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Courses

Winter term 2008/09

Lectures

Einführung in die internationalen Grundlagen des Rechts, 2hrs, Kriebaum U./Marboe I./Neuhold H./Reinisch A.

Völkerrecht I (Grundlagen und Quellen), 2hrs, Schreuer C.

Exercises

Vorbereitung auf die FÜM I – Völkerrechtlicher Teil, 1hr each, Kriebaum U.; Marboe I.

Practical Exercises

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, 2hrs each, Marboe I.; Neuhold H. (English); Reinisch A.; Wurm J.

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, 1hr, Kriebaum U.

Repetition Course

Repetitorium aus Völkerrecht, 2hrs, Wurm J.

Seminars, Moot Courts

Responsibility in International Law, 2hrs, Annacker C.

Seminar aus Völkerrecht und Europarecht (Außenhandel und GASP), 2hrs, Reinisch A.

Summer term 2009

Lectures

Einführung in die internationalen Grundlagen des Rechts: Einführung in das Völkerrecht, 2hrs, Schreuer C./Marboe I./Neuhold H./Reinisch A.

Völkerrecht II (Kernbereiche des materiellen Völkerrechts), 2hrs, Marboe I.

Exercises

Vorbereitung auf die FÜM I – Völkerrechtlicher Teil, 1hr each, Kriebaum U.; Marboe I.

Practical Exercises

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, 1hr each, Marboe I.; Kriebaum U.; Reiner C.

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, 2hrs, Schweighofer E.

Exercises in European Law, 2hrs, Reinisch A.

Repetition Course

Repetitorium aus Völkerrecht, 2hrs each, Schicho L./Wittich S.; Wurm J.

Seminars, Moot Courts

Internationaler Rechtsschutz, 2hrs, Annacker C.

Investitionsschutz und Menschenrechtsschutz, 2hrs, Kriebaum U.

Elective Field of Specialization “Law of International Relations”

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Hanspeter Neuhold

This module is directed at students with special interest in acquiring an international and interdisciplinary perspective. Due to globalization and the increasing inability of individual states and regional organizations (e.g. EU) to solve various political problems (e.g. economy-related, environmental protection, criminal law, security), a comprehensive approach, including global legal solutions, is indispensable. This module, organized by the Section, emphasises English as language of instruction and includes of the following courses (which were partly offered in other modules):

Winter term 2008/09

Courses

Droit des relations internationales I (French), 2hrs, Buffard I.
 International Human Rights Regime II – Special Issues, 1hr, Kriebaum U.
 International and European Environmental Law, 2hrs, Loibl G.
 International Courts and Tribunals, 2hrs, Marboe I./Kriebaum U.
 Legal Issues of the Use of Outer Space Technologies, 1hr, Marboe I.
 Legal and Political Aspects of International Security I (Recht und Politik der internationalen Sicherheit), 1hr, Neuhold H.
 Human Rights – International and European Human Rights Regime I, 2hrs, Nowak M./Suntinger W.
 Humanitarian Law – Human Rights, 2hrs, Stadlmayr L.

Summer term 2009

Courses

Droit des relations internationales II (French), 2hrs, Buffard I.
 International Negotiations, 1hr, Hafner G.
 Globalisierung als Herausforderung f. d. islamische Moderne, 2hrs, Marboe I./Potz R./Luf G.
 Legal and Political Aspects of International Security II (Recht und Politik der internationalen Sicherheit), 1hr, Neuhold H.
 International Organizations, 2hrs, Reinisch A. (together with Wurm J.)
 International Economic and Investment Law, 2hrs, Schreuer C./Reinisch A.
Seminars, Moot Courts
 International Criminal Courts – Field Trip to the Hague, 2hrs, Hafner G./Höpfel F./Nowak M.

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Winter term 2008/09

Summer term 2009

Einführung in die Rechtsinformatik, 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht
 EU-Marktordnungsmechanismen am Beispiel des Agrarrechts, 1hr, – WFK Europa-recht
Seminars, Moot Courts
 Responsibility in International Law, 2hrs, Annacker C.
 Cinema and Human Rights, 2h, Nowak M.
 Telders International Law Moot Court 2009, 2hrs, Breitegger A./Schicho L.
 Seminar aus Rechtsinformatik 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht

Globalisierung als Herausforderung f. d. islamische Moderne, 2hrs, Marboe I./Potz R./Luf G.
 Human Rights of Children, 2hrs, Nowak M. (gemeinsam mit Planitzer J./Sax H.)
 Cinema and Human Rights, 2h, Nowak M.
 Torture, 2h, Nowak M.
 Telders International Law Moot Court, 2hrs, Breitegger A./Schicho L.
 Seminar aus Rechtsinformatik mit völker- und europarechtlichen Themen, 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht
 Lectures in Computers and Law, 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht
 Telekommunikationsrecht, 1h, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht

Summer School Strobl/Wolfgangsee

At the International Summer School in Strobl am Wolfgangsee, students from around the globe attend lectures organized by the University of Vienna.

European Security After the Cold War, Neuhold H.
 European and International Protection of Human Rights, Kriebaum U.

**Courses taught in the postgraduate M.A. I. S.
(Master of Advanced International Studies) -Program
Academic Year 2008/2009**

(organised by the University of Vienna and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna)

The European Union as a Global Actor, Core Course, Hafner G.
The European Union: A Legal and Public Choice Perspective, Hafner G./Mueller D.
Human Rights System, Kriebaum U.
Old and New Options for Security in a Changing Europe, The Balkan Laboratory and Current Challenges, Core Course, Neuhold H.
Current Issues of European and Transatlantic Security, Seminar, Neuhold H.
Developments in South Eastern Europe: Political, Economic and Legal Aspects, Balkan-seminar together with Rector Prof. Dr. Winckler G./ Neuhold H.
Interdisciplinary Lecture Series and Seminar, Neuhold H.
European Security: Concepts, Challenges, Institutions, Core Course, Neuhold H.
Legal Foundations of International Relations, Core Course, Neuhold H.
EU Institutions and the EU Decision Making Process, Course optional, Neuhold H.
Seminar on Human Rights, Nowak M.
Principles of International Law, Core Course, Wittich S./Loibl G.

**Courses given at the postgraduate M.E.S.
(Master of European Studies)
Academic Year 2008/2009
(organised by the University of Vienna)**

Legal Aspects of the Globalization of World Trade – European and Universal Institutions, Reinisch A.

LL.M.-Program “International Legal Studies”

Director: Prof. Dr. August Reinisch, LL.M.

Administration: Mag. Claudia Luxon, MA

The students of the second LL.M. class of the University of Vienna's International Legal Studies Program are graduating in October 2009. As last year, this full-time program stretched over two semesters with participants from such diverse origin as Brazil, Azerbaijan, Armenia, the Ukraine, Poland, Macedonia, Montenegro and Croatia.

Again, most participants met the high demands of the English speaking LL.M.-Program which focuses on subject areas such as International Organizations, International Economic Law as well as Dispute Settlement. They had to accomplish 4 seminars and 8 mandatory courses with final exams, and to write a master thesis over the summer months which was to be handed in at the end of August and September 2009.

The teaching faculty was the same as the year before and included: Prof. Gerhard Hafner, Prof. Hanspeter Neuhold, Prof. Manfred Nowak, Prof. August Reinisch, Prof. Christoph Schreuer, Prof. Friedl Weiss and Prof. Karl Zemanek.

The titles of the courses held were: Emancipation of the Individual from the State under International Law, The EU as an International Actor, Legal Foundations of World Politics, Crisis Management and Conflict Settlement, Human Rights and Business, Accountability of International Organisations, International Standards of Investment Protection, Investment Arbitration, WTO Law, Institution and Dispute Settlement; GATT/WTO Substantive Law for International Trade, Terrorism and the Use of Force.

Mag. Claudia Luxon, MA, was and is in charge of the entire administration of the LL.M.-Program and is also the coordinator of study trips and external seminars and lecturers, as well as responsible for all the advertising measures and the entire financial procedures.

In addition to the study program, the LL.M. participants were also offered a lecture series with professors at the department in addition to distinguished extra-curricular lecturers such as Gerold Herrmann, former Secretary of UNCITRAL, Ulrik Ahnfeldt-Mollerup of the Terrorism Prevention Expert at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and Helen Stacy, Senior Fellow at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

An extra-curricular seminar on the "Accountability of International Organizations" provided a platform for discussions between the LL.M. students and practitioners from the European Patent Office. Recent cases reviewing UN Security Council resolutions and/or implementing measures by the EU and its member states before domestic or regional courts as well as "international courts" were subject to lively debates.

The LL.M.-Program also organised two non-compulsory study trips to The Hague and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. At The Hague, Prof. Hafner offered a comprehensive visiting program to the International Court of Justice, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. The visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) enabled students to attend hearings of the Prlic and Perisic cases. During the study trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina, thanks to the contacts of Prof. Nowak, the participants were able to witness the presentation of reports and results of initiatives protecting Human Rights as well as visit former sites of crime.

External Teaching Activities

Hanspeter Neuhold

Course "International Security", Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (Baku – 9-13 February 2009).

Seminar "Legal aspects of international crises and their management", College of Europe (Bruges – 24-29 March 2009).

Manfred Nowak

Seminar "Theorie und Praxis der Menschenrechte", Fachhochschule St. Pölten (Winter term 2008/2009).

Seminar "The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights", Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva – Winter term 2008/09).

Seminar "Fight against Torture, Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment", Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva – Summer term 2009).

Seminar "Protection of Human Rights in Europe", Diplomatic Academy Vienna (Summer term 2009).

Seminar "Human Rights in the Field", European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA) (Venice – 6-9 January 2009).

Seminar "Human Dignity in International Law", Université de Strasbourg (17 February 2009).

Seminar "International Struggle Against Torture", Diplomatic Academy Vienna (29 April 2009).

Seminar "Special Enforcement Procedures of the UN", European Regional Masters's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (ERMA) (Sarajevo – 21-24 May 2009).

Seminar "United Nations Human Rights System", American University/Washington College of Law (3-10 June 2009).

Seminar "Theorie und Praxis der Menschenrechte", Fachhochschule Linz (Summer term 2009).

August Reinisch

Series of lectures "The Creation of a Common Market through EU Law", School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University (Bologna – Spring term 2009).

Series of lectures "International Trade Law" at the School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University (Bologna – Spring term 2009).

Series of lectures "The Legal Language of the European Union", European Advanced Studies and Euro-Jus-Program at the Danube University Krems (Summer term 2009).

Ursula Kriebaum

Series of lectures "International Studies: Human Rights Law", Diploma Course and Special Programme in International Studies at the Diplomatic Academy Vienna (Summer term 2009).

Erich Schweighofer

Course "Globalisation & Governance", Technological Aspects of Legal Informatics", LE-GIS II Intensive Programme – Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP), Bahcesehir University (Istanbul – 29 June-10 July 2009).

