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Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak, LL.M.

Manfred Nowak is Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Vienna and Co-Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. Additionally, he is Scientific Director of the international postgraduate programme Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights and was UN Special Rapporteur on Torture from 2004 to 2010.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- Head, Interdisciplinary Research Platform "Human Rights in the European Context", University of Vienna
- Head, Interdisciplinary PhD Research School “Empowerment through Human Rights”, University of Vienna
- Scientific Director, Master of Arts in Human Rights, University of Vienna
- Co-Director, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), University of Vienna
- Member and Rapporteur of the “Panel of Eminent Persons” with the Chair Mary Robinson to work out a global “Agenda for Human Rights”
- Vice–President, Austrian UNESCO Commission
- Head, Independent Human Rights Commission at the Austrian Ministry of Interior under the Human Rights Advisory Board of the Ministry (until 30 June 2012)
- Head, Independent Human Rights Commission of the National Prevention Mechanism of the Austrian Ombudsman Board according to OPCAT implementing act (since 1 July 2012)
- International Expert to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna (FRALEX) (until September 2012)
- Vize-Chair of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (since September 2012)
- Member, Austrian Monitoring Committee established in accordance with Article 33 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Austrian National Director, representing the University of Vienna in the European Master in Human Rights and Democratization Program (E.MA)
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Bruno Kreisky Stiftung für die Verdienste um die Menschenrechte
- Member, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

Board Member of the Association for the Prevention of Torture, Geneva
Vice-President, World University Service (WUS Austria)
Head of the COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action IS0702: "The Role of the EU in the UN Human Rights Reform", start: 21 February 2009 end: 20 February 2013
Member of the IRCT Advisory Board
Member, Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights
Member of the Advisory Board, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Berlin

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- External consultant and Visiting Professor at the Danish Institute of Human Rights, Copenhagen
- Consultant of the international oil and gas company OMV concerning human rights

Awards and Honors

- Bestowal of the title Doctor et Professor Honoris Causa of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Budapest – 11 May 2012)

Research Focus

Human Rights in general, Prohibition of torture, International human rights protection/ the UN human rights system, Human rights-based approach to development cooperation, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Enforced disappearances, death penalty, Internally displaced persons and climate refugees, National human rights institutions, Universal (criminal) jurisdiction, R2P
Prof. Dr. Ursula Kriebaum

Ursula Kriebaum has been a Professor of international law at the University of Vienna since 2008. She currently serves as coordinator of the field of specialization: “Law of International Relations”.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- Member, German Society of International Law
- Member, International Law Association
- Member, Human Rights Committee of the International Law Association
- Member, European Society of International Law
- Member, Interest Group on International Economic Law of the European Society of International Law
- Member, Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights of the European Society of International Law
- Member, Austrian Arbitration Association
- Member, Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners
- Member, Austrian Society of Women in International Law
- Member, Independent International Jury of the Bruno Kreisky Prize for Human Rights
- Member, Interdisciplinary Research Platform “Human Rights in the European Context”
- Member, Advisory Board, Austrian Review of International and European Law – A.R.I.E.L.

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- Legal expert in international investment disputes
- Consultant in questions of international human rights law
- Consultant of the Arbitration Panel for In Rem Restitutions, General Settlement Fund
- External reviewer for: Oxford University Press
- External reviewer for: Schweizerischer Nationalfonds
- External reviewer for peer-reviewed journals

Research Focus

- International Protection for Human Rights
- International investment law (expropriation, fair and equitable treatment and other standards of investment protection, human rights and foreign investments)
- Expropriation in International Law
- Arbitration (Investment Arbitration)
- Implementation of international human rights obligations in domestic legal orders
- Restitution of property taken during the Nazi-regime
Prof. Dr. August Reinisch, LL.M.

August Reinisch has been a Professor of international and European law at the University of Vienna since 1998. He currently serves as Head of the Section of International Law and International Relations and as Director of the LL.M. Program in International Legal Studies. From 2004 to 2006 and as of 2010 he was/is Dean for International Relations of the Law School of the University of Vienna.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- 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, Executive Board, 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

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- Advisor to various international organizations
- Legal expert in international investment disputes
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Public Law and International Law
- External expert for the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the “Social Sciences Research Council of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research”
- External Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Edward Elgar and many peer-reviewed journals

Research Focus

- 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 Organizations)
- State Responsibility (State of Necessity)
- Arbitration (Investment Arbitration)
- European Law (External Trade, EC and WTO)
- International Law and Domestic Law
- State Immunity
Prof. Dr. Irmgard Marboe

Irmgard Marboe has been Associate Professor of public international law since 2007. She is the head of the Austrian "National Point of Contact for Space Law" of the European Centre for Space Law, Paris and the Director of the Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University (VICISU). Since 2005, she has been the coordinator of a large multilateral Erasmus-programme.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- 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 (2008-2012)
- Member, International Law Association
- Member, Space Law Committee of the International Law Association
- Member, Islamic Law and International Law Committee of the International Law Association
- Member, Austrian Society of European Law
- Member, Austrian Arbitration Association
- Member, German Society of International Law
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member, International Institute of Space Law (IISL)
- Member, International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- Member, European Centre for Space Law (ECSL)
- Member, Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Corresponding Member, Advisory Board of the European Forum Alpbach

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- Advisor to the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology in connection with the Austrian Outer Space Act (Bundesgesetz über die Genehmigung von Weltraumaktivitäten und die Einrichtung eines Weltraumregisters, BGBl. Nr. 132/2011 of 27 December 2011); preparation of the decision in the Ministerial Council (11 November 2011), expert at the Committee on Science, Innovation and Technology of the National Council (1 December 2012), expert at the National Council (6 November 2011)
- Consultancy for the Federal Foreign Ministry in matters of outer space law and Islamic law
- Expert for the evaluation of the European Space Policy Institute assigned by the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology
- Expert in “Expert Group D” on “Regulatory Issues” of agenda item “Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities” of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
- International Arbitration (Investment Law)

Research Focus

- Compensation and Damages in International Law
- International Investment Law
- International Arbitration
- Space Law and other legal regimes outside national jurisdictions
- “Responsibility to Protect”
- Intercultural Dialogue
- International Law and Islam
- Culture in International and European Law
Prof. DDr. Erich Schweighofer

Erich Schweighofer is Associate Professor and head of the Center for Computers and Law. He teaches Legal Informatics, Public International Law and European Law and does research in these areas, notably Internet Governance, Data Protection and Surveillance Technologies, ICANN, Legal Information Retrieval, Legal Ontologies, Law and Language and Electronic Identities.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- Member, Austrian European Law Day
- Member, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Europarecht
- Member, European Communities Studies Association (ECSA)
- Member, Austrian International Law Day
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Member, International Law Association (ILA)
- Auditor, German Society of International Law (DGVR)
- Head, Committee Schriftenreihe books@ocg.at, Member of the Board and speaker of the Arbeitskreise Rechtsinformatik & E-Government/Recht, Austrian Computing Society (OCG)
- President & main founder, Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik (WZRI)
- Member, Executive Council British Irish Legal Education Technology Association (BILETA)
- Speaker of the section Rechtsinformatik, Gesellschaft für Informatik (GI)
- Member, Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Member, IEEE
- Member of the Board, International Association for Artificial Intelligence and Law (IAAIL)
- Member, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Artificial Intelligence (ÖGAI)
- Member, Vereinigung Österreichischer Bibliothekarinnen und Bibliothekare (VÖB)
- Member, Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Dokumentation und Information (ÖGDI)

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- European Science Foundation (ESF), Strasbourg
- Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO), The Hague
- Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZIF), Bielefeld
- Program Committee Member of the following conferences: DEXA 2012, EGOVIS 2012, EDEM 2012, JURIX 2012, ADVCOMP 2012, Argumentation 2012
- Program Chair, Internationales Rechtsinformatik Symposium (IRIS)
- Editorial team, European Journal of Law & Technology; Artificial Intelligence & Law (EJLT)

Research Focus

- Internet Governance, global regulation in the knowledge society (in particular “e-topics”), consular protection, theory of international law, non-state actors, accountability of international organizations sui generis
- EU competition law & agriculture law, EU institutions, telecommunications law, internet governance, data protection
- Semantic web, social web, e-government & e-justice, legal ontologies, text analysis and text categorisation; data protection, internet governance, smart surveillance, electronic identities, law and language
Prof. Dr. Christina Binder, E.MA.

