



# CONIAS RISK INTELLIGENCE

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## CONIAS Newsletter May 2019

Dear Reader,

In May, they say, everything is possible. Whether this will also be the case this month, will be certainly revealed on May 26th, when the European Parliament will be elected to represent more than 512 million people from (still) 28 member states. For the first time, the informal "Grand Coalition" between Conservatives and Social Democrats could lose its majority in the EP and eurosceptic parties could take over more seats than any of them. One issue that the EP will have to address no matter what is amongst other questions also addressed in our Newsletter No. 5: A transparent and secure supply chain. You don't want to wait another month for new insights from our CONIAS experts or have comments and suggestions? Then please engage with us directly via [Twitter](#) and [Linkedin](#).

Hinweis: Ab sofort gibt es den monatlichen CONIAS Newsletter auch in deutscher Sprache. Eine Anmeldung hierfür ist ab sofort möglich und benötigt nur einen [Klick](#).

For now, we hope you enjoy the read and look forward to further exchanges!

Your CONIAS-Team

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## CONIAS Blog: What made us think last month

### Your supply chain - only as strong as its weakest link!



In a recent piece for the US-based Foreign Policy magazine, author Elisabeth Braw questioned which political risks producers have to factor into their supply chain strategies today. She argues, that while the globalization of the supply chain makes much economic sense, it also can contribute significantly to susceptibility and vulnerability. How to overcome "[The Manufacturer's Dilemma](#)"?

In our [#ExpertInsight](#) of the month, Dr. Magdalena Kirchner examines political risks and the potential consequences for supply chains. Read here, how CONIAS can help you to [thoroughly check your network of suppliers and production sites](#) and make sure that it stays resilient against current and future political turmoil.

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## CONIAS Insight: What you might have missed



What kept us busy in the past weeks? On May 6th and 7th, our CEO Dr. Nicolas Schwank represented CONIAS at the [Geocom User Conference](#) 2019 in Berlin. Also on May 7th, Dr. Magdalena Kirchner discussed the unfolding economic and constitutional crisis in Turkey with the German/Turkish news outlet [Deutsche Welle Türkce](#) and the pan-European TV outlet [Euronews](#).

Since May 1, the well-known researcher and political analyst [Dr. Susan T. Jackson](#) joined CONIAS as Chief Analyst and Research Manager. Previously, she had been an Associate Senior Researcher with the [SIPRI](#) Arms and Military Expenditure Programme in Stockholm and examined inter alia the "[Militarization of Social Media](#)". At CONIAS, Dr. Jackson takes over from Dr. Magdalena Kirchner who will start a new position as Country Director Afghanistan at the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation on June 1. We are thrilled to welcome Susan in our team and look forward to our next adventures!



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## About CONIAS

In our [daily business](#), we combine hands-on [consulting](#) on political landscapes with the steady and research-based improvement of our [methods](#). We think that learning from [partners](#) and customers alike and growing with challenges is essential for start-ups like us, seeking to stay agile and customer-oriented. Curiosity and open-mindedness also drive the way we develop our products - the digital solutions from CONIAS help clients to evaluate and monitor suppliers in real-time. Our [maps and charts](#) support our partners in presentations for target audiences, customers and co-workers alike. Last but certainly not least, we provide deeper insights and understandings through background [reports](#), webinars and [workshops](#).

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