Course "Legal Informatics", International Summer School in Legal Informatics, Lapland University (Rovaniemi – 25-27 August 2009).

Course "Recherche d'information juridique", Erasmus Teaching Staff Exchange, Centre de recherche informatique et droit (CRID), Les Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix (Namur – 29-30 April 2009).

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>.

Stephan Wittich

Course on "Public International Law", Master of Advanced International Studies", Diplomatic Academy/Vienna School of International Studies (Winter term 2008/2009).

Course on "The Law of International Organisations and Multilateral Diplomacy", Diploma Course, Diplomatic Academy/Vienna School of International Studies (Summer term 2009).

Lecture on "The State in International Law", Vysoka Skola Prava Bratislava (November 2008).

Lecture on "International Responsibility", Vysoka Skola Prava Bratislava (December 2008).

Isabelle Buffard

Seminar together with Ms B. Couloumiers and Prof. Dr. G. Hafner in French "Simulation de conférence internationale sur le développement durable" or students of the University of Vienna, Cooperation with the University of Vienna and the Pôle d'excellence de l'Institut français de Vienne of the French Embassy (Vienna – 27 and 28 November 2008).

Individual seminar on the "French Legal Language - Deliberations of Judges of the European Court of Justice in French as working-language", for the former Justice Minister and new Austrian Judge to the European Court of Justice Mrs. Maria Berger, a cooperation with the Pôle d'excellence de l'Institut français de Vienne and the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria (Vienna – July 2009).

Seminar "Introduction au système juridique français" for Austrian judges, on behalf of the Pôle d'excellence de l'Institut français de Vienne for the Federal Justice Ministry and the Federal Administration Academy (Vienna – 17-18 September 2009).

Helmut Prantner

Research Seminar with Heinz Gärtner (Austrian Institute for International Affairs) "Arms Control Regimes", Department for Political Science of the University of Vienna (Winter term 2008/09).

Lisa Stadlmayr

Workshops "Menschenrechtsschutz I, II und III", amnesty academy (Vienna – Academic Year 2008/2009).

External Teaching Activities

Series of lectures "Responding to Global Challenges – The Role of International Organizations in World Politics", American Study Abroad Programme "aha" (September-December 2008).

Seminars "Rolle der NGOs beim Menschenrechtsschutz" and "Menschenrechtsanalyse" responsible for Human Rights within the Vienna Police (Vienna – 5 December 2008).

Presentations, Participation at Conferences, Activities as Austrian Delegates and in Academic and Professional Associations

Hanspeter Neuhold

Conference "Le droit à la vie – The Right to Life", German Society of International Law/ Société Française pour le Droit International (Hamburg – 10-11 October 2008).

XXXVIII. Annual Conference "Public Diplomacy", Moderation of the panel "How important is Public Diplomacy for a Country's Foreign Policy?", Austrian Society for Foreign Policy and International Relations (Schloss Hernstein – 17-18 October 2008).

Editorial Board Meeting of the Encyclopedia of International Law, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg – 28 October 2008).

Meeting "Solidarity: A Structural Principle of International Law", Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg – 29 October 2008).

Scientific Advisory Board Meeting, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg – 30 October 2008).

Annual Conference "Building Partnerships for Effective Multilateralism Engaging with the New Global Players", EU Institute for Security Studies (Paris – 30-31 October 2008).

Meeting of the Japanese Austrian Committee for the 21st Century. Ministry of European and International Affairs (Vienna – 10-11 November 2008).

Conference "Priorities and Prospects for the European Union", Institute of International Relations Prague (Prague – 3-5 December 2008).

Lecture "The Return of History in the Balkans after the Cold War. International Efforts at Conflict Resolution", Panel "Security", Stanford-Vienna Conference "Austria and

Central Europe Since 1989: Legacies and Future Prospects", Stanford University (5-6 March 2009).

Round Table "Diplomacy in Vienna", The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy/Tufts University (Boston/Medford – 21 April 2009).

Lecture "Common Security: The Litmus Test of International Solidarity", The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy/Tufts University (Boston/Medford – 21 April 2009).

Taft Lecture "Common Security: The Litmus Test of International Solidarity", Department of Political Science/Taft Research Center and University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati – 23 April 2009).

Round Table "The CFSP and ESDP: A Moving Target", University of Cincinnati (24 April 2009).

Presentation "The Balkans as a Security Laboratory after the Cold War", The Center for Austrian Studies and the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis – 27 April 2009).

Participation and Discussion on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary-Ceremonial Act; Panelist and Moderator "Austria – No Place for Geopolitics? Reflections of a Think Tank", "European Security in a Changing World", Austrian Institute for International Affairs (Vienna – 15-16 June 2009).

Manfred Nowak

Presentation "Recent Developments in International Human Rights Law", Prague-Vienna International Law Meeting "Human Rights and Investment Law", Section of International Law and International Relations/University Karlova (Vienna – 10 October 2008).

Presentation "A Human Rights Based Approach to Poverty Eradication in Macedonia at the local and national level", International Conference on "Poverty Eradication and Inclusion in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Gov. of Macedonia/UN/EU/ADA (Skopje – 14 October 2008).

Presentation "15 Years Vienna Declaration: the human rights based approach on poverty reduction on a global level (15 Jahre Wiener Erklärung: der Menschenrechtsansatz zur Armutsminderung auf globaler Ebene)", Diplomatic Academy Vienna (15 October 2008).

Meeting with Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Vienna – 20 October 2008).

Meeting "International Aviation Law: Engaging with international bodies to promote legal safeguards and protect human rights in the counter-terrorism context", UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force/Working Group "Protecting human rights while countering terrorism" (New York – 22 October 2008).

Presentation "Combating Torture", Columbia Law School (New York – 26 October 2008).

Presentation and Panel Discussion as part of the seminar "Persons with disabilities and torture", UNHQ (New York – 24 October 2008).

Lecture "Implementing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Turkey", Training Course for Human Rights NGOs, Bilgari University (Istanbul – 30 and 31 October 2008).

Lecture "Menschenrechte als normative Grundlage für die globale Gesellschaft des 21. Jahrhunderts (Human Rights as a normative basis for the global society of the 21st century)", Hoffnung nach dem Ende der Utopie, Roman Catholic Lectures Series, University of Vienna (4 November 2008).

Presentation "Reasons for the establishment of a World Court for Human Rights (Gründe für die Schaffung eines Weltgerichtshofs für Menschenrechte)", Conference "Die Zukunft des Völkerrechts und der Weltorganisation", German United Nations Association (Berlin – 7 November 2008).

Presentation to the Committee against Torture on the situation of detainees (Geneva – 20 November 2008).

Presentation of Report and Press conference on fact-finding mission to Equatorial Guinea (9-19 November 2008) (Geneva, Palais des Nations – 20 November 2008).

Lecture "Challenges to the absolute prohibition of Torture", Webster University (Vienna – 3 December 2008).

Ceremonial Presentation "Protecting Human Dignity: An Agenda for Human Rights" with the presence of Swiss Foreign Minister Michelle Calmy-Rey and the Chair of the "Panel of Eminent Persons", Mary Robinson, International Conference Center (Geneva – 5 December 2008).

Lecture on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Danish premiere of the movie "My Brother's Keeper" (on the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture) with the presence of the film's director Jorgen Flindt Pedersen (Copenhagen – 8 December 2008).

Keynote Speech "The development of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60 years ago" international premiere of the film "My Brother's Keeper", International Conference Center (Cape Town – 10 December 2008).

Lecture "60 Years Universal Declaration of Human Rights" on the occasion of the award of the 1st Magdeburg Human Rights Medal in the presence of the Rector and other academic dignitaries (Magdeburg – 15 December 2008).

Speech "How to Implement a Human Rights Agenda", 5th Wilton Park Conference "Contemporary and future human rights challenges" (Wilton Park – 22-24 January 2009).

Presentation "Main contemporary forms of human rights diplomacy", High-Level Workshop "Human Rights Diplomacy", European Inter-University Centre, Monasterio San Nicolo (Venice – 30 January 2009).

Rapporteur of the 9th Informal Asian-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminars on Human Rights "Human Rights in the Criminal Justice Systems" (Strasbourg – 18-20 February 2009).

Opening Lecture for a high level panel discussion "Is International Human Rights Law on Torture Adequately Implemented at the Domestic level?", American University School of Law (Washington – 23 March 2009).

Presentation and Panel discussion "Stop Female Genital Mutilation", Renner-Institute (Vienna – 2 March 2009).

Presentation "Human Rights in Europe 20 Years after the End of the Cold War", Conference "Austria and Central Europe Since 1989 Legacies and Future Prospects", University of Vienna/Stanford University (Palo Alto – 5 March 2009).

Presentation "Non-Refoulement and Women", UNHCR (Geneva – 09 March 2009).

Presentation and Panel discussion "Access to Essential Medicines", UNODC (Vienna – 16 March 2009).

Presentation "Why the World need an International Human Rights Court", seminar "On the Way to an International Human Rights Court", Medico-International, University of Frankfurt (20 March 2009).

Chair of Workshop "The linkages between human rights and governance assistance", together with UNDP (Vienna – 15 April 2009).

Key note speech "A Human Rights Based Approach to Drug Policy: A topic for the UN?" International Harm Reduction Association's 20th International Conference (Bangkok – 22 April 2009).

Presentation "Prison Conditions, Torture and the Administration of Justice", UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs session, UNODC (Vienna – 24 April 2009).

Presentation "Zuwanderer als Feindbild – Mehr Respekt vor Anderen und mehr Dialog. Orientierungslinien für einen Abbau des Feindbilds „Zuwanderer“", Sir Peter Ustinov Institut/Austrian Academy of Science (Vienna – 19 May 2009).

Keynote Speech "Investigating Torture: Cooperation between the Special Rapporteur on Torture and Forensic Experts", 21st Annual Congress of the International Association of Legal Medicine (Lisbon – 28 May 2009).

Presentation and panel discussion "Human Rights Violations After 9/11 – A Debate About Accountability", American University School of Law (Washington – 10 June 2009).

Presentation and Panel discussion "Responsibility to Protect", 20th Anniversary Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIIP) conference, Academy of Science (Vienna – 16 June 2009).

Presentation on conditions of detention to the UN Subcommittee on the prevention of torture (Geneva – 22 June 2009).

Keynote Speech at the Conference "The Role of the Legal Profession in Combating Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment", *Avocats sans frontières*, *Maison des Associations Internationales* (Brussels – 25 June 2009).

Opening Statement for the UNDP-Conference "The Role of Human Rights in Governance Assistance" (Vienna – 7 and 8 July 2009).

Presentation "Ilisu-Dam: Lessons learned", Meeting of the Austrian, German, and Swiss Export Financing Agencies (Heidenreichstein – 9 July 2009).

Opening lecture "CSR, Decent Work and Human Rights" International LARRGE (Labour-Rights-Responsibilities-Guide) Conference (Vienna – 1 September 2009).

