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The Ludwig Quidde Award 2014 is conferred upon Mary Kaldor



The Ludwig Quidde Foundation (Osnabrueck, Germany) confers the Ludwig Quidde Award 2014 upon the British scholar Mary Kaldor. The prize is endowed with 5,000 Euro and honors outstanding academic achievements that have an ideational or practical impact on peace policies and public discourses.

The designated honoree Professor Mary Kaldor, born 1946, is Director of the Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit at the renowned London School of Economics and Political Science. Over several decades, Kaldor has helped to shape the peace studies agenda. Her early work included the construction of the first arms trade statistics at SIPRI, her analysis of ‘baroque’ military technology and her

interpretation of the Cold War as Imaginary War. In her pioneering recent work Kaldor analyses the dynamics of armed conflict since the end of the Cold War. Her book about “new and old wars” in the global era attracted attention both in the scientific world and in the public sphere, stated Prof. Dr. Jost Duelffer, University of Cologne, chairman of the jury. Mary Kaldor also gained broad recognition for her work on new human security conceptions embedding humanitarian aims into international security policies.

Prof. Dr. Michael Brzoska, chairman of the Ludwig Quidde Foundation, underlined that Mary Kaldor’s aspirations were never limited to academic research, but seeking to transfer her findings into political practice and public debates. During the Cold War she was promoting nuclear disarmament and played a key role in building links between the West European peace movement and the East European human rights movement. After the end of the Cold war, she worked with civil society groups in conflict zones. As a political advisor she was responsible for two notable reports on establishing a human security strategy for European foreign policy. Mary Kaldor further elaborated upon these ideas in her most recent publications (i.a. *The Ultimate Weapon is No Weapon* 2010). By linking her academic research to political advisory and media work Mary Kaldor stands in the tradition of the German Nobel Peace Prize Laureate of 1927 Ludwig Quidde.

The Ludwig Quidde Award will be presented to Mary Kaldor in a public award ceremony in the current year.

The Ludwig Quidde Foundation was established in 2001 and is today administrated by the German Foundation for Peace Research. The Ludwig Quidde Award is conferred every two years based on a selection process of an interdisciplinary jury consisting of Prof. Dr. Jost Duelffer (chair), Prof. Dr. Michael Brzoska, Prof. Dr. Heike Krieger, and Dr. Cornelia Ulbert. The purpose of the Foundation is, apart from to the Ludwig Quidde Award, to support research on the life and oeuvre of Ludwig Quidde and to promote projects closely related to the aims of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, the protection and unfolding of peace and freedom.

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