to modern times. This includes the role of European integration and finally EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), the role of transatlantic cooperation through NATO, and the CSCE/OSCE process. The lecture defines the past and present military challenges to European peace in security and discusses the lessons from policies designed to create more peace-in-security at lower costs and lesser military risks. This includes a critical evaluation of European integration, détente policies, and today's peace-keeping by the European Union and its crisis intervention force.

Prof. Dr. Seidelmann is currently Professor for International Relations and Foreign Policy at Giessen University in Germany, Professor at the Institute of European Studies at the Free University of Brussels in Belgium, Honorary Professor for International Politics at Renmin University, Beijing, China and Honorary Professor for European Studies at the Parayhangan Catholic University in Bandung, Indonesia.

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He has published widely on theories of International Relations, Peace and Security Studies, regional and global security, and defence and disarmament policies. He has participated in political activities and political consultations of German and international organizations and bodies (such as the United Nations).

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