Presentation "Prevention and Prohibition of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment", joint conference on torture prevention by the Belgrade Center for Human Rights, OSCE and Serbian Ombudsman (Belgrade – 4 September 2009).

Implementation of UNDP/EU - Training Workshop on National Preventive Mechanisms for Ombudsman Moldova (Chisinau – 14-16 September 2009).

Opening Lecture "Domestic Violence - a serious breach of human rights", Training Workshop for judges and prosecutors, Ministry of Justice (Chisinau – 15 September 2009).

Keynote Speech "The February 2009 Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture on Moldova: Examination of Issues, Follow-up, and Remedy for Torture and Related Violations of Human Rights", Round table "Towards an Adequate Remedy Framework for Torture and Other Extreme Abuses of Human Rights in Moldova" (UNDP/EU/Government of Moldova) (Chisinau – 16 September 2009).

Presentation "World Court of Human Rights", 10th Annual Meeting of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) and Chair of Management Committee of the COST-Action ISO702 "The Role of the EU in UN Human rights Reform", University School of Law (Nottingham – 18-20 September 2009).

Presentation "Torture Convention without Teeth", International Gothenburg Book Fair (Gothenburg – 24 September 2009).

Presentation "The role of witness protection in ending the cycle of impunity for human rights violations" UN expert meeting on witness protection (Geneva – 30 September 2009).

Christoph Schreuer

Presentation "Arbitration and adjudication", Conference "International Dispute Settlement", University of St. Gallen (2-3 October 2008).

Presentation "OPEC Member Countries and International Investment Arbitration", Conference "OPEC International Law: Issues, Prospects and Challenges", OPEC Vienna (23 October 2008).

Presentation "Aktuelle Entwicklungen und Herausforderungen des internationalen Enteignungsrechts" in the framework of the 4th Annual Meeting "Praktische Konkordanz von Recht, Wirtschaft und Politik im internationalen Investitionsschutzrecht?", Industrie- und Handelskammer Frankfurt am Main (20 November 2008).

Presentation "Global Financial Crisis: Implications for Investment Arbitration", British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London (18 February 2009).

Presentation "Interactions of International Tribunals and Domestic Courts in Investment Law", Conference "Unity or Fragmentation of International Law: the Role of International and National Tribunals", University of Oslo (14-15 May 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Participation in the book launch of the "ICSID Commentary", Cambridge University Press (London – 10 September 2009).

Participation in the 13th Investment Treaty Forum Public Conference "Ethics, Issue Conflicts and Arbitrator Challenges", British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London – 11 September 2009).

Ursula Kriebaum

Presentation "Human Rights and Investment Protection" at the Prague-Vienna International Law Meeting "Human Rights and Investment Law", Section of International Law and International Relations/University Karlova (Vienna – 10 October 2008).

Workshop "Poverty Reduction Using a Human Rights Based Approach – European and Global Perspectives", Austrian Development Agency, Bruno Kreisky Forum (Vienna – 16 October 2008).

Vienna International Arbitration Forum Conference "Investment and Commercial Arbitration – Similarities and Divergences", Panel Chair (Vienna – 21 November 2008).

Presentation "Human Rights and Investment Arbitration", Third Annual Conference "Current Issues in Human Rights' Law and Practice", Queen Mary University of London (6-8 December 2008).

Presentation "Investments in Conflict with Host State Law", Vienna Arbitration Days (20 February 2009).

Lecture "Human Rights and Managing the Challenges of Human Security on Europe's Borders and Beyond", Seminar "Managing the Challenges of Human Security on Europe's Borders and Beyond", Diplomatic Academy Vienna (17 March 2009).

Presentation "Arbitration and Human Rights" at the Conference "Young Approaches to Arbitration", International Chamber of Commerce/YAAP (Vienna – 4 April 2009).

Presentation "Corporate Social Responsibility – the Human rights based approach", 5th Vienna Workshop on International Constitutional Law (Vienna 15 and 16 May 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Conference "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts", University of Vienna (7 and 8 September 2009).

Irmgard Marboe

IAA/ESPI/SWF Workshop "The Fair and Responsible Use of Space: an International Perspective" (Vienna – 20-21 May 2008).

Presentation "Annulment of ICSID Awards", Vienna International Arbitration Forum "Investment and Commercial Arbitration – Similarities and Divergences" (Vienna – 21 November 2008).

Presentation "Brief overview of national authorisation mechanisms in implementation of the UN international space treaties", ECSL Practitioners Forum 2008 "National Space Legislation in Europe – Issues of Authorisation in the light of Developments in European Space Cooperation" (Paris – 15 December 2008).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) (Vienna – 9-20 February 2009).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) (Vienna – 23 March-3 April 2009).

Chairperson, Working Group “General exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space”, Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) (Vienna – 30 March-3 April 2009).

Workshop “Policy Aspects of Third Party Liability in Satellite Navigation” (Vienna – 15 May 2009).

Presentation “The role of religious communities for the promotion of tolerance in society and cultural life”, Austrian-Indonesian Dialogue Symposium “State, Law and Religion in Austria and Indonesia” (Vienna – 27-29 May 2009).

International Workshop “Muslims of the West: Negotiating Citizenship”, University of Warwick (Coventry, United Kingdom – 29-31 May 2009).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS), (Vienna – 10-19 June 2009).

Conference of the editing committee of the Cologne Commentary of Space Law (Bonn – 18-20 June 2009).

Presentation “Islamic Pedagogy in Austria – A model for teaching and learning Islamic law?”, Conference “Re-imagining the Shari’a: Theory, Practice & Muslim Pluralism at Play” (Venice – 13-16 September 2009).

Presentation “Latest trends in the national authorisation and regulation of space activities in Europe”, 3rd ESPI Autumn Conference (Vienna – 13-17 September 2009).

August Reinisch

Presentation “International Organizations and National Anti-Trust Law”, American University (Washington D.C. – 4-8 October 2008).

Participation in arbitral proceedings before the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague – 13-15 October 2008).

Presentation “OPEC and International Organizations Law: Assessing OPEC’s Status”, Legal Workshop of the OPEC Secretariat “OPEC and International Laws Issues, Challenges and Prospects” (Vienna – 23 October 2008).

Presentation “State Immunity”, Conference “Transnational Public Interest Litigation in Domestic Courts” as well as editorial board meeting of “International Law in Domestic Courts”, University of Nicosia (Cyprus – 30 October-2 November 2008).

Presentation “The Enforcement of Investment Awards in National Courts”, University of Oxford (12-16 November 2008).

Presentation “An Investment Competence of the EU after the Lisbon Reform Treaty?”, Conference “European Law and Bilateral Investment Treaties: Exploring the Grey Areas”, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London – 3-5 December 2008).

Presentation of research outcomes “Investment Law in the practice of recent arbitration”, in particular “Investments Standards”, lecture series “Investment Law”, University of New South Wales (Sydney – 28 January-22 February 2009).

Presentation “The Future of Investment Arbitration - Is There a Backlash?”, University of Sydney (19 February 2009).

Presentation “The Rediscovery of Holocaust-Related Property Issues after 1989 – An Inside View of the Arbitration Panel for In Rem Restitution of Publicly-Owned Property”, Conference “Austria and Central Europe Since 1989: Legacies and Future Prospects”, Forum on Contemporary Europe, Stanford University (Palo Alto – 4-8 March 2009).

Executive Board Meeting of the European Society of International Law (Paris – 13-14 March 2009).

Presentation “Should Judges Second-guess the UN Security Council?”, Project “International Law in Domestic Courts”, Columbia University (New York – 1-5 April 2009).

Presentation “Kompetenzabgrenzung zwischen der Gemeinschaft und ihren Mitgliedstaaten im Hinblick auf Investitionsabkommen”, meeting “Investitionsabkommen und Gemeinschaftsrecht”, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (Vienna – 8 April 2009).

Meeting of the Executive Board of the German Society of International Law (Munich – 15-19 April 2009).

Presentations at the Workshop “Responsibility of International Organizations”, COST-Project of the University of Amsterdam and Colloquium “Necessity in International Law”, VU University (Amsterdam – 23-25 April 2009).

Presentation “Restitution als interdisziplinäre Herausforderung” on the occasion of the Book Presentation “Decisions of the In Rem Restitution Panel” at the Dokumentationsarchiv des Österreichischen Widerstands (Vienna – 8 June 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Lawyers Assembly, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Presentation “EPO Decisions Before National Courts”, Conference “Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts”, University of Vienna (Vienna – 8-9 September 2009).

Presentation of research outcomes in investment law: “The ICSID Convention” in London and participation as external examiner at a PhD Defensio in Dundee, Scotland (Great Britain – 10-13 September 2009).

Presentation “International Investment Protection after Lisbon”, University of Tübingen (17-19 September 2009).

Erich Schweighofer

9th International Conference Law via the Internet, ITTIG (Florence – 30-31 October 2008).

Conference “The future of... Conference on Law & Technology”, European University Institute (Florence – 28 October 2008).

Organisation of the WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable “Ontologien & Logiken in der Versicherungswirtschaft, University of Vienna (10 November 2008).

Organisation of the WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Inhouse-Seminar “Ontologien & Logiken in der Versicherungswirtschaft, University of Vienna (11 November 2008).

Presentation “Erschließung von Textarchiven durch Ontologien”, WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Inhouse-Seminar “Ontologien & Logiken in der Versicherungswirtschaft, University of Vienna (11 November 2008).

Keynote speech “Enriching legal text corpora with ontologies. An option for higher pricing of legal information systems?”, e-Stockholm’08 Legal Conference, XIII.e Nordiska konferensen i rättsinformatik (Stockholm – 17-19 November 2008).

Presentation “Identification in E-Government – An Austrian Perspective”, NRCCL Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law (Oslo – 26 November 2008).

Keynote speech “Cyberspace Governance: Are States Striking Back?”, Cyberspace 2008, Mararyk University (Brünn – 28-29 November 2009).

Keynote speech “TXT, HTML, XML, RDF, OWL, DLEC: European legal ontologies – What should be the next step to do?”, Journées européennes d’informatique juridique, <http://www.legalaccess.eu> (Paris – 10-12 December 2008).

Organisation and Presentation; WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable "Rechtsinformatik 2008 Rückblick & Ausblick", University of Vienna (1 December 2008).

Presentation "Document life circle", Joint Workshop Economic University of Poznan, Vienna University/Weblaw Bern (Posen – 16 January 2009).

EU-Informationsveranstaltung Rechtsinformatik des Bundeskanzleramtes (Vienna – 22 January 2009).

Introductory statement of WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable "Strukturierung im Recht", University of Vienna (9 February 2009).

Programme chair and co-organisation of 12. Internationalen Rechtsinformatik Symposions – IRIS 2009, University of Salzburg (26-28 February 2009), <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/IRIS2009> (26-28 February 2009).

