At the University of Hamburg (UHAM), Antje Wiener and Uwe Puetter (Central European University) focused their activities on publishing and disseminating the team’s findings on the issue of elite participation in the making of European foreign and security policy and the role of contested norms. Particular achievements include the completion of the **working paper on the intergovernmental dimension of EU foreign and security policy – key findings, policy episodes and country experiences (D7)** by Wiener and Puetter, which was published as ‘The intergovernmental dimension of EU foreign and security policy: Enacting normative meaning-in-use in policy deliberation’, CEUR Working Paper 2/2011 in September 2011. A potential oscillation between conflict and consensus puts the CFSP governance and coordination under strain. This challenges research to make sense of the dynamic and evolving nature of CFSP while demanding insights into a potential institutional design that improves the effectiveness of CFSP governance in terms of coherent and collective policy actions by the EU member states and the Union’s institutions. Drawing on the contested norms approach and the concept of deliberative intergovernmentalism the research shows that the coordination process has been developed to an extent that standardised procedures are overwhelmingly shared among policy makers. But while it matters what is discussed, by whom and in what kind of negotiation setting, not all settings are equally suited for dealing with specific policy content: the Foreign Affairs Council is ill suited to pro-actively engage with addressing known normative divergences due to its standard working method; the Political and Security Committee leaves room for further evolution despite its dynamic character and a comparatively large likelihood of common understanding on organising principles of the EU’s CFSP; the Group of Directors might be best suited to play a stronger role in terms of an institutionalised venue for norm contestation in a forward-looking manner, presuming that the Political Director position is the same within the different administrative settings of the member states which is not always the case.

The UHAM team also staged a one-day dissemination conference on ‘Security governance’ in Hamburg on 4 February 2011, in collaboration with researchers of the Hamburg Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH). Wiener and Puetter hosted the concluding roundtable discussion and delivered a co-authored paper entitled ‘European Union foreign policy practices: Enacting normative meaning-in-use internationally’, while Maren Hofius presented a paper on ‘Normalizing difference? Exploring the civil-military interface within CSDP’. The event was prepared and organised by Hannes Hansen-Magnusson. It was publicly announced and attended by 35 guests from universities, research institutions and think tanks from across Germany.
Dissemination Activities and Publications from 2007-2011:


10 September 2009 ‘Informal Elite Dialogue and Democratic Control: Core Dilemma or Key Opportunity for EU Foreign and Security Politics?’, Uwe Puetter, Antje Wiener and Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, paper presented at the 5th ECPR General Conference, University of Potsdam, Germany.


