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**Saturday, 27 August 2005**

**11.00-12.30: Panel 10: From Conflict to Environmental Peacemaking in the Middle  
East: A Roundtable**

Paper 28: [Hans Günter Brauch](#), Free University of Berlin & AFES.-PRESS (Germany):  
Learning from Mitrany, Marshall, Monnet, Gorbachev: 60 Years of Peace in Europe

In the Middle East conflict a 'modern' military and political national security concept has prevailed in the thinking of foreign and defence policy elites and of many security specialists (Selim 2003; Kam 2003; Aydin 2003). This 'narrow' concept has focused on the 'security dilemma' (Herz 1950) that addresses the conceptual linkages between international 'peace' and 'security'. It has dealt with the 'immediate' hard security security threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks, and has neglected 'longer-term' environmental and human security challenges, vulnerabilities and risks posed by a 'survival dilemma' that tries to address environment and security linkages.

Four conceptual thinkers are reviewed whose policy thinking have contributed to a period of sixty years of peace in Europe. The conceptual ideas of David Mitrany (UK), George Marshall (USA), Jean Monnet (France) were instrumental for 60 years of peace in Europe and for European integration, as well as the 'new thinking' of Mikhail Gorbachev (USSR/Russia) was crucial for overcoming the Cold War and contributing to the reunification of Europe.