Christina Binder is Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Vienna, habilitated since June 2012. She was a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Center for International Law in Cambridge (2007-08) and at the Max Planck Institut for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg (2008-11). Christina Binder also acts as a legal expert for OSCE/ODIHR and EU election observation and assessment missions.

Professional Memberships and Functions

- Young Academy (until June 2011 member of the Directorate)
- Member, Accompanying Board of the Grants Programme, Austrian Academy of Sciences/Federal Ministry for Science and Research
- Member, International Law Association (ILA); Committee on Indigenous Peoples
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- President, Austrian Society of Women in International Law (GÖV)
- Member, Arbeitskreis junger Völkerrechtler (AjV)
- Member, Study Group on International Criminal Law (Arbeitskreis Völkerrecht)
- Member, Research Platform, Human Rights in the European Context
- Member, Studienkonferenz, University of Vienna
- Alternate Member, Arbitration Commission University of Vienna

Expert and Evaluation Activities

- Election observer, Francophonie, Election Observation Mission Tunisia (October 2011)
- External Election Expert for the OSCE/ODIHR in Uzbekistan (September 2012)
- Review for Journal of World Investment & Trade
- Review of theses for the Landeskulturpreis Steiermark
- External review for Spanish PhD Theses (Universidad de Navarra)

Awards and Honors

- Habilitation with the treatise "Die Grenzen der Vertragstreue im Völkerrecht am Beispiel der nachträglichen Änderung der Umstände", venia docendi in public international law (June 2012)

Research Focus

- International protection of human rights
- Human rights protection in the Latin-American region
- Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Democratisation
- International Standards of political participation
- International Criminal Law
- Rights of women
- International Law of Treaties
- International Investment Law
Prof. Dr. Stephan Wittich

Stephan Wittich studied law in Vienna with study visits in Budapest, Geneva and Cambridge. Since 2008 he is Associate Professor. In addition to teaching international law at the University of Vienna, he regularly lectures at the Vienna School of International Studies, the Paneuropean University in Bratislava, the Danube University Krems and the University of Applied Sciences Wiener Neustadt. He has advised amongst others states and other parties in international judicial and arbitral proceedings.

Professional Memberships and Functions
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Member, International Law Association (ILA)
- Member, Study Group on International Criminal Law

Research Focus
- 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 decisions involving questions of international law
- International responsibility

Affiliated to the Section

Dr. Claudia Annacker
Dr. Gerd Kaminski, Professor at the State University of New York
Dr. Heribert Franz Köck, MCL (Ann Arbor)
Assistants

MMag. Florian Dunkel

Florian Dunkel is Election Observer of the European Union and has been deployed to Africa, Asia and Latin America since 2005. From 2005 to 2007 he worked at the Legal Department of the General Settlement Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism. His employment at the Section ended in August 2012.

Research Focus

Mag. Melanie Fink

Melanie Fink is a lecturer and research assistant at the Department of European Law, International Law and Comparative Law of the University of Vienna. She studied law at the University of Vienna and University College Dublin, acquired an additional diploma in human rights law and received further training in the area of migration law. As a PhD student at the University of Vienna and Leiden University, she deals with legal accountability for human rights violations during Frontex-coordinated joint operations of the EU member states.

Research Focus
EU Immigration and Asylum Law, International Human Rights Regime, Law of International Responsibility

Mag. Jane Hofbauer, LL.M.

Jane Hofbauer is a lecturer and researcher at the Section for International Law and International Relations. She studied law at the University of Vienna and the University of Amsterdam, with a special focus on international law. She has also completed her postgraduate studies at the University of Iceland. She has been coaching the Austrian Telders International Law Moot Court team since 2010. Her dissertation focuses on the role of peoples, especially indigenous peoples, in a post-Westphalian system.

Professional Memberships and Functions
Executive Secretary, Association for the Promotion of the Participation of Students in International Law Moot Court Competitions
Member, Austrian Society of Women in International Law

Research Focus
International and European Environmental Law, Indigenous Peoples, Immunities and International Law, International Investment Law, Implementation of international law in domestic legislation
Mag. Tina Hofstätter, E.MA.

Tina Hofstätter has been working as a teaching and research fellow at the Section for International Law and International Relations at the University of Vienna and as Programme Manager of the international postgraduate Master’s programme Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at the University of Vienna. She studied law in Vienna and subsequently acquired the European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) in Venice/Turku.

**Research Focus**

International und regional human rights protection, Indigenous rights

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Mag. Karolina Januszewski

Since June 2011 Karolina Januszewski has been working as a research and teaching assistant at the Department of European Law, International Law and Comparative Law of the University of Vienna. She studied law at the University of Vienna and the University of Nottingham. She has acquired additional diplomas in international law (especially international criminal, refugee, human rights and humanitarian law).

**Research Focus**


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Mag. Sabine Mann

Sabine Mann has been working as Programme Assistant of the international postgraduate Master’s programme “Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights” at the University of Vienna. She studied Health Management in Tourism in Styria.

**Research Focus**

Health Promotion, Health Sociology, Public Health, Tourism and Leisure Management
Mag. Aima Samatova, LL.M.

Aima Samatova has been working as a Research Assistant (praedoc) at the Section for International Law and International Relations since 2010. She writes a PhD thesis on the topic of “The impact of States succession on bilateral investment treaties” under the supervision of Prof. August Reinisch. She studied law in Kazakhstan and holds a Master from the University of Bremen (“International and European Law”).

Professional Memberships and Functions
- Chair of the Working Group “Students” of the “Austrian-Kazakh Association”

Research Focus
- State Succession to treaties, International Investment Law (Bilateral Investment Treaties), International Investment Arbitration

Mag. Markus Beham

Markus Beham is a project assistant as well as an external lecturer at the Department of European, International and Comparative Law, Section for International Law and International Relations, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna. His work as a project assistant focuses on the law of outer space and the relationship between Public International Law and Islamic law. Additionally, he attends to the ERASMUS exchange programme of Prof. Marboe.

Professional Memberships and Functions
- Member, Association for the Promotion of the Participation of Students in International Law Moot Court Competitions
- Member, Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs

Awards and Honors
- Granting of the Theodor Körner Award for the Exposé of a Ph.D. in law

Research Focus
- Admission in the Pro Scientia network as a Ph.D. student in law and history and therewith award of the Pro Scientia grant
- Space Law, Relationship between Public International Law and Islamic Law, Sources Doctrine, in particular Customary International Law, Philosophy of International Relations, International Criminal Law
Mag. Walter Hötzendörfer

Walter Hötzendörfer has studied law and business informatics in Vienna and specializes in the legal aspects of information and communication technologies. He works as a project assistant in the Working Group of the University of Vienna in the FP7 Project “SMART” and in other projects as well as on his thesis on the legal aspects of federated electronic identities.

Professional Memberships and Functions
Managing Director, Vienna Center for computer science law (WZRI)
Conference Coordinator, International Law Symposium computer science (IRIS)

Research Focus
Privacy, Electronic Identities/Identity Federation/trust frameworks, data security, cloud computing

Mag. Gregor Novak

Gregor Novak is a research assistant in the context of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts”. Since the middle of August 2012 he is a LL.M. candidate at Yale Law School and a Fulbright Scholar. Since his graduate from the University of Vienna he has gained professional experience as a judicial clerk in Austrian courts, as a legal trainee in the dispute resolution practice group of an internationally operating law firm, as part-time research assistant and as a lecturer.

Professional Memberships and Functions
Associate Editor, Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts
Treasurer, Association for the Promotion of the Participation of students at International Law Moot Court Competitions
Member, European Society of International Law

Awards and Honors
Fulbright Scholarship to attend Yale Law School

Research Focus
International Law in Domestic Courts, International Dispute Settlement, International and domestic law, International Relations and International Law, Individuals and International Law and Human Rights

MMag. Ralph Janik, LL.M.

Ralph Janik is research assistant in the context of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts” since July 2012. After finishing his studies, he has worked as a research assistant at the University of Vienna and as an assistant at the University of Amsterdam Faculty of Law, where he also obtained a postgraduate LL.M. degree. He is currently working on his dissertation in legal theory and international law.

Professional Memberships and Functions
Member, Austrian Society for Political Science

Research Focus
International organizations, International Law in Domestic Courts, Law of armed conflict, History and theory of International law
Mag. Peter Bachmayer, LL.M.