Presentation "Juristisches semantisches und soziales Web", 12. Internationales Rechtsinformatik Symposion – IRIS 2009, University of Salzburg, <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/IRIS2009> (26 February 2009).

Presentation "RIS 3.0: Ein juristisches Werkzeug für den Juristen?", 12. Internationales Rechtsinformatik Symposion – IRIS 2009, University of Salzburg, <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/IRIS2009> (Salzburg – 27 February 2009).

Introductory statement of WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable "Vorratsdatenspeicherung & Datenschutz", University of Vienna (9 March 2009).

Co-Organisation of the Joint Roundtable JV Juristenverband & WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik "Sicherer Arbeitsplatz des Juristen im Internet" (Vienna – 16 March 2009).

Auditing & participation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht (Munich – 15-19 April 2009).

Introductory statement of WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable "Die Zahlungsdiensterichtlinie in Österreich", University of Vienna (11 May 2009).

Participation as member on the meeting of the BILETA Executive Council (London – 15 May 2009).

Presentation "Rechtliche Voraussetzungen für die Einführung von Zugangssperren", ISPA Forum "Sperren im Internet" (Vienna – 27 May 2009).

3. Österreichischer IT-Rechtstag (Vienna – 3-4 June 2009).

ICAIL 2009 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (Barcelona – 8-12 June 2009).

Presentation "Learning and Verification of Legal Ontologies by Means of Conceptual Analysis", LOAIT2009, 3rd Workshop on Legal Ontologies and Artificial Intelligence Techniques joint with 2nd Workshop on Semantic Processing of Legal Text, held in conjunction with ICAIL-09 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law (Barcelona – 6 June 2009).

Presentation "Remarks on a Workbench for Semi-automatic Legal Text Analysis", Workshop "Natural Language Engineering of Legal Argumentation", held in conjunction with ICAIL-09 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law (Barcelona – 12 June 2009).

Presentation "Notwendige Komplexität und Scaling-up: Hürden zum Rechtsautomaten und zum Dynamischen Elektronischen Rechtskommentar", WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik Roundtable "International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law ICAIL2009 – Die Zukunft von AI & Recht", University of Vienna (22 June 2009).

Deutscher EDV-Gerichtstag 2009 (Saarbrücken – 24-25 September 2009).

Presentation "Open Texture Retrieval", Onlaw Workshop (Vienna – 29 September 2009).

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>.

Stephan Wittich

Prague-Vienna International Law Meeting "Human Rights and Investment Law", Section of International Law and International Relations/University Karlova (Vienna – 10 October 2008).

Presentation "Party Autonomy in Investment Arbitration", Vienna International Arbitration Forum "Investment and Commercial Arbitration – Similarities and Divergences" (Vienna – 21 November 2008).

34. Österreichischer Völkerrechtstag, Institut für Europarecht und Völkerrecht der Universität Innsbruck (Tramin – 18.-20. 6. 2009).

Presentation "Haben Berge Rechte", Children University Vienna (July 2009).

Conference "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts" (Vienna – 7-8 September 2009).

Isabelle Buffard

Prague-Vienna International Law Meeting "Human Rights and Investment Law", Section of International Law and International Relations/University Karlova (Vienna – 10 October 2008).

Workshop "Theory, Methodology and Practice of Inter- und Transdisciplinary Research", organized by the Interdisciplinary Research Platform "Human Rights in the European Context" of the Vienna University, coordinated by the Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (Payerbach-Reichenau – 10-12 October 2008).

Annual Meeting of the French Society of International Law (Société française pour le droit international) "International Law and Environmental Challenges" ("Le droit in-

ternational face aux enjeux environnementaux"), participation and preparation of a paper together with Prof. Dr. Gerhard Hafner on the topic "The Work of the ILC: from Liability to Harm Prevention" (Les travaux de la Commission du droit international: de la responsabilité à la prévention des dommages), Paul Cézanne University (Aix en Provence – 4-7 June 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-21 June 2009).

Conference "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts" (Vienna – 7-8 September 2009).

Christina Knahr

Presentation "ICSID Jurisdiction and the Concept of Investment", Prague-Vienna International Law Meeting "Human Rights and Investment Law", Section of International Law and International Relations/University Karlova (Vienna – 10 October 2008).

Presentation "Consolidation of Proceedings in International Investment Arbitration", Vienna International Arbitration Forum (Vienna – 21 November 2008).

Presentation "Durchsetzung von internationalen Schiedssprüchen vor nationalen Gerichten", Arbeitskreis junger Völkerrechtswissenschaftler (Vienna – 6 December 2008).

Presentation "Reform of Administration of Justice System within the United Nations: Strengths and Weaknesses of the New System", Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom – 24 April 2009).

Conference "Young Approaches to Arbitration", International Chamber of Commerce /YAAP (Vienna – 4 April 2009).

Presentation "Accountability, Due Process and Transparency – can the UN's new System of Administration of Justice deliver?", University of Vienna/European Patent Office Joint Seminar (Vienna – 19 May 2009).

Presentation "Recent Developments and Controversial Issues surrounding the new United Nations Dispute Tribunal and United Nations Appeals Tribunal", World Health Organization (WHO) (Geneva – 7 July 2009).

Alexander Breitegger

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Anton Geist

Presentation "Using Citation Analysis to Improve Legal Text Retrieval" (presentation held in English), Conference on Law & Technology "The future of...", European University Institute (Florence – 28 October 2008).

Presentation "Types of Consolidation, compared internationally" (presentation held in German), 6th jurisprudence talks in Klagenfurt 2008 (6 November 2008).

Presentation "The relevance of a decision depends on the number of headnotes that are created because of it" (presentation held in German), EU Information Day "Legal Informatics", Federal Chancellery (Vienna – 22 January 2009).

Conference Coordinator of the 12th Conference on Computers and Law (IRIS) 2009, University of Salzburg (26-28 February 2009).

Presentation "Case Law of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice, ranked according to legal relevance" (presentation held in German), 12th Conference on Computers and Law (IRIS) 2009, University of Salzburg (27 February 2009).

Presentation "Preventing Information Overload in Computer-Assisted Legal Research: Ranking Austrian Supreme Court Cases According to Legal Relevance" (presentation held in English), Conference "Governance of New Technologies", University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom – 30 March 2009).

Presentation "Using Citation Analysis for Ranking in Computer-Assisted Legal Research: An Experiment using Austrian Supreme Court Cases" (presentation held in English), BILETA Conference 2009 (Winchester – 22 April 2009).

ICAIL 2009 – International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (Barcelona – 8-12 June 2009).

Presentation "International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law ICAIL 2009 (Barcelona): hot topics and trends" (presentation held in German), 18th round table of the Vienna Centre for legal informatics (WZRI), University of Vienna (22 June 2009).

Helmut Prantner

XXXVIII. Foreign Affairs Dialogue "Public Diplomacy", Austrian Society for Foreign Policy and International Relations (Schloss Hernstein – 17-18 October 2009).

Organization and Contribution at Colloquium "Innovative Approaches to Teaching the UN System", Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (22-23 November 2008).

16th ASEAN-ISIS Colloquium on Human Rights, ASEAN Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (Manila – 26-27 February 2009).

Participation (ACUNS), 18th Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, UNODC (Vienna – 16-24 April 2009).

Study session "Soft und/oder Hard Power: Die EU auf dem Weg zur Militärmacht?", Austrian Institute of International Affairs/ Austrian National Defence Academy (Vienna – 22 April 2009).

39. Seminar on Peacemaking and Peacekeeping "The UN Security Council and the Responsibility to Protect: Policy, Process and Practice", International Peace Academy/ Austrian National Defence Academy (Vienna – 14-16 June 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Conference „Peace through Law“, German Section of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (Berlin – 26-27 June 2009).

Organization of two short seminars with Michael Platzer (Academic Council on the United Nations System) “Crisis Management – Simulation of Historical UN Security Council Decision-making”, 37th Meeting of Deans and Directors of Diplomatic Academies and Institutes of International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (23-25 September 2009).

Clara Reiner

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Seminars and talks organised by the European Forum Alpbach (20 August-4 September 2009).

Presentation of the book launch of the “ICSID Commentary”, Cambridge University Press (London – 10 September 2009).

13th Investment Treaty Forum Public Conference “Ethics, Issue Conflicts and Arbitrator Challenges”, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London – 11 September 2009).

Luca Schicho

Presentation “Impacts of the financial crisis on the regulation of State-owned investors”, Conference “Universality and the Sphere of Change”, University of Exeter (Great Britain – 26 and 27 May 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Lisa Stadlmayr

Presentation “Ahndung der gravierendsten Menschenrechtsverletzungen – Kriegsverbrechertribunale und Internationaler Strafgerichtshof“, amnesty international conference (Retzhof – 7 November 2008).

Jakob Wurm

Presentation “International Law in Domestic Courts“, International Research Seminar in the course of the LL.M Program International Legal Studies Program (Vienna – 29 October 2008).

Conference “Transnational Public Interest Litigation in Domestic Courts“, Session of the Management Committee of the COST Action IS0602 ILDC (COST Meeting) and Editorial Board Meeting of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts“ (Nicosia, Cyprus 31 October-1 November 2008).

Conference “Völkerrecht im innerstaatlichen Bereich“, Arbeitskreis junger Völkerrechtler, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Vienna – 6 December 2008).

Conference “Unity or Fragmentation in International Law: The role of International Courts and Tribunals“, Session of the Management Committee of the COST Action IS0602 ILDC (COST Meeting) and Editorial Board Meeting of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts“ (Oslo – 14-15 May 2009).

Presentation “Accountability and Responsibility of International Organizations – Introductory Remarks“, University of Vienna, European Patent Office Joint Seminar (Vienna – 18 May 2009).

34th meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Department of European Law and Public International Law, University of Innsbruck (Tramin – 18-20 June 2009).

Conference “Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts“, University of Vienna (7 and 8 September 2009).

Presentation "Asking national courts to correct the over-flight charges of Eurocontrol, at the conference "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts", University of Vienna (7 September 2009).

Lectures and Discussions at the Section

UNCITRAL – An Insider's View

Dr. Gerold Herrmann, Former Secretary of UNCITRAL (Round Table – 22 October 2008).

Ontologien & Logiken in der Versicherungswirtschaft

Presentations by Joost Breuker, University of Amsterdam; Georg Schwartz & Martin Hinz, Faktor Logik München; Wolf Kahlig, Kontakt-EDV AG; Friedrich Lachmayer, University Innsbruck (Round Table in cooperation with the Vienna Centre for Computers and Law – 10 November 2008).

Rechtsinformatik 2008 – Rückblick und Ausblick

Prof. DDr. Erich Schweighofer, Head of the "Rechtsinformatik-Gruppen" at the University of Vienna, the Österreichischen Computer Gesellschaft and the Gesellschaft für Informatik (Round Table in cooperation with the Vienna Centre for Computers and Law – 1 December 2008).

