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## **Institutionalisierung von Sicherheit in den EU-Südostasien-Beziehungen: Transfer des institutionellen Nexus von Sicherheit und Entwicklung nach Südostasien?**

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### **Summary**

Since the ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon, considerable institutional adaptation has taken place to manage the overlapping areas or the nexus between the EU's security and development policies. Current plans of the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) to build up structures suggest that this nexus is furthermore driving externalization and external institutionalization efforts of FPI, in particular in relation to FPI's Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) in Southeast Asia. This envisaged institution-building beyond the EU's borders implies a transfer of the security-development nexus debate and pertinent responsibilities from the Brussels headquarters of FPI to the corresponding structures on site. This thus begs the question whether — if at all — the effectiveness of IcSP in Southeast Asia can be improved through an institutional shift of the nexus debate? Can inter-institutional issues of the EU arising from the nexus be attenuated or even dissolved through externalization processes? In light of the ongoing violent conflicts in Rakhine State and Marawi City at the time of writing, questions about effective crisis response and management in Southeast Asia are more relevant than ever and demand attention to the potential of international assistance providers, namely the EU's evolving security actor capability.

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