Peter Bachmayer is a research assistant in the context of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts”. After graduating from the University of Vienna he has gained practical legal experience as a law clerk at various Austrian courts and as a stagiaire in the European Commission. Additionally, he obtained a postgraduate LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School and his currently working on his dissertation in the area of national and international copyright law.

Research Focus
- International Law in Domestic Courts, Intellectual Property Law and International Law

MMag. Karin Traunmüller

Karin Traunmüller studied Law and Slavonic Studies (Russian language and literature) in Vienna, Alcalá de Henares and Moscow. She has been working at the Department for International Law and International Relations since January 2010 for the project “Space Law”. Her further research interests are questions of citizenship under public international law and state succession. In her PhD thesis she addresses the practice of extraterritorial naturalizations of former Soviet nationals living in former Soviet Republics by the Russian Federation.

Professional Memberships and Functions
- Participation, interdisciplinary research platform “Wiener Osteuropaforum”

Research Focus
- Space law, State Succession, Citizenship in international law, Kin-state policy

Ing. Mag. Dr. Christof Tschohl

Christof Tschohl is an IT engineer and a legal researcher with specialisation for Fundamental- and Human Rights particularly in the digital information society. As a researcher for the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM) he was moderating and formin from 2009 on more than two years the Austrian process of transposing the EU Data Retention Directive. He works as a project assistant in the Working Group „Rechtsinformatik“ in the FP7-Project ”SMART“.

Professional Memberships and Functions
- Extraordinary Member, Austrian Judges Association, Fundamental Rights Group
- Board Member, Workingparty Datarentention Austria (Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung Österreich)
- Member, Vienna Center for Legal Informatics (WZRI)
- Member, Advisory Board der Open Government Data (OGD) Austria
- External Counsellor, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM)
- Trainer, Fundamental Rights Seminars for Judge-Trainees

Research Focus
- Researcher and coordinator for projects in the field of data protection particularly in electronic

Research Focus
- Human rights and fundamental rights, particularly in combination with data protection law, police law, criminal law and criminal proceeding law and media law, Development and implementation of the “Fundamental Rights-Module” within the education of judges and prosecutors (scriptum, seminars), Human rights education (trainings, lectures, masterprogramme)
Teaching Assistants

Michaela Hinterholzer
Phillip Hödl
Andrea Bockley
Stephan Varga
Hanna Wilhelmer

Unpaid Trainees

Kevin Hinterberger
Olivia Schöfl
Martin Weber

Secretaries

Scarlett Ortner

Scarlett Ortner has been administrative secretary at the section for international law since 1997. In addition to the execution and coordination of administrative tasks as well as mandatory courses, she is also the section’s IT supervisor and webmaster. Furthermore, her tasks cover the compiling of reports, brochures, invitations etc. as well as the layouting of books. Prior to her employment at the section for international law, she was a caseworker at Toshi-ba Notebook in Vienna.

Brigitte Weidinger

Brigitte Weidinger graduated from commercial high school in 1983 and has fulfilled a wide range of secretarial duties at the former Department and present section for International Law and International Relations since 1992. She is now responsible for the “Wahlfachkorb: Law of International Relations”, administrative agendas for the recurring interdisciplinary exams for undergraduates (“FÜM”) (covering the part of international law) as well as all the subjects examined by Doz. Annacker, Prof. Binder, Prof. Kriebaum, Prof. Nowak, and Prof. Wittich.

Project-Staff

Božana Lazić

Božana Lazić has been an administrative assistant in the context of the project “International Law in Domestic Courts” since April 2012. Her current work in the context of the project involves various administrative tasks, including the assistance of the project leader, the organization of conferences and layouting various brochures and posters. Prior to her work in the project, she worked as an assistant to a managing partner in an international law firm.
COURSES

Winter term 2011/12

Lectures

Grundlagen des Völkerrechts – Einführung in die internationalen Grundlagen des Rechts, 2hrs, Kriebaum U./Marboe I./Nowak M./Reinisch A.

Völkerrecht I (Grundlagen und Quellen), 2hrs, Kriebaum U./Reinisch A.

Exercises

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

Practical Exercises

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, 1hr, Binder C., Nowak M.; Reinisch A. (Englisch)

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, je 1hr, Kriebaum U.; Marboe I.; Traunmüller K.; Schweighofer E.; Wittich S.

Repetition Course, Conservatoriums

Repetitorium aus Völkerrecht, je 2hrs, Fink M./Novak G.; Dunkel F./Novak G.

Seminars, Moot Courts

Advanced Research Seminar: Responsibility in International Law, 2hrs, Annacker C.

Summer term 2012

Lectures

Grundlagen des Völkerrechts – Einführung in die internationalen Grundlagen des Rechts: Einführung in das Völkerrecht, 2hrs, Nowak M./Kriebaum U./Marboe I./Reinisch A.

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

Exercises

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

Practical Exercises

Pflichtübung aus Völkerrecht, 1hr, Reinisch A. (Englisch)

Pflichtübungen aus Völkerrecht, je 1hr, Fink M.; Kriebaum U.; Marboe I.; Nowak M.; Schweighofer E.; Traunmüller K.; Wittich S.

Repetition Course, Conservatoriums

Repetitorium aus Völkerrecht, 2hrs, Dunkel F.; Beham M.; Januszewski K.

Seminars, Moot Courts

Advanced Research Seminar in International Dispute Settlement, 2hrs, Annacker C.
Elective Field of Specialization “Das Recht der Internationalen Beziehungen”

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Ursula Kriebaum

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 organization (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 the English language of instruction and includes the following courses:

Winter term 2011/12

**Courses**

- Simulation de conférence internationale (Französisch), 2hrs, Binder C.
- Human Rights II – Special Issues, 1hr, Kriebaum U.
- International Courts and Tribunals, 2hrs, Kriebaum U./Marboe I.
- Special Legal Issues of the Use of Outer Space Technologies, 1hr, Marboe I.
- General Legal Framework of the Use of Outer Space Technologies, 1hr, Marboe I.
- International Economic Law – Trade Law, 2hrs, Reinisch A.

Summer term 2012

**Courses**

- Droit des relations internationales II (Französisch), 2hrs, Binder C./Buffard I.
- Human Rights, 2hrs, Binder C.
- International and European Environmental Law, 2hrs, Loibl G.
- International Investment Law, 2hrs, Kriebaum U.
- International Organizations, 2hrs, Reinisch A.
- Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure, 2hrs, Wittich S.
- Telekommunikationsrecht, 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht
- Lectures on Computers and Law, 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht
At the International Summer School in Strobl am Wolfgangsee, students from around the globe attend lectures organized by
the University of Vienna:

**Liberty vs. Security – The Case of the Fight Against Terrorism, Nowak M.**

**Courses taught in the postgraduate M.A.I.S. (Master of Advanced International Studies)-Program, the Diploma Study Program and the MSc (Master of Science in Environmental Technology and International Affairs)**

organised by the University of Vienna, Vienna University of Technology and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

**Principles of International Law, Loibl G./Wittich S.**

**International Organisations and Multilateral Diplomacy, Loibl G./Loidl T./Wittich S.**

**The Protection of Human Rights in Europe, Nowak M.**

**The International Struggle Against Torture, Nowak M.**

**Human Rights in Europe, Nowak M.**

**History, Theory and Philosophy of International Law: An Introduction, 2hrs, Singh S.**

**Principles of International Law, 2hrs, Wittich S.**

**Rechtsinformatik (Rechtsinformationssysteme, Automatisierung des Rechts, IT-Recht), 2hrs, Schweighofer E. – WFK Computer und Recht**

**EU-Marktordnungsmechanismen am Beispiel des Agrarrechts, 1hr, Schweighofer E. – WFK Europarecht**

**Seminare (Dipl.+Diss. Sem.), Moot Courts**

**Advanced Research Seminar: Responsibility in International Law, 2hrs, Annacker C.**

**Seminar aus Völkerrecht: Rechtsschutz gegen Akte Internationale Organisationen, 2hrs, Reinisch A.**

**Telders Moot Court, International Law Moot Court, 2hrs, Beham M./Hofbauer J.A.**

**Seminar aus Rechtsinformatik (auch Seminar aus Völkerrecht und Europarecht), 2hrs, Schweighofer E.**

**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:

Liberty vs. Security – The Case of the Fight Against Terrorism, Nowak M.
**Elective Field of Specialization “Culture juridique francophone européenne et internationale”**

This module is directed at students with special interest in acquiring and deepening their competences in the field of franco-phone legal culture and language, especially if they need these skills for their career, be it in an international corporate law firm, in bilateral or multilateral diplomacy or (last but not least) in international and European institutions where French still plays an important role as working language.