Current Developments in the ILC and the UN General Assembly's Sixth Committee

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Hafner (ret.), University of Vienna (Round Table – 10 December 2008).

The Legal and Political Challenges to the UN Sanctions System

Ulrik Ahnfeldt-Møllerup, Terrorism Prevention Expert, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna; Former Focal Point for De-listing in the Sanctions Branch of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, New York (Round Table – 14 January 2009).

Vorratsdatenspeicherung & Datenschutz

Presentations by Doris Liebwald, Vienna Centre for Computers and Law; Christof Tschohl, Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte; Eva Souhrada-Kirchmayer,

Bundeskanzleramt; René Tritscher, Wirtschaftskammer Österreich; Andreas Wildberger, Internet Service Providers Austria; Klaus Steinmaurer, T-Mobile; Andreas Krisch, Verein für Internet-Benutzer, European Digital Rights (Round Table in cooperation with the Vienna Centre for Computers and Law – 9 March 2009).

Sicherer Arbeitsplatz des Juristen im Internet

Presentations by Mag. Bernhard Karnig, Bundeskanzleramt; RA Dr. Andreas Manak; Johannes Mariel, Bundesrechenzentrum; DI Mag. Gernot Schmied, IKT-Specialist; RA Dr. Heinz-Peter Wachter (Round Table in cooperation with the Vienna Centre for Computers and Law and the Wiener Juristenverein-Konzipientenverband – 16 March 2009).

The US Torture Memos

Helen Stacy, Senior Fellow at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Principal Investigator and Coordinator of the Human Rights Program; Senior Lecturer at Stanford Law School; faculty member of the Committee in Charge of the Program in Modern Thought and Literature; researcher with the European Forum at the Freeman Spogli Institute, and faculty advisor to the Center for African Studies (Round Table – 5 June 2009).

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law ICAIL 2009 – Die Zukunft von AI & Recht

Presentations by Erich Schweighofer, University of Vienna; Anton Geist, University of Vienna; Doris Liebwald, Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik (Round Table in cooperation with the Vienna Centre for Computers and Law – 22 June 2009).

Prague – Vienna International Law Meeting “Human Rights and Investment Law”

Panel 1 “Human Rights”: Harald Scheu and/or Vera Honuskova “The Legal Status of Migrant Workers in the Light of International and European Human Rights Law”; Manfred Nowak “Recent Developments in Human Rights Law”

Panel 2 “Human Rights and Investment Law”: Veronika Bilkova “TNCs and Human Rights”; Ursula Kriebaum “Human Rights and Investment Law”

Panel 3 “Investment Law”: Vladimir Balas “Assignment of Claims in Investment Disputes”; Christina Knahr “ICSID Jurisdiction and the Concept of Investment” (Meeting with members of the Prague University Karlova at the Section of International Law and International Relations – 10 October 2008).

Presentation of the Liber amicorum International Law between Universalism and Fragmentation. Festschrift in Honour of Gerhard Hafner published by Martinus Nijhoff.

On Friday, 19 December 2009, the editors of the Liber amicorum for Professor Gerhard Hafner presented the book extending over more than 1,000 pages to Gerhard Hafner, who celebrated his 65th birthday and retirement. The presentation took place in the course of a ceremony at the University of Vienna Law School. The opening words by the Dean of the Law School, Professor Heinz Mayer, and the Vice Rector of the University of Vienna, Professor Arthur Mettinger, were followed by welcome addresses presented cordially by the Director of the Public International Law Directorate of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff, and emeritus Professor Karl Zemanek. The laudatio was given by Professor James Crawford, University of Cambridge and Professor Alain Pellet, Université de Paris X-Nanterre, who both emphasized their long-standing and fruitful collaboration with Gerhard Hafner. Professors Crawford and Pellet are also co-editors of the Festschrift. Ambassador and former Foreign Minister, Ursula Plassnik then gave a spontaneous speech to personally congratulate Professor Hafner for his achievements and thanked him for his commitment towards the Foreign Ministry. Finally, Isabelle Buffard und Stephan Wittich, who co-edited the Festschrift, presented the volume to Professor Hafner. The event was concluded by Professor Hafner himself who addressed his words of gratitude to the numerous distinguished national and international guests.

Formal Presentation of the Liber Amicorum for Christoph Schreuer

On Friday, 12 June 2009, the formal presentation of the more than 1000-pages liber amicorum for Professor Christoph Schreuer who celebrated his 65th birthday the

following day, took place in the course of a festive ceremony on the top floor of the Vienna Juridicum.

In his opening words, the Vice-Dean of the Law School of the University of Vienna, Professor Richard Potz, underlined the personal and professional respect towards the guest of honour. In the same way, the following address by Professor Peter Muchlinski, University of London, was an expression of appreciation towards Professor Schreuer. Peter Muchlinski particularly highlighted Professor Schreuer's chairmanship of the ILA Committee on International Investment Law and also read out a greeting sent by Sir Eli Lauterpacht, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, in which the former mentor of Christoph Schreuer expressed his bonds with the acclaimed authority.

The laudatio by Sir Franklin Berman, KCMG QC, Oxford University, portrayed in detail the impressive career of Prof. Schreuer, notably his universally recognized expertise in international investment law. Subsequently, the editors of the liber, Christina Binder, Ursula Kriebaum, August Reinisch and Stephan Wittich, stressed their cordial relationship towards Prof. Schreuer.

Conference "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts"

On 7 and 8 September 2009, the Section for International Law and International Relations of the University of Vienna hosted an international conference at the Vienna Law School – Juridicum entitled "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts" to which both the Brussels-based COST-programme (European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technological Research) and the Austrian Science Fund were sponsors.

Triggered by the recent Kadi decision of the European Court of Justice, the conference aimed at providing evidence that the legal challenge of acts of international organizations before domestic courts is a rather frequent yet not largely recognized phenomenon.

The introduction by Prof. August Reinisch thus presented four working hypotheses that framed the conference contributions on various instances in which acts of different international organizations formed the subject of domestic court decisions. The

first presentation by Dr. Rutsel Martha dealt with "Challenging Acts of Interpol as an International Police Organization". Second, the contribution of Prof. Sienho Yee on "Questioning the Lending Policies of International Financial Institutions before National Courts" was aimed at establishing the features of domestic court challenges involving these specialized organizations active in the financial sector. Prof. August Reinisch then presented "EPO Decisions before National Courts" in which different types of EPO challenges were presented, notably involving domestic challenges of European patents or the admission as a European Patent Attorney before national courts. The first day's final presentation on "Asking National Courts to correct the Over-flight Charges of Eurocontrol" by Jakob Wurm focused inter alia on this organization's competition law challenge before various European courts.

The second day commenced with a focus on the Kadi case, including a contribution by Prof. Peter Hilpold and Dr. Gregor Heißl ("UN sanctions before the ECJ: the Kadi case") as well as a contribution of Dr. Antonios Tzanakopoulos on "Questioning the Legality of UN Security Council Resolutions in Light of Nada and other Domestic Court Decisions". Prof. Cedric Ryngaert presented "Domestic Legal Remedies against OPEC" in the context of anti-trust challenges of OPEC. Prof. Kirsten Schmalenbach discussed instances in which decisions of the European School became the subject-matter of domestic court decisions in "Challenges against Decisions of the European School before German Administrative and other National Courts". In the afternoon, the conference was concluded by two presentations. Prof. Jan Wouters and Pierre Schmitt presented their contribution on "Challenging Other UN Organs including Subsidiary Organs", which was followed by a discussion of "Challenging International Criminal Tribunals before Domestic Courts" by Prof. Jean d'Aspremont and Prof. Catherine Brölmann.

Lively debates after each presentation of the domestic and international participants provided proof that the conference dealt with a highly relevant and innovative subject-matter from both a theoretical and practical perspective. A publication which includes the results of this thought-provoking conference is currently under preparation.

Penal discussion “Perspectives of Space Exploration and the Role of the United Nations”

On 9 June 2009, the NPOC Space Law Austria organized a penal discussion on the topic of “Perspectives of Space Exploration and the Role of the United Nations”. The small ceremony hall of the University of Vienna was the beautiful setting of this well-received event.

Xu Yu (China), S.K. Shivakumar (India), Kazuhiro Miyazaki (Japan), Sergey Shestakov (Russia) und Scott Pace (USA) participated as representatives of the large space faring nations and presented topical priorities in their space activities. Kai-Uwe Schrogl (ESPI) gave an insight on the European perspective, in particular in the framework of the European Space Agency (ESA). Mazlan Othman from the UN Office for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (UNOOSA) emphasized the importance of international cooperation and the possible role of the United Nations in the future of space exploration.

Study Trips

Hanspeter Neuhold

Master of Advanced International Studies (M.A.I.S)-Program of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna/University of Vienna, study trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo (Sarajevo, Belgrade and Priština – 14-21 May 2009).

Manfred Nowak

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Fact-finding Mission to Equatorial Guinea (9-18 November 2008),

Assessment mission for OMV to Yemen (human rights as element of corporate social responsibility) (Yemen – 22-28 November 2009).

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Fact-finding mission to Uruguay (21-29 March 2009).

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Fact-finding mission to Kazakhstan (4-14 May 2009).

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- Member, Austrian Society for European Law
- Member, Austrian Arbitration Association
- Member, Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners
- Member, German Society of International Law
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member, Austrian Society of Women in International Law

- Member, International Institute for Space Law (IISL)
- Member, European Centre for Space Law (ECSL)
- Director, Vienna Christian-Islamic Summer University
- Director, National Point of Contact for Space Law, Austria
- Chairperson, Working Group on National Space Legislation, UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee (2008-2011)
- Corresponding Member, Advisory Board of the European Forum Alpbach

August Reinisch

- Member, Arbitration Panel for in rem restitution pursuant to the General Settlement Fund Law 2001
- Director, LL.M.-Program "International Legal Studies"
- Member of the Council of the German Society of International Law
- Member, Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Society of International Law
- Member, European Community Studies Association
- Member, European Society of International Law
- Member, International Law Association (Study Group on International Investment Law); President of the Austrian Branch
- Member, Austrian Society for European Law
- Member, Salzburg Seminar Alumni
- Member, Connecticut Bar

- Member, New York Bar
- President in an UNCITRAL investment arbitration

Erich Schweighofer

- Member, Österreichischer Europarechtstag
- Member, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Europarecht
- Member, European Communities Studies Association (ECSA)
- Member, Österreichischer Völkerrechtstag
- Member, ASIL American Society of International Law
- Member, ILA Internationalen Law Association
- Auditor, DGVR Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht
- Member of the Board and speaker of the working groups on Legal Informatics and E-Government | Law, OCG Österreichische Computergesellschaft
- President & main founder, WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik
- Member, Executive Councils BILETA British Irish Legal Education Technology Association
- Speaker of the Fachbereichs Rechtsinformatik und Informationsrecht, GI Gesellschaft für Informatik
- Member, Wissenschaftlicher Beirat des Universitätslehrgangs für Informationsrecht und Rechtsinformation
- Member, ACM Association of Computing Machinery
- Member, IEEE
- Member, IAAIL International Association for Artificial Intelligence and Law
- Member, ÖGAI Österreichische Gesellschaft für Artificial Intelligence

