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Introduction of the Speakers

WB63: Wednesday, 16 March, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel: Coping with Global Environmental Change, Disasters and Security: Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks

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Introducing the Panelists

- **Montreal 2004:** Launch a Dialogue Project
- **Montreal 2011:** Present Results of Third Book
 - Launch **Global Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene**
- **Discussants:** Founding Fathers of Environmental Security Research:
- **Speakers:** Editors and authors of:
 - **Coping with Global Environmental Change, Security and Disasters: Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks** (2011)

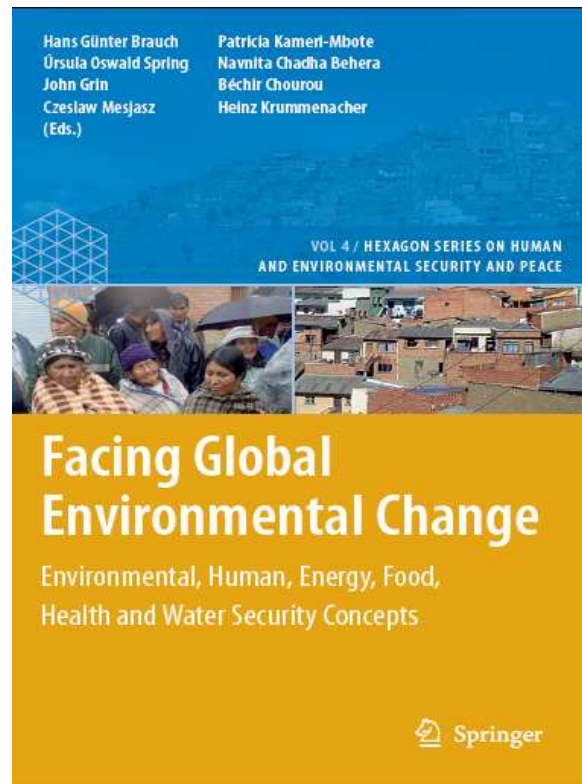
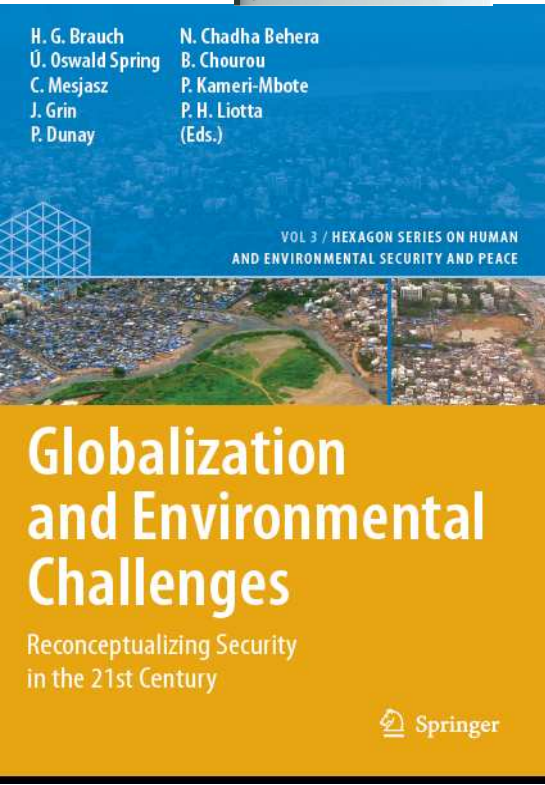
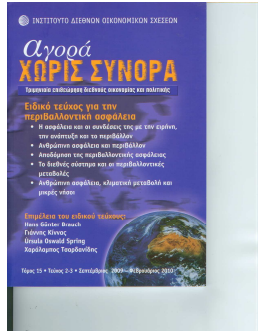
1. Montreal 2004: Launch a Dialogue Project

- **Map Global Reconceptualization of Security**
- **2 Panels:**
 - Environmental Security
 - Human Security
- **Participants:**
 - Two coeditors: Mesjasz & Brauch
 - Two colleagues from Egypt & Tunisia: now active in the transformation of their countries to democracy
 - Two PhD Candidates: France (Sociology) & Italy (International Law)

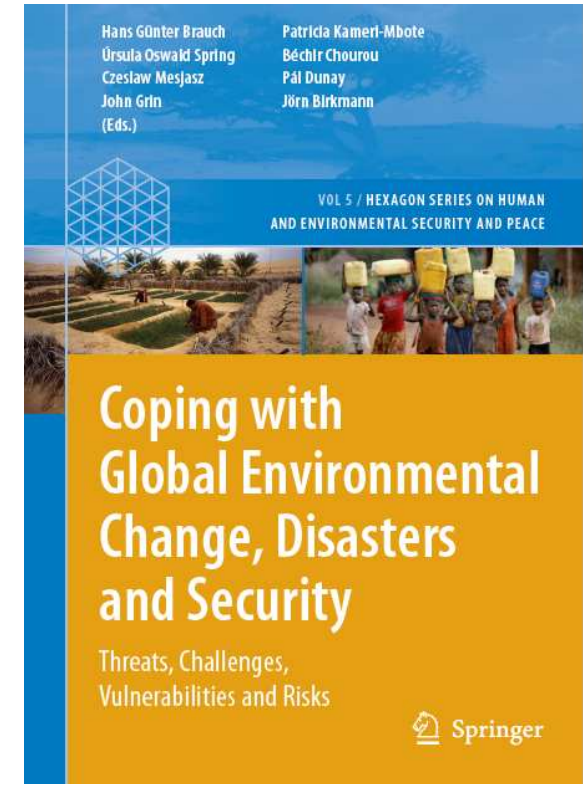
2. Montreal 2011:

Global Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene (GEHSHA)

<<http://www.afes-press-books.de/html/hexagon.htm>>



11 coeditors from 10 countries
270 peer-reviewed chapters
300 authors from 100 countries



3. Discussants: Founding Fathers of Environmental Security Research

- Prof. Nils-Petter Gleditsch, former ISA Pre-sident, editor of Journal of Peace Research, Senior Researcher, PRIO
 - Organized in 1996 a NATO sponsored conference in Norway on Environmental Security:
 - Gleditsch, Nils-Petter (Ed.), 1997: *Conflict and the Environment* (Dordrecht – Bo-ston – London: Kluwer Academic Publishers).
 - Critic of approach of 2nd discussant (1998,2001):
 - Gleditsch, Nils Petter, 1998: “Armed Conflict and the Environment: A Critique of the Literature”, in: *Journal of Peace Research*, 35,3 (May): 381-400.
 - Diehl Paul F; Gleditsch, Nils Petter (Eds.), 2001: *Environmental Conflict* (Boulder, Co.: Westview).
 - Contributor to the Hexagon Book Series:
 - Gleditsch, Nils-Petter, 2003: “Environmental Conflict: Neomalthusians vs. Cornucopians”, in: Brauch, Hans Günter; Liotta, P.H; Marquina, Antonio; Rogers, Paul; Selim, Mohammed El-Sayed (Eds.): *Security and Environment in the Mediterranean. Conceptualising Security and Environmental Conflicts* (Berlin-Heidelberg: Springer 2003): 477-485.

3. 2nd Discussant: Founding Fathers of Environmental Security Research

Prof. Homer-Dixon, Waterloo University, CIGI Chair of Global Systems at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada, and professor in the Centre for Environment and Business at the University of Waterloo

- **Launched 3 empirical research projects & directed Toronto research team of second phase of empirical environmental security research:**
- **Many major publications:**
 - Homer-Dixon, Thomas F., 1991: “On the Threshold: Environmental Changes as Causes of Acute Conflict”, in: *International Security*, 16,2: 76–116.
 - Homer-Dixon, Thomas F., 1994: “Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases”, in: *International Security*, 19,1: 5–40.
 - Homer-Dixon, Thomas F., 1999: *Environment, Scarcity, and Violence* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press).
 - Homer-Dixon, Thomas; Blitt, Jessica (Eds.), 1998: *Ecoviolence: Links among Environment, Population, and Security* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield).
- **Contributor to the Hexagon Book Series:**
 - Homer-Dixon, Thomas F.; Deligiannis, Tom, 2009: “Environmental Scarcities and Civil Violence”, in: Brauch, Hans Günter; Oswald Spring, Ursula; Grin, John; Mesjasz, Czeslaw; Kameri-Mbote, Patricia; Behera, Navnita Chadha; Chourou, Béchir; Krummenacher, Heinz (Eds.): *Facing Global Environmental Change: Environmental, Human, Energy, Food, Health and Water Security Concepts*. Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace, vol. 4 (Berlin – Heidelberg – New York: Springer-Verlag): 309-324.

4. Speakers: Coeditors and Authors in 3rd Vol. of GEHSHA

- **Prof. Dr. Ursula Oswald Spring (Mexico)**, CRIM, UNAM: Anthropologist, Ecologist, Psychologist
 - Coeditor of all 3 volumes, author of 2 chapters, coauthor of 4 chapters
 - Editor of vol. VII in the Hexagon Series: Water Resources in Mexico
 - Former Minister of ecological development, Morelos, Mexico
 - Former President of IPRA, Secretary General of CLAIP, former Program Chair Peace Studies Section and a Section Board member
- **Prof. Dr. Czeslaw Mesajsz (Poland)**, Cracow Economic University, Physicist, Economist
 - Coeditor of all three volumes, author
 - Author of vol. IX in the Hexagon Book Series
- **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Scheffran (physicist)**, holds a chair on climate change & geography, Geography Department of Hamburg University
 - Lead editor of Vol. VIII
- **Adj. Prof., PD Dr. Hans Günter Brauch**, political scientist, FU Berlin, designed, developed & implemented the project
 - Editor, peer-reviewed **Hexagon Book Series** and of peer-reviewed **SpringerBriefs on Environment, Security, Development and Peace**

5. Programme for this session

- All four papers emerged from chapters of speakers in vol. III of GEHSHA or Vol. V of the HEXAGON Book Series on: *Coping with Global Environmental Change, Disasters and Security: Threats, Challenges, Vulnerabilities and Risks*
 - **Hans Guenter Brauch: AFES □ PRESS:** Political Geoecology for the Anthropocene (co-authored with U. Oswald Spring & Simon Dalby, geographer)
 - **Ursula Oswald Spring: National University of Mexico** Towards a Fourth Sustainable Revolution (coauthored)
 - **Juergen Scheffran: University of Hamburg:** Conflicts and Instabilities of Climate □ Society Interaction
 - **Czeslaw Mesjasz: Cracow University of Economics:** Economic Vulnerability and Economic Security in the Time of Financial Turmoil