This module which is jointly coordinated by the Department of Roman Law and Antique Legal History and the Section for International Law and International Relations offers the following courses held exclusively in French on French law and French history of law (or other French-speaking legal systems) as well as European and international law:

**Winter term 2011/12**

- KU Simulation de conférence internationale, 2hrs, Binder C.
- KU Introduction historique au Code Civil français, 2hrs, Prof. Dr. Christian Chêne (Université René Descartes, Paris V)
- KU Droits de l’Homme, 2hrs, Philippe Greciano (Université Stendhal, Grenoble III)
- KU Culture Juridique Européenne: Le concept européen d’Intégration, 2hrs, Stadler C.

**Summer term 2012**

- KU Droit des relations internationales II, 2hrs, Binder C.
- VO Introduction au système judiciaire français, 2hrs, Prof. Dr. Bernard-Marie Boyer (Université René Descartes, Paris V)
- KU Introduction au droit privé français: Perspectives historiques, 2hrs, Prof. Dr. Laurent Pfister (Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II)

**Complementary Study Programmes for Students of non-legal Disciplines**

Complementary Study Programmes offer Bachelor-level students the possibility to gain additional skills not covered by the Bachelor programme. The Complementary Study Programme “Introduction to Law” aims at enabling students of non-legal disciplines to acquire a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law and the institutions of the Austrian legal system. The Complementary Study Programme “Introduction to International Law” is designed as a further specialisation in the area of public international law. The Section for International Law and International Relations offers the following courses within these Complementary Study Programmes:

**Winter term 2011/12**

- KU Völkerrecht und Internationale Organisationen, 2hrs, Fink M./Samatova A.
- KO Völkerrecht und Internationale Organisationen, 2hrs, Binder C.
- KU Principles of International Law, 2hrs, Wittich S.
- KU International and European Human Rights Regime, 2hrs, Nowak M./Hofstätter T.

**Summer term 2012**

- KU Völkerrecht und Internationale Organisationen, 2hrs, Fink M./Samatova A.
- KO Völkerrecht und Internationale Organisationen, 2hrs, Marboe I.
- KU Human Rights, 2hrs, Binder C.
- KU International and European Environmental Law, 2hrs, Loibl G.

**Courses given at the postgraduate M.E.S. (Master of European Studies)**

organised by the University of Vienna

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

Claudia Luxon has been Programme Manager of the LL.M. Program in International Legal Studies since 2007. After graduating she devoted most of her work to the promotion of education and research in form of outreach programs, as well as advertising and congress management. Her initial experience focused on the development of educational programs in museums and soon on school programs complementing the curriculum. Since 1993 she has enlarged on vocational training programs, and later establishing a postgraduate degree program at the Vienna Law School.

Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Gerhard Hafner

Gerhard Hafner is the former Director of the Department of European, International and Comparative Law at University’s Law School and former Deputy Chairman of the German Society of International Law. In addition to being a Legal Consultant to the Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs and Member of the Governing Board of the European Studies Institute in Moscow, he is a member of the Institut de Droit International and of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

em. o. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Hanspeter Neuhold

Hanspeter Neuhold is Professor emeritus of International Law and International Relations at the University’s Law School; Academic Director of the postgraduate Master of Advanced International Studies (M.A.I.S.) programme jointly organised by the University of Vienna and the Diplomatic Academy Vienna; and former Director of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs.

Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Christoph Schreuer

Christoph Schreuer was Professor at the University of Vienna from 2000-2009. From 1992 to 2000 he was the Edward B. Burling Professor of International Law and Organization at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. He has concentrated on international investment law and has written many articles on the subject.
Friedl Weiss has been a Professor of European Law at the University of Vienna since 2006 and was Professor of International Economic Law and International Organisations at the University of Amsterdam from 1992-2006. As a former Lecturer in Law at the LSE, London, he also worked as a legal adviser in the EFTA Secretariat, as well as a legal consultant to the GATT Secretariat, Geneva.

Karl Zemanek was Professor and Director of the Department of International Law and International Relations at the University of Vienna until his retirement, and Legal Consultant of the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs until 2003. He is member of the Institut de Droit International. He was twice President of UN Codification Conferences.

The students of the fifth LL.M. class of the University of Vienna’s International Legal Studies Programme graduated in September 2012. This year there were four part-timers graduating in addition to the usually larger group of full-time students. The participants of the one year full-time and two years part-time programme came from Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, France, Italy, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Romania, the Slovak Republic, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The students’ backgrounds ranged from an advocate from the UK, an attorney from Bratislava, diplomats from Chile and Romania, to graduates from London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, as well as Universities in Central Europe and the USA.

All the participants met the high demands of the English speaking LL.M.-Programme which focuses on subject areas such as International Organizations, International Economic Law as well as Dispute Settlement. They accomplished 4 seminars and 8 mandatory courses with final exams, and also wrote a master thesis over the summer months which had to be handed in by mid-August 2012.

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

Claudia Luxon is in charge of the entire management of the LL.M. Program. She is also the coordinator of external seminars and lecturers, and organizer of study trips. Her further responsibilities include advertising measures and the entire financial procedures.

In addition to the study programme, the LL.M. participants were also offered a lecture series with distinguished extra-curricular lecturers such as: Robert Kolb, Professor of Public International Law from the University of Geneva, Vladimir Tyc, Professor of International Law and European Law at the Masaryk University in Brno, Dr. Philippe Greciano, Member of the Conseil de Direction du CREDOF (Paris Ouest), Ambassador Dr. Helmut Tuerk, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Professor Dr. h.c. Fausto Pocar, Appeals Judge and past President, (ICTY), Pétur Leifsson, Assoc. Professor at the University of Iceland, Dr. Nout van Woudenberg, Legal Counsel of the International Law Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Netherlands), John B. Bellinger III, (Arnold and Porter, LLP) formerly legal advisor to the US Department of State (2005-2009), and Prof. Liu Junhai, Arbitrator at VIAC, Director of the Business Law School, Renmin University.

This year, three study trips were organised: the trip to the UN Vienna Headquarters included a workshop with lawyers at the IAEA, another study trip to UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava was organised by Prof. Manfred Nowak and his team and related to topics discussed in his Human Rights Seminar, while the third, very comprehensive trip to the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, was chaired by Prof. Friedl Weiss. Here the discussions were emphasised by a conference on the second day focusing on issues concerning the Legal Affairs Division in the
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GATT and the WTO era. A round-table on WTO litigation in the 21st century completed many issues raised. This year, internships at UNODC and other international institutions in Vienna were made available to a small number of students of this LL.M. Programme. This affirms the demands for hands-on training and contributes to the LL.M. Program's attractiveness.

EXTERNAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES

MANFRED NOWAK
Lecture “E.MA Teaching Week on Field Missions and Practical Human Rights Work”, Venice Academy of Human Rights, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation-EIUC (Venice – 9-13 January 2012).
Lecture “Protecting Children Against Torture and Detention – The Right of Children to Personal Liberty and Integrity (Article 37 UNCRC)” at the Children’s Law Centre Annual Lecture 2012, Royal Courts of Justice (Belfast – 2-4 May 2012).

URSULA KRIEBAUM

AUGUST REINISCH
Lectures “International Organizations and International Law in Domestic Courts” at the University of Sydney (Australia – 14-27 February 2012).

IRMGARD MARBOE
Course “Konsular- und Diplomatenrecht”, Masterprogramme “International Relations”, Danube-University Krems (Krems – 16 December 2011).

Lectures in the course “Space Law” at the University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen – 6-7 March 2012).
Lectures in the course “Human Rights in a Global Perspective”, at the University of Stockholm (Stockholm – 8-9 March 2012).
Courses “Introduction to International Law” and “International Law and Islam”, Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University (VICISU), Stift Altenburg (Altenburg – 1-21 July 2012).

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER
Lecture “Internet Governance”, University of Brno (Brno – November 2011).

