

From Hybrid Peace to Human Security: Rethinking EU Strategy towards Conflict

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A recent publication of likely interest to Euro Crisis in the Press readers is the The Berlin

Report of the Human Security Study Group. Entitled 'From

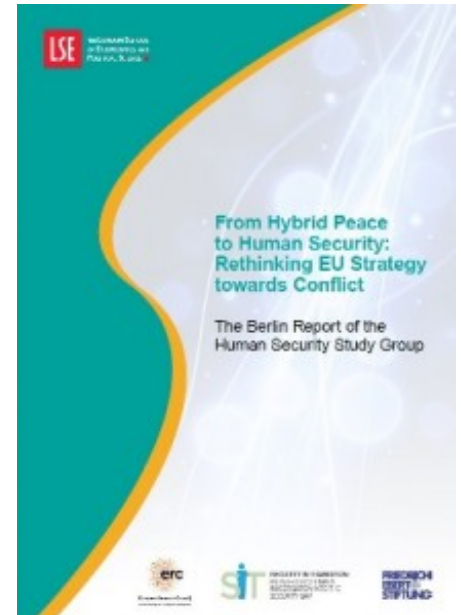
Hybrid Peace to Human Security: Rethinking EU Strategy towards Conflict', it was presented to the European External Action Service in Brussels earlier this year.

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The report proposes that the European Union adopts a second generation human security approach to conflicts, as an alternative to Geo-Politics or the War on Terror. Second generation human security takes forward the principles of human security and adapts them to 21st century realities.

The report argues that the EU is a new type of 21st century political institution in contrast to 20th century nation-states. 20th century nation states were based on a clear distinction between inside and outside. Typical outside instruments were state-to-state diplomacy or economic and military coercion. Typical inside instruments are the rule of law, politics, and policing. In today's complex, contested and connected world, outside instruments do not work; they backfire and make things worse. Human security is about extending the inside beyond the EU.



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