FOREIGN POLICY AND UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIA (UNA-AUSTRIA)

XLII FOREIGN POLICY TALK

HERNSTEIN CASTLE, LOWER AUSTRIA

Friday, 21 and Saturday, 22 October 2011

"TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD"
The Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA) cordially invites you to the 41st Foreign Policy Talk at Hernstein Castle.

Already since 1967 the autumns in Hernstein Castle in Lower Austria (about one hour’s drive from Vienna) are dedicated to the “Foreign Policy Talks”. The event is organized in co-operation with the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (AFA) and other partners. Each year the Talks are dedicated to one particular topic of significance to Austrian Foreign Policy and offer an unique opportunity for an open and informal exchange of ideas at high level.

The “Foreign Policy Talks“ are usually held on Friday and Saturday; on Friday throughout the day and on Saturday until lunch time. Each of the three half-days is devoted to one specific subtopic within the overall theme. Two or three speakers from Austria or abroad (personalities and experts from the field of politics, economics and culture, as well as Austrian diplomats) are generally requested to give short talks on each of the subtopics, which are then followed by discussions moderated by prominent Austrian personalities. Further deliberations can be held during lunch and dinner.

Although there is always great interest to attend the Talks, only 100 participants are admitted in order to enable a lively discussion. Furthermore, facilities for accommodation are limited. The audience is composed of young university students and graduates, students of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Vienna as well as of the International Organizations represented in Vienna. Staff members of the Austrian Foreign Ministry and private persons with a particular interest in the subject matter are likewise welcome.

Foreign policy journalists are also invited. If appropriate, they may be requested not to report details of the proceedings. The topics are usually dealt with in a frank and open manner on the basis of the so called “Chatham House Rule”. (“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed“.)

The working language of the Talks is English (without translation).

To enable access as widely as possible, it has been decided to charge a conference fee of only 20.- Euro. For accommodation at Hemstein Castle a single room is offered for 60.- Euro or a bed in a double room for 30.- Euro per person. Coffee breaks, meals and drinks are covered by sponsors and the organizer.

Hernstein Castle is situated in an enchanting park. The conference facilities and the relaxing atmosphere at the countryside guarantee an open and spontaneous exchange of ideas. The seminar centre has an own swimming pool and a sauna. The bar usually serves as meeting point for participants until late night.

The Castle can be reached from Vienna by the “A2 Südbahnh“ (south highway), exit Leobersdorf, heading towards Berndorf/Hemstein. The organizer provides also a bus shuttle from Vienna to Hemstein Castle and back.

The UNA-AUSTRIA is looking forward to meeting you in Hemstein and wishes you fruitful discussions within the “Hemstein Spirit”.

The Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA) cordially invites you to the 41st Foreign Policy Talk at Hernstein Castle.
08:00  Meeting point in front of Hotel de France in Vienna (1010, Schottenring 3) for bus transfer to Hemstein

09:30  Opening

10:00  Keynote Speech Video

**HRH Prince El-Hassan bin Talaal of Jordan**

10:30  Ziad MAJEDE; Political Researcher for Middle East Studies at the American University of Paris

Amb. Dr. Ferdinand TRAUTIMANSDORFF; Austrian Ambassador in Prague and former Ambassador in Cairo

Moderator:
Amb. ret. Dr. Alexander CHRISTIANI; Member of Board of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

11:30  Coffee Break

11:45  Discussion

13:15  Lunch
15:00  Ziad MAJED: Political Researcher for Middle East Studies at the American University of Paris


Moderator:
Amb. ret. Dr. Gregor WOSCHNAGG: Vice-President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

16:00  Coffee Break

16:30  Discussion

18:00  End of Discussion

19:00  Dinner
Saturday, 22 October 2011 - Part 3 - Strategic Interests

09:30   H.E. Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Mahmoud OULD MOHAMEDOU; Visiting Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Associate Fellow, Geneva Center for Security Policy

Brigadier Mag. Dr. Walter FEICHTINGER; Director of the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy, Vienna

Moderator:
Marc E. MELICH; Member of Board of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria as Representative of the Youth and Student Association (Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs)