CHRISTINA BINDER
Intensive course “Human Rights” in the framework of the Executive Training Programme for diplomats from Southern Caucasus, Diplomatic Academy Vienna (Vienna – May 2012).
Intensive course “Good governance, human rights, gender equality” in the framework of the Executive Training Programme for diplomats from Libya and the Caribbean, Diplomatic
Academy Vienna (Vienna – June 2012).

Short Term Visiting Professorship “Investitionsrecht und Menschenrechte”, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi (Milan – September 2012).

Erasmus Teaching Mobility “International Protection of Human Rights: Women’s Rights”, University of Cyprus (Cyprus – February 2012).

Erasmus Teaching Mobility “Implementation and Enforcement of IHL: the Importance of International Criminal Adjudication”, University of Iceland and University of Akureyri (Iceland – March 2012).

STEPHAN WITTICH


Lecture “The State as a Subject of International Law”, Pan-European University Bratislava (Bratislava – 7 November 2011).


Lecture “Haben Berge auch Rechte?”, University for Children/University of Vienna (Vienna – 10 July 2012).


MELANIE FINK
Course “Human Rights Protection in Europe” organized by the “Institute for European Studies of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel together with the Diplomatic Academy Vienna (Vienna – 10 July 2012).

TINA HOFSTÄTTER
Contribution to the E.MA teaching week on “E.MA Teaching Week on Field Missions and Practical Human Rights Work”, Venice Academy of Human Rights, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation-EIUC (Venice – 9-13 January 2012).

MARKUS BEHAM
Moot Court Training Sessions with the Cypriot Team for the 53. Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Nicosia – 3-12 March 2012).

Tutor, Vienna International Christian Islamic Summer University (VICISU), Stift Altenburg (Altenburg – 1-21 July 2012).

KARIN TRAUNMÜLLER
Lecture, “Introduction to Public International Law” at the Comenius University of Bratislava (Bratislava – 21 April 2012).

MANFRED NOWAK


Keynote Speech “Experiences as Special Rapporteur on Torture” in the framework of the Masters of Human Rights of the Notre Dame University – Louaize – Lebanon (Beirut – 13 October 2011).


PRESENTATIONS, PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCES, ACTIVITIES AS AUSTRIAN DELEGATES AND IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Presentation “Combating Torture – Experiences of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture” at the symposium “OSCE Human Dimension Committee/Away Day”, OSCE Human Dimension Committee (Rust – 25 October 2011).

Presentation at lecture series “Migrations- und Integrationsrecht – Internationales Recht” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 31 October 2011).

Laudation on the occasion of the bestowal of the Ute Bock prize for moral courage 2011 to Robert Zahrl and anti-deportation activists Joanna, Ines, Barbara and Andreas, SOS Mitmensch (Vienna – 3 November 2011).


Presentations about “Torture: Perspective from UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment” (Taipei – 8 November 2011); “On the Creation of a World Court of Human Rights” (Taipei – 9 November 2011); “Workshop on Dialogue with Taiwan NGOs” (Taipei – 11 November 2011); “The Implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights” (Taipei – 12 November 2011) at the College of Law/National Taiwan University (Taipei – 8-13 November 2011).


Opening of the international film festival of human rights “This Human World” (Vienna – 30 November 2011).

Presentation and discussion “Die Alltäglichkeit des Unfassbaren. Folter im 21. Jahrhundert” organized by the European Trainings- and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy at the University Graz (Graz – 6 December 2011).

Member of the jury for the prize of the international film festival of human rights “This Human World” (Vienna – 10 December 2011).

Presentation “R2P und das Folterverbot” at the meeting “Die Schutzverantwortung – Responsibility to Protect: Ein Paradigmenwechsel in der Entwicklung des Internationalen Rechts?”, University of Innsbruck/Südtiroler Bildungszentrum Genossenschaft (Innsbruck – 16 December 2011).


Participation at the TV discussion “Menschenrechte ohne Wert – Ist Guantanamo überall?”; Servus TV Fernsehgesellschaft m.b.H., Redaktion Talk im Hangar-7 (Salzburg – 17 January 2012).

Presentation “Erfahrungen als UNO-Sonderberichterstatter über Folter in Papua-Neuguinea und West-Papua” at the symposium “Menschenrechte im Südpazifik”, Österreichisch-Südpazifische Gesellschaft (OSPG)/Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology (Vienna – 24 January 2012).


Chair at the “Symposium The Convention on Human Rights at the Heart of Europe’s Future” with the British Minister of Jus-
tice Ken Clarke, Diplomatic Academy/British Embassy/Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (Vienna – 13 February 2012).

Presentation “Judicial Systems and Prison Reform in the OSCE Region” at the “Panel on Judicial Independence and Prison Reform”, OSZE Parliamentary Assembly General Committee on Democracy (Vienna – 23 February 2012).

Participation and panel discussion at the movie premiere “Weiterleben”, Haldimann Filmproduction Zurich (Zurich – 23 February 2012).


Presentation “World Court” at the Law Faculty at the University of Lunds (Lund – 24 April 2012).

Presentation “Recent Developments in the Human Rights Committee” at the conference “Current Human Rights Issues and Latvia”, Riga Graduate School of Law and Sorosa Fonds Lavija (Riga – 25 April 2012).

Consultancy at the Danish Institute of Human Rights (Copenhagen – 23-26 April 2012).

Presentation “Protecting Children Against Torture and Detention – The Right of Children to Personal Liberty and Integrity (Article 37 UNCRC)” at the Children’s Law Centre Annual Lecture 2012, Royal Courts of Justice (Belfast – 3 May 2012).

Presentation “Combating Torture”, Human Dimension Committee Meeting OSZE (Vienna – 9 May 2012).

Presentation “A World Court of Human Rights”, Loránd-Eötvös-University Budapest (Budapest – 10 May 2012).

Presentation “The International Struggle Against Torture: Experiences of the Former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture” at the Central European University CEU Budapest (Budapest – 10 May 2012).


Presentation “The World Court of Human Rights in the Context of UN Treaty Body Reform” at the “Multi Rights Annual Conference 2012” at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights/University of Oslo (Oslo – 1 June 2012).


Presentation “Wirtschaftliche, soziale und kulturelle Rechte in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit” at the Austrian Development Agency (ADA)-Annual Conference “Alle Menschenrechte für alle” (Vienna – 3 July 2012).


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rer und europäischer Perspektive” in the course of the conference “Religionsfreiheit im Zeichen der Globalisierung und Multikulturalität” at the Austrian Institute of Human Rights in Salzburg (Edmundsburg – 6 July 2012).


Participation at the panel discussion “Global Prison Crisis” side event of the UN Human Rights Council (Geneva – 25 September 2012).

URSULA KRIEBAUM

Participation at the Workshop “Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment for Development: Current policy challenges” (Geneva – 5-6 December 2011).


Participation at the Conference “Grenzüberschreitender Dialog nationaler Gerichte zu Internationalen Organisationen” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 23 April 2012).

Participation at the Conference “EU and Investment Agreements – Open Questions and Remaining Challenges” at the University of Vienna in Cooperation with the University of Siegen and the University of Halle-Wittenberg (Vienna – 18 June 2012).


Participation at the 5th ESIL Conference “Regionalism and International Law”, European Society of International Law (Valencia – 12-16 September 2012).

AUGUST REINISCH

Participation at the Conference “Contemporary Legal Problems from A New Haven Perspective”, City University of Hong Kong (China – 7-8 October 2011).

Presentation “The Role of National Courts in Securing the Accountability of International Organizations” at the “Centre for International Law”, National University of Singapur (Singapur – 24 October 2011).


Inaugural lecture on “Jurisdiction – Grenzen der Staatsgewalt und Verfahrensgerechtigkeit bei internationalen Prozessen” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 16 November 2011).


Presentation “The Interpretation of Investment Dispute Settlement Clauses in the ICSID Case Law”, Università di Roma Tre (Rome – 6 December 2011).

Participation at the Participation in the meeting of the Council of the German Society for International Law at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg (Germany – 12-14 January 2012).
Presentation “The Privileges and Immunities of International Organizations – The Adoption of the Waite and Kennedy Doctrine” at the University of Sydney (Australia – 16 February 2012).

Presentation “Transnational Judicial Conversations on the Privileges and Immunities of International Organisations” at the Law School of the University of Melbourne (Australia – 23 February 2012).