- Member, VÖB Vereinigung Österreichischer Bibliothekarinnen und Bibliothekare
- Member, ÖGDI Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Dokumentation und Information

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>

Stephan Wittich

- Member, American Society of International Law
- Member, International Law Association
- Member, European Society of International Law

Isabelle Buffard

- Coordinator, Elective Field of Specialization “Culture juridique francophone européenne et internationale”, Vienna Law School, together with Univ.-Prof. Dr. Franz-Stefan Meissel
- Member, Interdisciplinary Research Platform “Human Rights in the European Context” of the Vienna University
- Member, International Law Association
- Member, Société française pour le droit international
- Member, Austrian Society of Women in International Law

Christina Knahr

- Member, American Society of International Law
- Member, American Bar Association

- Member, European Society of International Law
- Member, International Law Association
- Member, Austrian Arbitration Association
- Member, Österreichischer Völkerrechtstag

Alexander Breitegger

- Member of the Austrian Commission for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law
- Member, European Society of International Law
- Managing Director, Scientific Association for the Support of Student Participation in International Law Moot Courts

Anton Geist

- designated Managing Director, WZRI Vienna Centre for Legal Informatics
- Member of the Scientific Committee, IRIS International Symposium on Computers and Law
- Editor, SCRIPTed – A Journal of Law, Technology & Society

Helmut Prantner

- Member, Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Member, American Society of International Law
- Member, Amnesty International
- Member, Association of Attenders and Alumni of the Hague Academy of International Law

Member, Austrian Political Science Association

Member, Austrian Society for Foreign Policy and International Relations

Mitglied, Club Alpbach Lower Austria

Member, European Society of International Law

Luca Schicho

- Cashier, Association for the Promotion of the Participation of Students in International Law Moot Court Competitions
- Member, Association of Attenders and Alumni of The Hague Academy of International Law
- Member, Austrian-Italian Society
- Member, Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs

Lisa Stadlmayr

- Member, amnesty international Austria
- Member, Austrian Society of Women in International Law

Jakob Wurm

- Founding Member, Joseph von Sonnenfels Center, Verein zur ökonomischen Analyse des öffentlichen Rechts
- Member, European Society of International Law

Expert and Evaluation Activities

Manfred Nowak

- Corporate Social Responsibility Consultant of the OMV (Austrian Oil and Gas Corporation) and Kontrollbank

Christoph Schreuer

- Volkswagenstiftung (Foundation of the German Volkswagen): research project support
- Legal expert in numerous international arbitration proceedings concerning the protection of international investments
- UNCTAD
- OECD

Ursula Kriebaum

- International arbitration proceedings in international investment disputes
- Consultant in questions of International and European Human Rights Law
- Arbitral Panel for In Rem Restitution, General Settlement Fund: Consultant

Irmgard Marboe

- International arbitration proceedings in international investment disputes
- Consultancy of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology regarding to Austrian activities in outer space, in particular the launching of satellite TUG SAT 1

August Reinisch

- Advisor to various international organisations
- Member of the Steering Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce/Task Force on Extraterritoriality
- International arbitration proceedings in international investment disputes
- External Expert for the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Council for Social Sciences of the "Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research"
- External Reviewer, Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press

Erich Schweighofer

- Programme chair: IRIS Internationales Rechtsinformatik Symposium, Salzburg 2009
- Chair of organisation committee: WZRI Roundtables, <http://wzri.eu>
- Programme Committee Member: DEXA Database and Expert Systems Applications, Linz 2009
- Programme Committee Member: 2nd Workshop on Legal Informatics and Legal Information Technology (LIT 2009) held in conjunction with 12th International Conference on Business Information Systems (BIS 2009), Poznan, April 2009
- Programme Committee Member: Conference on Electronic Democracy EDEM 2009, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, September 2009
- Programme Committee Member: LOAIT 2009, 3rd Workshop on Legal Ontologies and Artificial Intelligence Techniques joint with 2nd Workshop on Semantic Processing of Legal Text, June 2009

- Reviewer: JASIST Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>

Stephan Wittich

- Consultancy in questions of international law
- External referee for the International Community Law Review (Martinus Nijhoff)

Isabelle Buffard

- External referee for "Die Friedenswarte", Journal of International Peace and Organization

Lisa Stadlmayr

- Independent Expert for amnesty international Austria (Expertise concerning social rights in Austria – February 2008)
- Shortterm Election Observation for the OSCE in Kazakhstan (August 2007) und Kyrgyzstan (December 2007)

Awards and Honours

Manfred Nowak

Erste Magdeburger Menschenrechtsmedaille, 15 December 2008

Ursula Kriebaum

Brandl & Talos Intersectional Legal Studies Award 2009

Luca Schicho

Receipt of a Scholarship by the University of Vienna for conference participation of young researchers

Lisa Stadlmayr

Award of a research scholarship from the University of Vienna for the completion of the dissertation "Compensation for Human Rights Abuses in Austria – Does Austria fulfil its International Obligations?"

Research Focus

Hanspeter Neuhold

- Theoretical Questions of International Law and Sources of International Law
- Political and Legal Aspects of International Security
- CFSP and ESDP
- The Prohibition of the Threat or Use of Force
- Austria's International Status

Manfred Nowak

- Prohibition of Torture
- International Protection of Human Rights/UN Human Rights System
- Human Rights based Approach to Development
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, Death Penalty
- Internally Displaces Persons (IDP), Climate Refugees
- National Human Rights Institutions
- Universal Jurisdiction

Christoph Schreuer

- Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
- International Investment Law
- International Arbitration

Ursula Kriebaum

- International Protection of Human Rights
- International Investment Law (indirect expropriation, fair and equitable treatment and other standards of investment protection)
- Expropriation in International Law
- Arbitration (Investment Arbitration)
- Restitution of Property Taken during the Nazi-Regime
- Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations in National Law Regimes

Irmgard Marboe

- Compensation and Damages in International Law
- International Investment Law
- International Arbitration
- Space Law
- Intercultural Dialogue
- International Law and Islam
- Culture in International and European Law

August Reinisch

- Investment Law (indirect expropriation, fair and equitable treatment and other standards of investment protection)

- International Economic Law (Extraterritoriality, economic sanctions, WTO dispute settlement)
- The Law of International Organizations (Responsibility of International Organisations)
- State Responsibility (State of Necessity)
- Arbitration (Investment Arbitration)
- European Law (External Trade, EC and WTO)

Erich Schweighofer

- Global governance in the knowledge society (in particular e-issues)
- Legal ontologies, text analysis and text categorization
- Cyberspace law
- Knowledge rights
- E-Government & E-Justice
- Conflict in cyberspace
- Semantic and Social Web
- EU-competition law & agricultural law, in particular market regulation mechanisms

Stephan Wittich

- Party autonomy in proceedings before international courts and tribunals
- International procedural law
- International treaty law

- Immunities and privileges of international organizations in Austria
- Austrian judicial practice in international law
- International responsibility

Isabelle Buffard

- Liability, prevention and the precautionary principle in international law
- Fragmentation and theory of sub-systems in international law
- State responsibility and the law of treaties
- International human rights law
- Objective regimes in international law
- Immunities in international law

Christina Knahr

- International Investment Law
- International Arbitration (especially Investment Arbitration)
- International Economic Law (WTO Law, WTO Dispute Settlement)
- International Organizations

Alexander Breitegger

- International Humanitarian Law
- Human Rights
- Disarmament/Arms Control Regarding Conventional Weapons, in particular landmines and cluster munitions

- International Criminal Law

Anton Geist

- Austrian, foreign and international computer-assisted legal research systems
- Legal Information Retrieval & Text Analysis
- Consular law

Florian Hafner

- Space Law
- International Law and Islam

Helmut Prantner

- Austrian Diplomatic and Parliamentary Practice in International Law
- Protection of Human Rights
- Law and Politics of International Security

Clara Reiner

- International investment law
- International arbitration

Luca Schicho

- Law of State Responsibility
- International Investment Law
- The Use of Force in International Relations
- Sovereign Wealth Funds

Lisa Stadlmayr

- Remedies for Human Rights Violations, State Responsibility and Human Rights
- International Human Rights Protection/UN Human Rights System
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Law
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Jakob Wurm

- International Economic Law (WTO – trade policy measures, dispute settlement)
- European Law (implementation of Community Law, relationship between Community Law and the member states)
- Economic Analysis of Law (Law and Economics)
- Austrian case-law relating to International Law (“Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts”)

Projects

Interdisciplinary Research Platform Human Rights in the European Context

The interdisciplinary Research Platform Human Rights in the European Context aims at generating knowledge beyond the framework of individual disciplines and faces new research questions with interdisciplinary, in particular trans-disciplinary methods, specifically by making use of the

“Human Rights Based Approach”. Thus, it is intended to function as a human rights think-tank.

The platform will carry out inter-disciplinary and policy oriented background studies and research projects on various topics related to European human rights policies which shall inform and feed into current debates.

Besides the core group, the Platform has the function of a hub for a network of researchers from all involved academic disciplines. These additional researchers are included in the elaboration and implementation of projects emerging from the Platform’s activities – according to their individual expertise. Eventually, the joint resources of the Platform are resulting in the “Networking of Networks” which on the one hand ensures a broad coverage of sources, and on the other hand guarantees the wide-spread dissemination of the working results into the discourses of the participating academic disciplines.

A particular focus is being put on a synergetic linkage of project implementation and output in terms of dissertations and postdoctoral research work. Thus, the Platform provides younger researchers with an opportunity to carry out inter-disciplinary research projects under the joint supervision of senior researchers from all relevant disciplines.

Involved members of the section:

Director: Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak, LL.M

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Hafner

Prof. Dr. Ursula Kriebaum

Dr. Christina Binder

Dr. Isabelle Buffard

International

Hanspeter Neuhold

CONSENT Project

The Department is the Austrian partner of the scientific project CONSENT sponsored by the EU Commission which addresses the multiple dimensions of European integration within the framework of the EU and in which both universities as well as other research institutes from all member states of the Union participate (project end: 31 May 2009).

Prof. Neuhold is member of the international advisory board for the project of a new edition of the Encyclopedia of Public International Law which is headed by the Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Prof. Rüdiger Wolfrum.

Manfred Nowak

COST Action "The Role of the EU in the UN Human Rights Reform"

The main objective of the Action is to increase and consolidate knowledge of the ongoing process of institutional, structural, and procedural reforms of the United Nations human rights system, so as to recommend standpoints for the European Union in this process working towards strengthening the protection of human rights world-wide. The United Nations is involved in the promotion of human rights in a number of areas, particularly through the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and the newly established Human Rights Council. The European Union has great interest in the outcome of the reforms underway in both these central institutions. These include the building up of a totally new institution of universal periodic review and the ambitious reform of the human rights treaty bodies system. However, the new political power balance in the Council and the existing dangers to a fundamental reform of the treaty body system pose far-reaching challenges to the role of and contribution by the EU. In the frame of this project, possible answers to these challenges shall be elaborated.