10:30   Coffee Break

11:00   Discussion

12:30   Lunch

14:00   Departure of bus to Vienna
UNA-AUSTRIA thanks for the support of the Foreign Policy Talks 2011 given by:

- Oesterreichische Nationalbank (as main partner of the Foreign Policy Talks 2011)
- Austrian Federal Economic Chamber - Austrian Trade
- Economic Chamber - Vienna

The way to Hemstein Castle:

By car:
“Südautobahn (A2)“, exit Leobersdorf, direction Bemdorf/Hemstein
(about one hour’s drive from Vienna)

By provided bus:
departure from Vienna: Friday, 08:00 entrance Hotel de France (1010 Vienna, Schottenring 3)
departure from Hemstein: Saturday, after lunch (about 14:00)
(no transfer to Vienna on Friday evening)

Further information on Hernstein Castle:

http://www.schloss-hernstein.at

Registration:

http://afa.at/oega/hemstein.htm
Previous topics of the Foreign Policy Talks:

I. 1967 Perspektiven österreichischer Außenpolitik
II. 1968 Multilaterale Entwicklungshilfe: Österreichs Möglichkeiten - Österreichs Beitrag
III. 1969 Die Bewährung der Neutralitätspolitik im Krisenfall
V. 1971 Das Image Österreichs im Ausland
VI. 1972 Europäische Sicherheit
VII. 1973 Die Zukunft des Welthandels
VIII. 1974 Multinationale Unternehmen und staatliche Souveränität
IX. 1975 Die Welt von 1985 - Versuch einer Standortbestimmung
X. 1976 Mittelmeerpolitik: Herausforderung Europas?
XI. 1977 Neue Internationale Wirtschaftsordnung und Österreich - Entwicklungspolitik, Aufteilung der Meeresressourcen
XII. 1978 Österreichische Ost-West-Politik nach der Belgrader Nachfolgekonferenz über Sicherheit und Zusammenarbeit in Europa
XIII. 1979 Außenpolitik und Öffentlichkeit in Österreich
XIV. 1980 25 Jahre Außenpolitik des neutralen Österreich
XV. 1981 Ost-West-Politik in einer neuen Phase
XVI. 1982 Demokratie und Außenpolitik
XVIII. 1986 Wirtschaftsperspektiven in Osteuropa und in den Ost-West-Bez.
XIX. 1987 Österreich und die Europäischen Gemeinschaften, Bilanz und Perspektiven
XX. 1989 Reformprozesse in Mittel- und Osteuropa - Neue Reformen der Kooperation mit Österreich
XXI. 1990 Österreichs Platz im neuen Europa
XXII. 1991 Herausforderungen für eine Sicherheits- und Friedenspolitik im neuen Europa
XXIII. 1992 Sicherheit und Neutralität im neuen Europa
XXIV. 1993 Der Wandel in den Staaten Osteuropas und Österreich
XXV. 1994 Österreichs neue Stellung in der Welt nach dem Beitritt zur EU
XXVI. 1995 Die EU-Regierungskonferenz 1996 und Österreich
XXVII. 1996 Friede und Stabilität auf dem Gebiet des früheren Jugoslawien
XXVIII. 1997 Österreich, die Europäische Sicherheit und die neue NATO
XXIX. 1998 entfällt wegen der EU-Präsidentschaft
XXX. 2000 Ostasien - Europa: Partner oder Konkurrenten?
XXXI. 2001 Transatlantic Relations: Partnership or Confrontation?
XXXII. 2002 Gibt es eine Außenpolitik des EU-Mitglieds Österreich?
XXXIII. 2003 Altes Europa - Neues Europa: Einheit oder Spaltung?
XXXIV. 2004 Österreich 10 Jahre nach der EU-Volksabstimmung: Wurden die Erwartungen erfüllt?
XXXV. 2005 Hat staatliche Diplomatie noch Zukunft? Herausforderungen durch Globalisierung und Integration
XXXVI. 2006 Kurswechsel auf dem Balkan? Eine Bestandsaufnahme
XXXVII. 2007 The Contributions of Vienna-based International Organizations to Intern. Security
XXXVIII. 2008 Public Diplomacy
XXXIX. 2009 Global Challenges and Answers
XL. 2010 Staatliche Souveränität in der heutigen Zeit
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