Participation at the Conference of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) at the University Carlos III Madrid (Spain – 8-10 March 2012).


Presentation and Organisation of the Conference “Transnational Judicial Dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 23 April 2012).

Lecture “Investment Arbitration” at the University Zurich (Switzerland – 8 May 2012).

Participation ILA Executive Council Meeting in London as leader of the ILA Comitee Austria (Great Britain – 19 May 2012).

Presentation and leader of the Conference “EU and Investment Agreements – Open Questions and Remaining Challenges” together with Prof. M. Bungenberg and Prof. C. Tietje at the University of Vienna in cooperation with the University Siegen and the University Halle-Wittenberg (Vienna – 18 June 2012).

Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for foreign public law and international law (Heidelberg – 20-21 June 2012).


Discussant of the topic “The Regulatory Answers to the Sovereign Debt Crisis” at the meeting of the ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group “International Economic Law, Sovereign Debt and Bilateralism” on the occasion of the ESIL Biennial Conference (Spain – 13 September 2012).

Presentation “European Perspective on Legal Education in Austria” at the 2nd Joint Conference of Sino-EU Law School Deans at the Renmin University Beijing, Mingde Law School (China – 21 September 2012).

Presentation “The Scope of Investor-State Dispute Settlement in International Investment Agreements” at the 4th International Conference “Contemporary Legal Problems: The New Haven School of Thought from a Comparative Perspective”, City University of Hong Kong (China – 5 October 2012).

IRMGARD MARBOE


Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna – 6-17 February 2012).

Participation in the panel on “Zukunftsfragen der Erde - Lösungen aus dem All” of the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT) (Vienna – 22 February 2012).


Presentation “Österreich im Weltraum” at the Rotary Club Vienna (Vienna – 15 February 2012 and 27 February 2012).

Presentation “The Proliferation of International Courts and Tribunals: Threats of Fragmentation Chances of a More Effective System?“ Round Table at the University Copenhagen (Copenhagen – 6 March 2012).

Commentary to the presentation of Andreas Ziegler on “Preferential Trade and Investment Agreements and the Bilateralism/Multilateralism Divide” at the Frankfurt Investment Law
Workshop “Preferential Trade and Investment Agreements: A New Ordering Paradigm for International Investment Relations?” (Frankfurt am Main – 16-17 March 2012).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna – 19-30 March 2012).

Chairing of the Working Group on agenda item “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 Uses of Outer Space (Vienna – 19-30 March 2012).

Participation in the Conference “Transnational Judicial Dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 23 April 2012).

Participation in Workshop “Constitutional Reform in the Changing Arab World” at the Joseph von Sonnenfels Center for the Study of Public Law and Economics (Vienna – 11 May 2012).

Presentation “Human Rights Considerations for Space Activities” at the Conference “In Heaven as on Earth? The Interaction of Public International Law on the Legal Regulation of Outer Space”, organized by the University of Cologne and the German Center for Air and Space (DLR), Bonn (Germany – 1-2 June 2012).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (Vienna – 6-16 June 2011).

Presentation “Promoting the Rule of Law: UN, OIC and ILA initiatives approaching Islamic Law” at the Conference “Islam and International Law”, University of Innsbruck (Innsbruck – 14-16 June 2012)

Participation in the Conference “EU and Investment Agreements – Open Questions and Remaining Challenges” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 18 June 2012).

Participation in the 75th Conference of the International Law Association (ILA), presenting the report of the ILA Committee about “Islamic Law and International Law” and participation in the Committee “Space Law” (Bulgaria 27-31 August 2012).

Presentation “National Space Legislation” at the National Space Conference Pakistan, organized by the National Space Agency of Pakistan – SUPARCO (Islamabad – 17-19 September 2012).


ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER

Participation at the Initiative for the establishment of the European Legal Information Institute, ITTIG (Florence – 3 October 2011).

Participation at the Argumentation 2011 (Brno – 7 October 2011).


Participation at the UNCITRAL Working Group IV – Electronic Contracting, VIC Vienna International Centre (Vienna – 10-14 October 2011).


Participation, EULISP Meeting (Hannover – 4 November 2011).

Presentation “Suchtechnologien im Überblick” to the IT-LAW. at-Seminar “Suchtechnologien” (Vienna – 11 November 2011).

Presentation “Rechtsinformatik & E-Government” and Coorganisation of the “WZRI Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik/ OCG/Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik”, Round Table “Impulse des E-Governments für die Rechtsinformatik” (Vienna – 14 November 2011).

Participation at the UNCITRAL Working Group III – Online Dispute Resolution, VIC Vienna International Centre (Vienna – 14-18 November 2011).


Organisation and Discussion leader of the OCG/WZRI Round Table “Formalisation of arguments” (Vienna – 14 December 2011).


Participation at the Executive Committee Meeting OCG, Hagenberg (Linz – 30-31 January 2012).
Participation at the “Abschiedsveranstaltung für Prof. Gethmann” at the “Europäische Akademie für Technikfolgenabschätzung” (Bad Neuenahr – 8-9 February 2012).


Presentation “Elektronische Identitäten” at the “Fachtagung Verwaltungsinformatik” (FTVI) and “Fachtagung Rechtsinformatik” (FTRI) (Friedrichshafen – 14-16 March 2012).


Participation IST Austria Workshop (OCG AARIT) (Gugging – 26-27 April 2012).

Participation at the “2. KIRAS Fachtagung” (Vienna – 25 April 2012).

Coorganisation und panel discussant at the „TU/OCG Abendveranstaltung “Ist die Vorratsdatenspeicherung verfassungswidrig?” at the Technical University (TU) Vienna (Vienna – 14 May 2012).

Participation and Presentation “WP8: Tracking of financial instruments”, “RESPECT” Project Steering Committee (Malta – 13 June 2012).


Participation ICANN 44 Meeting (Prague – 26-28 June 2012).

Participation 2. Meeting - Internationale Turkish-German-Austrian Law Studies-Project (Bielefeld – 10 July 2012).


Coorganisation of the EU-Informative meeting “Rechtsinformatik” (Vienna – 5 September 2012).


Participation and Presentation “WP8: Tracking of financial instruments”, Project “RESPECT” Interim Steering Committee (Florence – 27 September 2012).

CHRISTINA BINDER

Presentation “Integración regional y derechos humanos: la experiencia europea“ at the Internationale Seminar “El renacimiento del constitucionalismo social latinoamericano a luz del bicentenario”, Heidelberg Center for Latinamerika/Max Planck Institute for Foreign, Public and International Law (Santiago de Chile – 5-6 September 2011).


Presentation “The ICSID-Crisis before Investment Tribunals”, University of Nicosia (Cyprus – 21 February 2012).


Presentation “Indigenous Peoples and their Lands: between Ideal and Real with special focus on Latin America”, University of Akureyri (Iceland – 20 March 2012).

Presentation “Les droits de la femme en droits autrichien et international”, Université de Besançon (France – 3 April 2012).


Participation at the 75th Conference of the International Law Association (Sofia – 26-30 August 2012).


STEPHAN WITTICH
Participation at the meeting of the (German) Study Group on International Criminal Law (Nuremberg – 4-5 May 2012).


MELANIE FINK


Participation “Die EU im Völkerrecht” at the University Innsbruck (Innsbruck – 28-29 November 2011).

JANE ALICE HOFBAUER
Posterpräsentation “A legal guide to the rights of peoples” at the Conference “First Contemporary Challenges of International Environmental Law” at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia – 28-29 June 2012).

TINA HOFSTÄTTER
Participation “OSCE Human Dimension Committee/Away Day”, OSCE Human Dimension Committee (Rust – 25 October 2011).


Participation “Torture: Perspective from UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment” (Taipei – 8 November 2011); “On the Creation of a World Court of Human Rights” (Taipei – 9 November 2011); Workshop “Dialogue with Taiwan NGOs” (Taipei – 11 November 2011); “The Implementation of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights” (Taipei – 12 November 2011) at the College of Law/National Taiwan University (Taipei – 8-13 November 2011).

KAROLINA JANUSZEWSKI
Participation “Die Schutzverantwortung – Responsibility to Protect: Ein Paradigmenwechsel in der Entwicklung des Internationalen Rechts” at the University Innsbruck (Innsbruck – 16 December 2011).

