International Conference

REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

27-28 January 2023
Diplomatische Akademie Wien
Favoritenstrasse 15a, 1040 Vienna, Austria

To attend in person, please register by 24 January 2023
via www.da-vienna.ac.at/events.
13:30-14:00
OPENING

Emil Brix
Ambassador; Director, Vienna School of International Studies

Ghada Fathi Waly
Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna

Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal
Secretary General, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

14:00-14:45
DIALOGUE ON
REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

Facilitator: Markus Kornprobst
Professor of International Relations, Vienna School of International Studies

Piotr Hofmański
Judge; President, International Criminal Court

Volker Türk
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

14:45-16:15
DIALOGUE ON
KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN TODAY’S WORLD

Facilitator: Mona Khalil
MAK Law International; Harvard Law School

Charting a New Course: Italy’s Vision for the United Nations in a Changing World
Pasquale Ferrara
Ambassador; Director General for Political Affairs and Security,
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Nations United by Law - Strengthening Compliance with the Charter
Alexander Marschik
Ambassador; Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, New York

Potential and Limits of UN Reform
Joachim Müller
former UN and OSCE Senior Official

16:15-17:00
COFFEE BREAK

17:00-18:30
PANEL I: INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Chair: Billy Batware
Programme Officer, UNODC; Founder, RAUN

The Future of Multilateralism
Shashi Tharoor
former UN Senior Official; Member of Parliament of India, Lok Sabha-House of the People

Reinvigorating UN Peacekeeping
Katharina Pichler Coleman
Professor of International Relations, University of British Columbia
and Eugene Chen
Director, Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding, New York University Center on International Cooperation

Diplomatic Peace: Promises Kept and Broken
Markus Kornprobst
Professor of International Relations, Vienna School of International Studies

A New Era of Peace and Security? The Role of the General Assembly and the Ukraine Crisis
Chiara Giorgetti
Professor of International Law, University of Richmond

19:00
DINNER RECEPTION
Music by Olena Herenh (Soprano), Natalia Rehling (Piano), Dmitri Yermolenko (Saxophone)
10:30-12:00  
**PANEL II: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE FOR THE FUTURE - TECHNOLOGY, CLIMATE, HEALTH**

*Chair: Nina Tannenwald*  
Distinguished Fulbright-Diplomatic Academy Visiting Professor of International Studies 2023  

*Multilateral Technology Governance*  
*N. Singh Gill*  
UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology  

*United Nations Climate Governance: Past and Future*  
*Franz Baumann*  
former UN Senior Official; Academic Council on the United Nations System  

*Global Health Governance: Global Diseases, Non-Global Governance*  
*Stephanie Strobl*  
Medical Doctor, Institute of Pathology, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz  

*Space Law*  
*Irmgard Marboe*  
Professor of International Law, University of Vienna  

12:00-13:00  
LUNCH BREAK  

13:00-14:30  
**PANEL III: STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY**

*Chair: Sławomir Redo*  
United Nations Studies Association; Visiting Professor of UN Law, University of Vienna  

*Taking Prevention Seriously: A Framework Approach*  
*Pablo de Greiff*  
Member, Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine  

*The Human Rights Council and Human Rights: Structural Incompatibility?*  
*Konstanty Gebert*  
Journalist  

*Linguistic Human Rights for the Promotion of Democracy in West Africa*  
*Adams Bodomo*  
Professor of African Studies, University of Vienna  

*Strengthening the Human Rights Council and the UN Treaty Body System*  
*Valentina Carraro*  
Assistant Professor in Global Transformations and Governance Challenges, Leiden University  

14:30-15:15  
COFFEE BREAK  

15:15-17:00  
**PANEL IV: TRUST IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE - JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW**

*Chair: Alexander Marschik*  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, New York  

*Collect, Connect: The Role of Data and Research Cooperation in a Networked Multilateralism for Peace and Security*  
*Angela Me*  
Chief, Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC  

*1 for 8 Billion? To Restore Trust and Deliver for All, the UN Must Go Back to Basics*  
*Natalie Samarasinghe*  
Global Director for Advocacy, Open Society Foundations  

*Michael Platter*  
former Senior UN Official; United Nations Studies Association; Co-Chair of the Coalition of Faith-based Organizations for Justice  

*The Russian Elephant in the Room: International Justice and State Cooperation*  
*Klaus Bachmann*  
Journalist; Professor, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw  

*Solidarity, Justice and the UN Rule of Law Lethal Challenge*  
*Sławomir Redo*  
United Nations Studies Association; Visiting Professor of UN Law, University of Vienna
REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

Since the United Nations’ establishment 77 years ago, its Charter’s foundational goal to ‘save succeeding generations from the scourge of war’ has been put to the test many a times.

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine - a blatant violation of the United Nations’ purposes and principles by a permanent member of the Security Council - puts the entire world at risk. The current accumulation of internal and external conflicts around the world, violations of human rights, economic ruptures, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic amount to urgent challenges. At the same time, geopolitical rivalries are surging. Global governance, violated and undermined, struggles to cope with these challenges.

In the year of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the purpose of this hybrid conference is threefold:
(a) take stock of existing principles, rules and norms to address major global problems, (b) analyse their implementation record, and (c) look ahead to how a reinvigorated United Nations ought to look like in the future.

Doing so, we underline foundations of the organisation, especially the Charter and the evolution of international humanitarian law, and address recent key documents such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the Secretary-General Guterres’ Our Common Agenda. The speakers and panellists from different world regions as well as academia and practice, will share their ideas and visions, engaging with current developments and discussions happening within the framework of the United Nations and beyond.

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