European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA)

The European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) is an intensive one-year academic programme to educate professionals in the field of human rights and democratisation. The programme aims to educate and train experts in the field of human rights and democratisation and to prepare them for their future assignments in international organisations (EU, UNO, OSCE and NGOs). During the first semester, students attend at faculty in Venice a comprehensive introduction into the historical, philosophical, anthropological, political and legal foundations of the international human rights regime. The winter semester ends with a field trip to Kosovo. During the summer semester, students are at one of the 41 participating partner universities in the EU, where they attend seminars and work on their thesis. Prof. Nowak represents the University of Vienna in the various bodies of EMA.

FRALEX

Replacing the European Union Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights, the European Fundamental Rights Agency established in the end of 2007 with FRALEX a group of leading human rights experts which is tasked to develop reports and studies on the human rights situation in each EU member State. Prof. Nowak is member of this group as a Senior Expert/International Expert.

Agenda for Human Rights

The Agenda on Human Rights is an initiative of the Swiss Government to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The Agenda was developed by a Panel of Eminent Persons and its Main Report and Recommendations were drafted by Manfred Nowak, the Panel's Rapporteur. The Agenda sets out contemporary challenges to the enjoyment of human rights and human dignity as perceived by the Panel and makes recommendations to address these challenges. A research programme which engages with multiple institutions around the world is supported by the Agenda, encouraging further research into some of the key contemporary human rights challenges raised..

Legal Status and Treatment of Environmental Refugees

Since October 2008, in cooperation with Prof. Gerhard Hafner, Mag. Lisa Stadlmayer and Mag. Margit Ammer (BIM) work on a study aiming at the examination of the legal status and the treatment of “environmental refugees”. The project was tendered by the German Environmental Federal Agency. The project can be divided in three phases: After an analysis of the notion “environmental refugee” and the development of a working definition, it is examined whether or to what extent States are obliged under international law to take measures regarding the prevention of or coping with environmental degradation and whether States are obliged to grant protection of “environmental refugees”. Based on this analysis protection gaps are to be identified; as a last step, possible solutions for closing these gaps are to be elaborated. The results will be commented in September 2009 by experts at a workshop held in Berlin; the comments will be integrated in the final report.

Stephan Wittich

Establishment of an Interest Group on “Procedure and evidence before international courts and tribunals” within the framework of the European Society of International Law.

Third-Party Funded Projects

Irmgard Marboe

Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University:

The outcomes of the first “Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University” carried out at in July 2008 were presented at the Academy of Science in a ceremonial act on 25 October 2008. Project director Prof. Irmgard Marboe introduced the background and the future perspectives of this project to an interested public. The Minister for Science and Research assured that also for the Summer University 2010 financial support would be granted. Furthermore, a magazine entitled “VICISU 2008” and dealing with the Summer University was published (pp. 31). It contains numerous contributions of

lecturers and students, and thus keeps record of the Summer University 2008 with texts as well as with pictures.

The preparations for the Summer University 2010 began in spring 2009. Emphasize was in particular put on linking research and teaching and on the development of an international and interdisciplinary academic network in this area. Incentives were especially provided by initiatives on Islamic law at the University of Warwick, UK, in particular by Prof. Shaheen Sardar Ali. The preparatory works are carried out in collaboration with Prof. Ingeborg Gabriel at the department for Social Ethics at the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the University of Vienna.

National Point of Contact for Space Law Austria:

In November 2008 the “National Point of Contact for Space Law Austria” was set up at the law faculty of the University of Vienna with the financial support of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology and coordinated by Prof. Irmgard Marboe. The project is intended to establish a national point of contact for space law in Austria for the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL) and the European Space Agency (ESA). Between 2001 and 2008 this point of contact was situated at the University of Graz (Prof. Christian Brünner).

The project is aimed at enhancing space law in research and teaching and increasing public awareness about space law. In the field of teaching, interested students get an introduction and gain insights in recent developments in courses offered in the Elective Fields of Specialization of “Law of International Relations” and of “Law of Technology”. The project allows for invitations of a guest lecturer. Study trips to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs as well as to the European Space Policy Institute provide students with insights into practice.

In the field of research, Prof. Marboe’s contribution to the “Cologne Commentary on Space Law” needs to be mentioned. Furthermore, Prof. Marboe published on numerous occasions about the national implementation of regulations on space law as well as about the European dimension (see publication list). Beyond that, her collaboration in the “Yearbook of Space Policy” 2009 needs to be added here as well.

With regard to activities aimed at enhancing public awareness about Space Law issues, the publication of the “Space Law Newsletter No 9 (2009)” and the rearrangement of

the homepage were important. The public conference "Perspectives of Space Exploration and the Role of the United Nations" on 9 June 2009 at the University of Vienna, brought together representatives of leading space faring nations (USA, Russia, Japan, China and India) and the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs. A summary of the event was broadcasted on the private TV channel OKTO, in a programme called "SuperNova", on 7 October 2009.

Manfred Nowak

Commentary on the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT-Commentary)

The project works towards the publication of the CAT-Commentary by Oxford University Press in March 2008. See <http://www.oup.com/uk/catalogue/?ci=9780199280001>.

This research project is funded by the "Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung" (Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research).

Quality Assurance for First Instance Asylum Proceedings in Austria

Over a period of thirteen months, starting January 2007, a respective analysis based on a sample of 100 proceedings will be conducted and scientifically edited. The project will be implemented in cooperation with members of the Federal Asylum Office. Moreover, the project team is supported by a steering committee consisting of representatives of the UNHCR, the Red Cross (ACCORD), the Independent Federal Asylum Tribunal, the Ministry of the Interior, the Federal Asylum Office and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights.

The project is financed by the European Refugee Fund and co-financed by the Austrian Ministry of the Interior.

Domestic Violence from a Human Rights Perspective. Prevention and Protection of Violence against Women and Children – the Austrian Experience

This study analyses domestic violence in Austria in its legal and factual dimension from a human rights perspective. Particular attention is paid to specific women's rights and

child rights standards and the implications both for prevention as well as effective protection of victims of violence.

The study particular pursues the following questions: How has the international and European human rights/women's rights/child rights framework developed recently with respect to violence in the family (see also, e.g. the recent 2006 UN Studies on Violence against Children, and against Women, respectively)? What are the binding legal obligations for Austria? How is Austria complying with its international obligations? What are the areas in most pressing need of reform in Austria beyond the existing a specific Law on Protection against Violence, which particularly considers the specific needs of children and specific social groups such as migrants? What is the added value of a rights-based approach to prevention and protection from violence?

The "Violence in the Family" project is funded by the Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank.

August Reinisch, Christina Knahr

International Investment Law in the Practice of International Arbitration

Over the past ten years investment arbitration under the auspices of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) as well as ad hoc arbitration and arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules has increased considerably. The practice of investment tribunals has significantly shaped the substantive investment law.

This project systematically analyzes the existing case law according to the following main topics: admission requirements, standards of protection (fair and equitable treatment, full protection and security, national treatment, most-favored-nation treatment, arbitrary and discriminatory measures), expropriation and the standards of compensation for expropriation. The research focuses on the actual application of the investment standards found in Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and other international investment agreements by investment tribunals. A thorough analysis of arbitral decisions and awards is being conducted in order to determine the actual content of international investment law.

Further, an important aspect of the project is knowledge-transfer. Prof. Reinisch and Dr. Knahr regularly attend national and international conferences on investment arbitrati-

on and give presentations on topical issues in the field.

The results of the research undertaken during the project are intended to be assembled in a book. Due to its planned structure as a commentary, it will provide easily accessible information and reference to the scholarly community and practicing lawyers, counsels and arbitrators alike. At the same time, it will explain the broader international law background of many decisions, analyze the doctrinal background of their reasoning and discuss the implications of the way how investment standards have been interpreted.

August Reinisch, Jakob Wurm

International Law in Domestic Courts

International law is increasingly gaining importance in a globalised world. Consequently, domestic courts have to deal with a rising number of cases relating to, inter alia, the relationship between international law and domestic law in general, the determination of the legal status of foreign States in the domestic context or the analysis of acts of foreign States violating international law. The use of international law before domestic courts is an important factor in determining the effectiveness of norms of international law. Thus, more and more practitioners as well as academics also refer to domestic court judgments.

The project "International Law in Domestic Courts" (ILDC) acknowledges this development. It comprises carefully annotated domestic cases relating to international law. The (English) presentation in the database notably contains key words, facts, the court's holding as well as short case commentaries, in order to effectively improve individual research requests.

On the international level, the project forms part of a comprehensive research cooperation, including academics from Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, Pretoria, Tel Aviv and Vienna as well as other renowned universities in order to assure top academic quality and the inclusion of the highest number of jurisdictions possible. This approach equally facilitates the comparative analysis of the reception of international law in domestic courts.

Successful results of the international cooperation included not only the knowledge transfer (see conference participation and "Editorial Board meetings" end of October

2008 and May 2009 in the context of subject matters such as „Transnational Public Interest Litigation in Domestic Courts“ and „Unity or Fragmentation in International Law: The role of International Courts and Tribunals“) but also the planning and organisation of an international conference entitled "Challenging Acts of International Organizations before National Courts" at the Vienna Law Faculty. Lively debates involving of national and international law experts took place after each conference presentation. The publication of the results is currently prepared.

Further, in addition to the ongoing case reporting and –reviewing, also foreign students participating in the LL.M.-Programmes "International Legal Studies" were increasingly involved in the project work to identify and report cases from their respective jurisdictions.

Erich Schweighofer, Anton Geist

CARE - Citizens Consular Assistance Regulation in Europe, (Funded by the European Commission. Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security), <http://www.careproject.eu>; project duration: 1 February 2008-31 July 2009

This project investigates consular laws and practices that the EU Member States provide to their citizens and to citizens of other Member States. 27 individual country reports are being issued by national experts in the field. Those reports will be summarized in a final report and will form the basis for thorough scientific evaluation in workshops. A database containing all relevant documentation (legislation, practice, case law, working documents) is being set up. The results of the project, especially the results of the workshops, will be published in book form. The final report on the consular framework in Europe, the book and the database will support the European Commission in their evaluation of the consular framework of the Member States, and in future political and legal initiatives which may be necessary.

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>.

International Student Competitions

Telders International Law Moot Court 16-18 April 2009

The Department of International Law and International Relations took part in the 32nd Telders International Law Moot Court Competition with a team consisting of Peter Bachmayer, Tomasz Hara, Gregor Novak and Max Wälde-Sinigoj.