Participation at the Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions Meeting “Judicial Systems and Prison Reform in the OSCE Area, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly General Committee on Democracy” (Vienna – 23 February 2012).


SABINE MANN

AIMA SAMATOV
Presentation “Das Leben in MuKuLandia” at the Children University/University Vienna 2012 (Vienna – 18 July 2012).

MARKUS BEHAM
Presentation “The EU at the UN. Enhanced Observer Status” at the ELPIS Kolloquium of Prof. Oppermann at the Gottfried
Wilhelm Leibniz University Hannover (Hannover – 17 November 2011).


Presentation, together with Philipp Hödl “Das politische System Österreichs” für den Campus européen franco-allemand of the Université Sciences Po (Vienna – 24 February 2012).

Lecture “Freedom of Religion” at the University of Cyprus (Nicosia – 8 March 2012).

Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna – 19-30 March 2012).

Presentation “17th Annual Meeting of the ERASMUS Representatives of the Nanterre Network” (Lisbon – 22-24 March 2012).

Participation at the Conference “Transnational Judicial Dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 23 April 2012).

Participation at the Workshop “Constitutional Reform in the Changing Arab World”, ELSA Vienna (Vienna – 11 May 2012).

Presentation “Moot Court – How to?” at “Arabische Welt - Quo vadis?” (Vienna – 11-13 May 2012).

Participation at the 37th Austrian International Law Day 2012 “Richterliche Praxis und politische Realität” at the University of Augsburg (Augsburg 17-19 May 2012).


Participation at the Conference “EU and Investment Agreements – Open Questions and Remaining Challenges” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 18 June 2012).

Participation “ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy” (Paphos – 26 August-8 September 2012).


GREGOR NOVAK


Presentation “The Individual as a Subject of International Law: Unravelling a Difficult Notion” in occasion of the international conference “The Individual as a Participant in the International Legal Process” at the University of Cambridge (Great Britain – 19-20 May 2012).

Presentation of an article on the topic International Dispute Settlement and Access to Justice in occasion of the conference “Transnational Judicial dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations” at the University of Vienna (Vienna – 24 April 2012).

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Guest Lectures, ERASMUS Teaching Exchange Programme on the topics “Recht der Verträge” and “Internationale Streitbeilegung” at the University Zagreb (April 2012).

KARIN TRAUNMÜLLER

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Member of the Austrian delegation to the UN Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna – 6-17 February 2012).

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LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND CONFERENCES AT THE SECTIONS

The Jurisdictional Immunities case (Germany vs. Italy) at the International Court of Justice
Robert Kolb, Professor of International Law, University of Geneva (Round Table – 4 November 2011)

Die Grenzen der Vertragstreue im Völkerrecht am Beispiel nachträglicher Umstandsänderung (Präsentation der Habilitations-Thesen)
Christina Binder, Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Vienna (InHouse Brown Bag Seminar – 9 November 2011)

International Agreements concluded by the EU with third parties
Vladimir Tyc, Professor of International and European Law, University of Masaryk Brno (Round Table – 7 December 2011)

Von Nürnberg bis Den Haag – Aufarbeitung und Versöhnung auf dem Weg zu Frieden und Gerechtigkeit
Dr. Phillipe Gréciano, University Professor, Membre du Conseil de Direction du CREDOF (Paris Quest) (Round Table – 20 January 2012)

Auswirkungen des IGH Urteils Deutschland-Italien auf die Immunität von Staaten in strafrechtlicher und zivilrechtlicher Hinsicht?
Jane Hofbauer, Markus Beham and Phillip Hödl, Assistants of the Department for International Law at the University of Vienna (InHouse Brown Bag Seminar – 19 March 2012)

Judgment of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea – The Dispute concerning Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal
Ambassador Dr. Helmut Türk, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Round Table – 2 May 2012)

Principle of legality, legal sources and applicable law in international criminal jurisdiction
Prof. Dr. h.c. Fausto Pocar, Appeals Judge and past President, ICTY (Round Table – 21 May 2012)

The ICESAVE-Dispute – is there really a state responsibility for deposits in private banks in Europe?
Pétur Leifsson, Assoc. Professor at the University of Iceland (Round Table – 4 June 2012)

State immunity and cultural objects on loan
Dr. Nout van Woudenberg, expert on international protection of cultural property (as well as Legal Counsel of the International Law Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands) (Round Table – 11 June 2012)

The United States and International Law: The Use of Drones, the International Criminal Court, and the Alien Tort Statute

Globalization and CSR Requirements for Multinationals Doing Business in China
Liu Junhai, Professor and Director, Business Law Center, Law School, Renmin University of China, Arbitrator at VIAC (Round Table – 28 June 2012)

On 23 April 2012, the Head of the Section for International Law and International Relations of the University of Vienna, Prof. August Reinisch, hosted the Conference “Transnational Judicial Dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations”. The conference, which was funded by the Austrian Science Fund (Project I581-G15), formed part of an international collaborative research effort within the project “10-ECRP-028 International law through the national prism: the impact of judicial dialogue” sponsored by the ESF (European Science Foundation).

On this one-day event, 16 legal scholars from research institutions in Austria, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Russia and Switzerland were joined by over 80 participants, including practitioners and representatives of international organizations. The aim of the conference was to discuss domestic court decisions concerning the domestic legal personality as well as the privileges and immunities of international organisations, also from the perspective of a possible “transnational judicial dialogue”. All contributors were able to provide an overview of the most important legal issues and methods used by courts on the basis of an exhaustive analysis of the available cases. In addition, they analyzed the available jurisprudence also from the perspective of a possible judicial dialogue. In his introduction to the conference, Professor Reinisch defined transnational judicial dialogue broadly as “the willingness of domestic courts to look beyond their own jurisdiction and to take into account decisions rendered by other national or by international courts or tribunals (i.e. horizontal or vertical dialogue).” Indeed, most contributors were able to identify some instances of indirect/implicit judicial dialogue. Moreover, in a smaller number of cases, direct/explicit invocation or discussion of foreign or international court decisions by domestic courts could also be identified. The active participation of practising lawyers and legal advisers to international organizations during the conference greatly contributed to an exchange of views and experience.

The conference was part of a larger book project. The volume, to be edited in 2013, will include and build on the insights gained and networks established during the conference. In addition, three authors who were unable to attend the 23 April 2012 conference will contribute to the edited volume by examining the available cases in India, the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Conference “EU and Investment Agreements - Open Questions and Remaining Challenges”, 18 June 2012

With the Treaty of Lisbon the regulation of international investments has taken on a new dimension. The competence of the EU-Member States to conclude bilateral investment treaties will now be transferred to the EU. Through these modifications the EU has obtained the power to conduct a coherent international investment policy as a part of its common commercial policy. These and related questions were discussed on the occasion of the Conference “EU and Investment Agreements: Open Questions and remaining Challenges” which took place on Monday, 18 June 2012 at the Law School of the University of Vienna. The Conference was organized by Prof. August Reinisch together with Prof. Marc Bungenberg of the University of Siegen and Prof. Christian Tietje of the University of Halle in association with the “Canada – EU Strategic Knowledge Cluster”.

11 investment law experts dealt with questions surrounding the topic "EU and Investment Agreements". More than 90 participants including attorneys, representatives of the EU institutions and international organizations joined in an intensive discussion.

The conference focused on discussing the EU competence for negotiating EU investment agreements with third countries, the role of dispute settlement in future EU investment agreements as well the status of investment insurance systems of the EU Member States.

