

### **Short Bio of Kristin Bleyder**

Kristin Bleyder is a member of the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research which annually publishes the Conflict Barometer. She published an article on “Civil-Military relations in Bangladesh” in the edited book “Indien und Pakistan – Atommächte im Spannungsfeld regionaler und globaler Veränderungen” (Ed. von Dehn / Buciak 2010) and wrote about extremism in Bangladesh as well as changes in extremist organizations in Pakistan for an edited book on religion and conflict in South Asia (Ed. Brenner / Kursawe 2011).

Kristin was invited by the State Centre of Political Education Baden-Württemberg several times to give speeches on security related topics. She also worked as research assistant in the department of peace and sustainable development of the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Heidelberg which is one of the editors of the annually published German Peace Report. From 2008 to 2011 Kristin was chief editor of the magazine “Defacto” published by the Association of International Relations and Security Studies.

Kristin is also one of the founders of the Forum for International Security Heidelberg, an association that organizes symposia on different issues of foreign policy and security studies and was awarded for its work by the German Government in 2010. Besides that Kristin is a Magister student of political science of South Asia, philosophy and public law at University of Heidelberg and her research mainly focuses on peace and conflict research as well as security studies.

Kristin is currently working with BIPSS on a special research project.