The team, which was coached by Mag. Alexander Breitegger and Mag. Luca Schicho, achieved the highest score in the overall written and oral ranking. This was the first time in 32 years of the competition's existence that the same team received the highest overall scores both for Applicant and Respondent.

In addition, both Applicants and Respondents received the award for the best oral presentations and Applicants the award for the best memorial. Gregor Novak and Max Wälde-Sinigoj again demonstrated their outstanding abilities in front of ICJ Judge Koroma and two other renowned judges in the oral final, where their Serbian opponent of the University of Novi Sad won and Gregor Novak was given the award for the best oral performance.

This successful participation in the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was the product of extraordinarily hard work; preparations for the final rounds had been outgoing since October 2008 so that the competitors finally devoted almost all their time to this project.

Every year, a hypothetical case forms the basis for a discussion of timely and controversial questions of international law on a high level. This year's case involved the law of treaties, questions regarding state responsibility, international law of the sea and environmental law.

Concours Jean Pictet – International Humanitarian Law, Evian-les-Bains (France), 28 March-4 April 2009

A team of the University of Vienna's Faculty of Law participated in the quarter-finals of the 21st edition of the Jean-Pictet Competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), taking place in Evian-les-Bains/France. The event is sponsored mainly by the International Committee of the Red Cross, by several national Red Cross Societies as well as by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and focuses on putting into

practice the theoretical knowledge in the field of IHL acquired in the preparation for the Concours. Altogether, 55 universities from all over the world competed in real-life-simulations in one of the working languages (French, English or Spanish) against each other. The team of the University of Vienna, Mag. Matthias Bauer, Mag.a Monika Korbášová und Mag.a Anna Magdalena Rüscher, qualified via written submissions for the quarter finals in Evian-les-Bains/France. Main topics of this year's competition were the current challenges to IHL such as the status of non-state actors, especially concerning human rights, and an upgraded International Fact-Finding Commission. In cooperation with the Section for International Law and International Relations, the team was coached by Mag. Matthias Jurek, Asst. MMag.a Madalena Pampalk und Mag.a Lisa Stadlmayr, who had participated in the competition in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

National Model United Nations 22-26 April 2008

The Department of International Law and International Relations in 2008 took part in the National Model United Nations, New York, with a 14-person team. The cooperation with the Vienna University of Economics and University of Vienna Institutes of Political Science, and Philosophy was across disciplines and fully funded by public and private sources. The team won the award for best position paper and the award for most committed delegate. The 3000 American and international participants were assigned diplomatic positions in the United Nations System with the task to push their national agenda in the various committees. The team coached by Assistant Mag. Helmut Prantner overall demonstrated an excellent performance representing Bolivia in a simulation of international conflict management.

Approved Dissertations

International Law

Bless, C., "Die Entwicklung von „performance requirements“ in internationalen investment und der daraus resultierenden Auswirkungen auf bilateral investment treaties (BITs) und free trade agreements (FTAs) einerseits sowie auf die unterzeichneten Staaten andererseits (Betreuer: August Reinisch)

Hartl, R., Das neutrale Österreich in der europäischen und internationalen Sicherheitsarchitektur (Betreuer: Heribert Franz Köck)

Koller, H., Die sicherheitspolitische Souveränität Österreichs (Betreuer: Heribert Franz Köck)

Poll, A., Das Abkommen über Handel, Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit zwischen der Europäischen Gemeinschaft und ihren Mitgliedstaaten und der Republik Südafrika vom 11. Oktober 1999 – Bestandsaufnahme und Ausblick (Betreuer: Gerhard Hafner)

European Law

Pflug, N., Positive Maßnahmen im Lichte des Geschlechtergleichbehandlungsgrundsatzes (Betreuer: Heribert Franz Köck)

Diploma Theses, Diploma Exams

During the academic year, 556 Diploma Exams and 18 Diploma Theses in International Law as well as numerous Exams and Theses in European Law were administered by members of the Section for International Law and International Relations of the Department for European, International and Comparative Law. 12 students received the certificate of the Elective Field of Specialization "Law of International Relations", organized by the Section for International Law and International Relations.

Coordination of Exchange-Programs

Three members of the section (Prof. Gerhard Hafner, Prof. Irmgard Marboe und Prof. Erich Schweighofer) act as Erasmus-coordinators. They are responsible for more than 100 exchange places of the European student exchange programme, thus for most of the places of the Faculty. Therefore, the Section for International Law coordinates the annual Erasmus selection procedure for the entire Vienna Faculty of Law.

As Prof. Hafner has retired in September 2008 his Erasmus-programme was temporarily operated by Prof. Ofner and his Assistant Mag. Palzer. In February/March 2009, Prof. Marboe became the new coordinator of this programme in addition to her own programme.

The Section has created a homepage for the Erasmus-programme (<http://public.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=13401/>) and updates it regularly.

The support service of the Erasmus-programme includes information as student exchange possibilities both at public events and in personal consultations, the elaboration and signature of the "learning agreement" including subsequent changes and adaptations, as well as guidance and supervision of the procedure of recognition upon return. This includes also writing certificates of recognition for diploma seminars and supplemental examinations for diploma or module exams, if necessary.

The Erasmus-coordinators act also as contact persons for incoming students from abroad, in particular as regards advice and support with the "learning agreement".

In December 2008, an information event took place in the building of the Faculty of Law which was attended by more than 100 students. There is relatively great interest in studying abroad, but in comparison to the overall number of students at the Vienna Faculty of Law, this still is space for further development. Many students are concerned about a prolongation of their studies. Also the financial burden is considerable as Erasmus-grants do not cover the additional costs of studying abroad.

In February/March 2009, the section organised the Erasmus selection procedure of the Faculty of Law for the academic year 2009/10. 109 candidates applied. After the receipt of written applications, oral hearings took place in the beginning of March. The individual programs in the academic year 2008/09 are presented further detail below:

Prof. Hafner/Prof. Marboe

As mentioned above, the programmes of Prof. Hafner und Prof. Marboe merged in February/March 2009. As this happened during the reporting period, the two programmes will still be presented separately.

The Erasmus-programme of Prof. Marboe consists of contracts with 50 universities offering 127 places for Erasmus students. It was arranged that beginning 2009/10 the University of Nottingham will offer 6 instead of 4 places and the University of Kent 4 instead of 3. 82 students were nominated for going abroad in the year 2009/10. In the period 2008/09 62 students came to study at the Vienna Faculty of Law.

In the following, the numbers of outgoings is presented (the figure after the slash indicating the number of available places).

Programme Prof. Marboe

University	places available	places given to students
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	3	2
Université de Fribourg	4	4
Universität St. Gallen	2	2
Karlsuniversität Prag	2 for one term	5
Freie Universität Berlin	1	1
Universität Hannover	1	1
Kobenhavns Universitet	2	4
Universidad Complutense de Madrid	3	2
Universidad Carlos III	1	2
Université de Franche Comté Besancon	3	1
Université de Cergy-Pontoise	2	1
Université du Havre	3	1
Université de Rouen-Haute-Normandie	2	1
Universität Athen	2	4
Aristoteles Universität Thessaloniki	1	0

University	places available	places given to students
Eötvös Lorand Universität Budapest	4 for one term	2
University College Dublin	1	5
Università degli studi „La Sapienza“	3	3
Roma Tre	1	1
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	2	3
Universiteit Maastricht	3	2
Universität Oslo	2	2
Universidade Católica Portuguesa	2	3
Comenius Universität Bratislava	2	0
Bratislavksa Vysko Skola Prava	2	1
Universität Lund	3	2
Universität Stockholm	2	2
Universität Turku	2	3
University of Southampton	1	1
University of Nottingham	2	2
Napier University Edinburgh	1	1
University of Kent	3	3

Former Programme Prof. Hafner

University	places available	places given to students
Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II	8	8
Université René Descartes Paris V	4	4
Université Nanterre Paris X	2	2
Institut d'Etudes Politique de Paris - Sciences Po	2	2
Université Paris Nord XIII	2	2
Université de Bourgogne, Dijon	6 for one term	5
Université Catholique de Lyon	5	3
Université Catholique de Louvain	1 for one term	0
Università degli studi di Bologna	5	5

University	places available	places given to students
Università degli studi di Urbino	2	1
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	3	3
Universidad Alcalá de Henares	3	3
Georg-August Universität Göttingen	2	1
University of Wolverhampton	2	1
Universiteit van Amsterdam	2 for one term	2
Universität Ljubljana	2	0
Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen	2	1
Rijksuniversiteit Leiden	2 for one term	2

Prof. Nowak

In his capacity as National Director, Professor Nowak represents the University of Vienna at the “European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation” (EMA). Every year, 90 students from EU Member States and other countries take part in the two semester programme. The first semester is taught in Venice, Italy; during the second semester, the students stay at one of the 41 partner universities in order to write their master thesis. In the summer term 2009, Professor Nowak supervised four EMA students from Poland, Greece, United Kingdom, and Belgium.

Prof. Schweighofer

The Centre for Computers and Law organises the ERASMUS student exchange program “Prof. Schweighofer” (formerly: Computers and Law) with 11 international university partners. Exchange is carried out in all legal disciplines, the majority occurs in legal informatics, international law, European law, comparative law and legal theory. Students who incorporate legal informatics (legal information systems, legal automation, IT law) in their studies are prioritized.

In the winter term 2008 and the summer term 2009, 14 Viennese students travelled abroad and 11 foreign students came to Vienna.

In June/ July 2009, the Centre co-organised the LEGIS Virtual Campus project with a summer school on computers and law that took place in Istanbul, TR at Bahcesehir

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University (6 professors and 24 students).

A successful teaching staff exchange was held with University of Namur (Prof. Queck: course "Telecommunication Law" in Vienna (in German); Prof. Schweighofer: course "Legal Information Retrieval" in Namur (in French).

Further information: Report of the Centre for Computers and Law, available at: <http://rechtsinformatik.univie.ac.at> and <http://www.univie.ac.at/RI/ES>.

Prof. Reinisch

Since 2006, the exchange-program with the William & Mary School of Law offers students of the Law School of Vienna to attend law courses at the partner institution in Virginia, United States on the basis of a mutual tuition fee waiver (www.wm.edu/law).

Helmut Prantner

Bremen International Model United Nations (Jacobs University 5.-9. April 2009)

Harvard World Model United Nations (The Hague 22.-27. March 2009)

London International Model United Nations (King's College 13.-15. February 2009)

The Department of International Law and International Relations in 2009 took part in the NMUN in New York with a 16-person team and the BRIMUN in Bremen with a 4-person team. Students further participated in the Harvard WorldMUN in The Hague and the LIMUN at King's College London. The co-operation with the Vienna University of Economics and multiple institutes of the University of Vienna was interdisciplinary and funded by public and private third-party funds. The international participants were assigned diplomatic positions in the United Nations System with the task of pushing their national agenda in the various committees. The students, coached by Assistant Mag. Helmut Prantner, demonstrated an excellent overall performance in simulating international conflict management.