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

XLIV FOREIGN POLICY TALK

HERNSTEIN CASTLE, LOWER AUSTRIA

Friday, 17 and Saturday, 18 October 2014

"35 YEARS UNITED NATIONS IN AUSTRIA"

Programme as of 14 October 2014
The Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA) cordially invites you to the 44th Foreign Policy Talk at Hemstein Castle.

Already since 1967 the autumns in Hemstein 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, not more than 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 - thanks to the event partners - only 50.- Euro. The fee includes a part of the general conference costs and materials, a book on the United Nations as well as the meals with one beverage and all coffee breaks. Drinks at the Castle bar are not included. 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.

Hemstein 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 Südautobahn” (south highway), exit Leobersdorf, heading towards Bemdorf/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”.
Friday, 17 October 2014 - Part 1: “35 Years Vienna International Centre”

08:00 Meeting point in front of Hotel de France in Vienna (1010, Schottenring 3) for bus transfer to Hemstein

09:30 Opening

- Dr. Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL; former Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA)

Keynote “The Vienna International Centre - a Difficult Birth”

- Dr. Alexander CHRISTIANI; former Ambassador of Austria, Member of Board of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA)

Panel Discussion “The UN Seat in Vienna from an Austrian and an International Perspective“

- Dr. Gerhard PFANZELTER; former Ambassador of Austria

- Dr. Martin NESIRKY; acting Director of the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna and former Spokesperson of UN Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon

Moderation

- Dr. Peter JANKOWITSCH; former Ambassador and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Austria, Vice-President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA)

11:00 Coffee Break
11:30 Discussion
12:30 Lunch
13:30 Optional Castle Tour
Friday, 17 October 2014 - Part 2: “Vienna as Energy Hub”

14:30  Panel Discussion

- Dr. Kandeh K. YUMKELLA; CEO of the Initiative Sustainable Energy For All (SE4ALL)

- Martin LUGMAYR, MA, MSc.; Sustainable Energy Expert, Energy and Climate Change Branch, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Moderation

- Dr. Gregor WOSCHNAGG; former Ambassador of Austria, Vice-President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA)

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00  Discussion

17:30  End of Discussion (Possibilities for Sports and Recreation)

19:00  Dinner

20:30  Reception at the Castle Bar
Saturday, 18 October 2014 - Part 3: “Dealing with Nuclear Threats and Nonproliferation”

09:30  Panel Discussion

- Dr. Gabriele VOIGT; Director, Office of Analytical Services, Department of Safeguards, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- Sabine BAUER; Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)

Moderation

- Filip SARIC, BSc.; United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria - Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA), Chair for Graz

11:00  Coffee Break

11:30  Discussion

12:30  Lunch

14:00  Departure of Bus to Vienna

UNA-AUSTRIA thanks for the support of the Foreign Policy Talks given by:

- Oesterreichische Nationalbank (as main partner of the Foreign Policy Talks 2014) (TBC)
- Austrian Federal Economic Chamber - Advantage Austria
- Economic Chamber - Lower Austria (TBC)
- Government of Lower Austria (TBC)
The way to Hemstein Castle:

By car:
“Südautobahn (A2)“, exit Leobersdorf, direction Berndorf/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 Hemstein Castle: http://www.schloss-hemstein.at

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

I. 1967 Perspektiven österreichischer Außenpolitik
II. 1968 Multilaterale Entwicklungshilf: 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 Mittelmeerpolarit: Herausforderung Europas?
XI. 1977 Neue Internationale Wirtschaftsordnung und Österreich - Entwicklungspolitik, Auffaltung 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. 1999 Der Mittelmeerraum - eine Herausforderung für Europa
XXXI. 2000 Ostasien - Europa: Partner oder Konkurrenten?
XXXII. 2001 Transatlantic Relations: Partnership or Confrontation?
XXXIII. 2002 Gibt es eine Außenpolitik des EU-Mitglieds Österreich?
XXXIV. 2003 Altes Europa - Neues Europa: Einheit oder Spaltung?
XXXV. 2004 Österreich 10 Jahre nach der EU-Volksabstimmung: Wurden die Erwartungen erfüllt?
XXXVI. 2005 Hat staatliche Diplomatie noch Zukunft? Herausforderungen durch Globalisierung und Integration
XXXVII. 2006 Kurswechsel auf dem Balkan? Eine Bestandsaufnahme
XXXVIII. 2007 The Contributions of Vienna-based International Organizations to Intern. Security
XXXIX. 2008 Public Diplomacy
XXXX. 2009 Global Challenges and Answers
XXL. 2010 Staatliche Souveränität in der heutigen Zeit
XXLI. 2011 Transformations in the Arab World
XXLII. 2012 Europe Quo Vadis - Challenges for the Future
XXLIII. 2013 Cyber Security - A New International Challenge
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