



Three Day Conference of United Nations Academic Council to meet in Vienna

High ranking current and former UN officials as well as distinguished academics and researchers working on contemporary international issues will be meeting in Vienna from June 1 to June 7. Some of the events are open to the general public. All are accessible by registration through the Academic Council on United Nations System, where you can also find further information on the panels and workshops (see www.acuns.org).

Date/Time	Program
June 1, 19.00	Hans Blix , former Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is speaking at the <i>Bruno Kreisky Forum</i> on "Can Nuclear Proliferation Really Be Prevented. Between Market Demand and Politics."
June 2, 19.00	Lakhdar Brahimi , former foreign minister of Algeria and former UN Envoy, is speaking at the <i>Diplomatic Academy of Vienna</i> on "Afghanistan and its regional environment"
June 3, 16.30	Danilo Türk , President of Slovenia, will open the 2010 ACUNS Annual Meeting in the Festsaal of the <i>University of Vienna</i> with a lecture on "New Security Challenges"
June 4, 9.00 -10.45	Barbara Prammer , President of the <i>Austrian National Council</i> , speaks welcome words; Plenary Panel I on "An Agenda for Human Rights" with Mary Robinson, Manfred Nowak, Sergio Pinheiro, Bertrand Ramacharan, Robert Knoblauch, and David Dadge;
11.00-12.30	Plenary Panel II "United Nations Under Fire" with Lakhdar Brahimi, Jan Egeland, Edward Mortimer, and Abiodun Williams; (For both panels: invitation required)
15:00-16.30	Roundtables at the <i>Vienna International Centre (VIC)</i> "Austria at the United Nations: Critical Views", "Theft of Cultural Heritage", "Cultural Diversity and the UN: Old Implications and New Challenges", "Responsibility to Protect: Addressing Insecurities", "Round Table on Counter Terrorism", "Roundtable on the UN and the Media";
16:45-18:15	Roundtables at the <i>VIC</i> "Legitimacy and Accountability at the UN", "Roundtable on White Collar Crime and Corruption", "Forging the Peace, Keeping the Peace", "Gender and Security", "Environment and Security- Transforming Risk into Cooperation", "Governance and Security Issues in South Asia"; (For all panels: registration required)
18:30	Dedication of Gun Sculpture and Reception in the Rotunda in the <i>Vienna International Centre</i>
June 5 9.00-10.30	Plenary Panel on "Nuclear and Small Arms Proliferation" at the <i>University of Vienna, Law School</i> with Hans Blix, Tibor Toth, Rebecca Peters; (registration required)
11:00-12:30	Roundtables at the <i>VIC</i> "The UN System: Systematically approached from a Kelsenian Perspective", "East Asian Approaches to Human Security: of Human Security in Japan and China's International Relations", "Energy Security in the 21 st Century: Between Scylla and Charibdis", "The US as Security Flashpoint", "Perspectives on Peacebuilding", "Multilateral machinery in addressing new security challenges: Challenges and opportunities for disarmament machinery", "Changing Concepts of Security", "Perspectives on Human Rights I", "Security in 21st Century International Relations", "Regional Perspectives on the UN and Security", "Roundtable on International Perspectives on Teaching International Organizations"; (registration required)
15:00-16.30	John Holmes Memorial Lecture at the <i>University of Vienna, Law School</i> on "What Price Security?" by Margaret Anstee , former UN Under-Secretary General.
16.45-18.15	Roundtables at the <i>VIC</i> "Roundtable on Post-Conflict Tribunals", "Energy Security", "The Role and Responsibility of the Individual in Security Governance", "People Crossing Borders: A European Perspective", "Perspectives on Peacekeeping", "Perspectives on Environmental Security", "The Role and Responsibility of International Institutions", "Perspectives on Human Rights II", "Space Security", "Human Security", "Preventing another Financial Crisis: The Role of Control Mechanisms"; (registration required)
June 7, 19.00	Lecture on "UN Reform: A never ending story" at the <i>Renner Institute</i> by Margaret Anstee , former UN Under-Secretary General;

The week-long program is being carried out in cooperation with the United Nations Information Service, University of Vienna, Austrian Institute of International Affairs, Austrian Foreign Policy and United Nations Association, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Bruno Kreisky Forum, Renner Institute, Sigmund Freud Private University, and Webster University, with the support of the Austrian Ministry of European and International Affairs, the Ministry of Science and Research, Austrian Liaison Office, Ljubljana, Austrian Parliament, Canadian Government, Slovene Government, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and the United Nations Office at Vienna.