Colin Brown (EU Commission, DG Trade) started off with a discussion of “Dispute Settlement in Future EU Investment Agreements”; Stephan Schill (MPI Heidelberg) addressed the issue of “Limits on Investor-State Dispute Settlement under Future EU Investment Agreements”; Richard Happ (Luther) treated the topic “Allocation of Responsibility between EU and Member States”; Frank Hoffmeister talked about “From BITs and Pieces towards European Investment Agreements”. With Céline Lévesque (University of Ottawa) and Armand de Mestral (McGill University) the focus moved to the Canadian practice concerning BITs. Other speakers discussed the following issues: “The Potential EU/China BIT: Issues and Implications” (Shen Zhang, University of Cambridge), “The Role of Member States in Negotiating and Concluding EU Investment Agreements” (André von Walter, EU Commission, DG Trade), “The remaining decisive role of Member States in negotiating and concluding EU Investment Agreements” (Nikos Lavranos, Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Hague). Finally Joachim Steffens (BMWT, Berlin) and Angelos Dimopoulos (University of Tilburg) introduced the topic “EU Investment Insurance Sys-
EMPOWER HUMAN RIGHTS! – Final Conference of the COST Action IS0702 “The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform”; 13th AHRI Conference, 10 – 12 September 2012, Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg/Academy of Sciences, Vienna

The high-level international conference “Empower Human Rights” on the role of the European Union in United Nations human rights reform was co-organized by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), the doctoral college “Empowerment through Human Rights” and the University of Vienna. It provided a forum where human rights experts from the leading European academic networks (Association of Human Rights Institutes – AHRI et. al.) discussed the results of their research projects and respective policy recommendations with high-level representatives of the United Nations and the European Union. It also marked the closure of a four year-research project by AHRI financed by an EU-COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action based on the fact that the EU has been one of the most outspoken advocates of a stronger role of human rights in the UN architecture.

Welcome remarks by Prof. Manfred Nowak who is also Chair of the COST Action IS0702 and Co-Director of BIM, then the Chair of AHRI and director of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights Prof. Nils A. Butenschøn and the Representative of the European Commission in Austria Mr. Richard Kühlner were followed by the high-level opening panel. The Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs Mr. Johannes Kyrle representing the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Michael Spindelegger discussed the Austrian perspective on UN human rights reform summarizing the involvement of Austria in UN’s human rights mechanisms, highlighting the importance and remaining challenges of the Human Rights Council, treaty bodies, special procedures, the Universal Periodic Review and the need to strengthen the system.

The Croatian Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Ms. Vesna Pusić described the vision of Croatia about the EU foreign human rights policy. She emphasized the need of linking peacekeeping or peace-making missions, such as the EU peacekeeping missions, to civilian projects in the field, including the rights of women and girls in these areas. She also stressed that the EU was facing the challenge of finding ways to implement the policy of human rights and democracy being the most important part of the EU external action in the field.

The UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Kyung-wha Kang presented her view on how to reform the UN human rights architecture in the coming years. She highlighted the necessity to close the gap between resources and needs, capacity and expectations. In this regard she explained that the „third pillar“ rhetoric had to be turned into reality, hereby urging the EU to take the lead among development donors to fully integrate human rights as a key anchor of their policy thinking and implementation and stressing the importance that peace operations are given fully-fledged human rights mandates by the Security Council. She also emphasized the recommendations in the High Commissioner’s report for a strengthened, revitalized treaty body system and urged the EU to support them. Finally, she stressed that stronger protection is required for mandate holders of special procedures, human rights defenders and civil society actors in general.

The Chair of the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) of the EU Council Mr. Engelbert Theuermann discussed the EU foreign policy on human rights and the role of the EU in the UN. He stressed the EU’s commitment, such as the newly appointed EU Special Representative for Human Rights, elaborated the recent positive developments in the Human Rights Council and explained the EU’s improvement of its working methods (strategic planning, cross-regional cooperation etc.), its stronger advocacy for economic, social and cultural rights and demanded closer cooperation between the UN in Geneva and New York.

The member of the European Parliament Ms. Ulrike Lunacek spoke about ideas and initiatives of the European Parliament for UN human rights reform. She explained the importance of the respective Committees LIBE and DROI for human rights within the EU and in third countries, analyzed the EU’s reluctance when it comes to commitment for changes in human rights in North Africa etc., and the intention of the Parliament to create an early warning system.

After a presentation of a summary of the proposals of the working groups of the COST Action, which was finalized the next day, the afternoon panel commenced its proceedings with the head of the Human Rights Department of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Ms. Snježana Bokulić who presented the role of the EU in developing/strengthening the Human Dimension of the OSCE. She pointed out that there is not necessarily an overlap or duplication of EU and OSCE efforts, that both of them have their respective Committees LIBE and DROI for human rights roles and that cooperation is increasing.

Prof. José Doria from the University of Angola and Peoples Friendship University of Russia dealt with proposals on UN treaty body reform. He explained that due to the fact that the treaty bodies were initially not intended to be a system it now has to be reformed. He illustrated several proposals for such a treaty body reform or strengthening, including the proposal of a World Court of Human Rights and a comprehensive reporting calendar – the “master calendar”.

The conference was concluded by remarks of Prof. Marc Bungenberg, who highlighted the rich discussion on a broad range of topics related to EU and investment agreements and expressed the hope that the conference would catalyze further academic and professional cooperation among the participants in the future.
On Tuesday and Wednesday morning the PhD training school on poverty and territory, asylum and migration, mental health and human rights, human rights in development, trafficking in human beings, criminal and social justice took place as well as internal meetings of AHRI, COST and the Nordic Network and final discussions of the COST working groups on their recommendations which were presented in the public panel on Wednesday in the afternoon chaired by the Deputy Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights Ms. Charlotte Flindt Pedersen. The chair of COST working group I Prof. Nowak elaborated on the final recommendations concerning the reform of UN human rights mechanisms which includes the treaty body system, a World Court of Human Rights, the Human Rights Council, National Human Rights Institutions and the Responsibility to Protect. The chair of working group II and UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights Prof. Wouter Vandenhole together with his colleague Ms. Corinne Lennox from the Institute of Commonwealth Studies from the University of London presented the final recommendations on strengthening systems for human rights-based development, such as the need for a theory of change, longer project cycles, support to civil society organizations and governments and recommendations specifically addressed to the UN and the EU. The chair of working group III and director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Prof. Wolfgang Benedek elaborated on the final recommendations on new perspectives on human rights partnerships including visions on the concept of human rights partnerships and on business and human rights and its implications.

Then the director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies Prof. Jan Wouters was the first to speak in the final panel about the academic perspective of EU and UN human rights reform. He pointed out that the EU’s contribution on human rights in the UN should not only concentrate on the typical UN human rights bodies but on all UN organs. He also stressed the importance of cross-regional outreach and coalition-building by the EU and of more focus on the EU’s own human rights record.

Prof. Dubravka Simonović from the MFA Diplomatic Academy in Zagreb who is also a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women elaborated on her visions for the UN human rights reform. She focused on treaty body reform and explained the wish of harmonization, that civil society and UN agencies should be more involved and highlighted that treaty bodies should be permanent institutions involving professionals and independent experts and that a World Court of Human Rights would be welcome.

The Vice-President of the Human Rights Council Mr. Christian Strohal spoke about the recent developments in the Human Rights Council. He elaborated on the reasons why the Council now acts beyond expectations, such as the positive influence of the Universal Periodic Review, of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, re-engagement of the US, better internal preparation and outreach of the EU, the Arab Spring etc. and gave an outlook.

The director of the Research and Right to Development Division of OHCHR Ms. Marcia V. J. Kran disclosed UN perspectives and action on a human rights-based approach to development. She provided an overview of how mainstreaming human rights and the human rights-based approach are anchored in the UN system. She then highlighted examples of what has worked and what needs to be strengthened. Finally, she shared some ideas on how the EU can play a part in the UN human rights reform and human rights based-development.

Mr. Theuermann closed the panel by elaborating on EU perspectives on UN human rights reform where he explained the development and challenges in this regard, such as strategic planning and building coalitions within and with the Human Rights Council and Security Council, the involvement in matters like CSR, economic, social and cultural rights, migrants’ rights, and gave examples of good practices.

The conference was then closed by final remarks by Prof. Butenschøn and Prof. Nowak.

The publication of the conference proceedings and final recommendations is envisaged for early spring 2013 by Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag.
VISITING PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

Professor Steven Freeland

Professor Steven Freeland of the University of Western Sydney (Professor of International Law and Associate Head of Law School) and the University of Copenhagen (Professor of International Law) was hosted by the Section for International Law and International Relations from the 14th until the 22nd of January 2012. Within the framework of the lecture “Special Issues of the Use of Outer Space Technologies” he held a presentation on „The International Law of Outer Space – Some Contemporary Issues“ on January 17th, and was part of the jury (together with Prof. Marboe and Dr. Werner Balogh) for the Space Law Moot Court held within this course on January 19th. Also on January 19th he had a presentation on the topic „Perspectives on the Relationship between the International Criminal Tribunals and the International Court of Justice“ within the framework of the lecture „International Courts and Tribunals“.

Professor Philippe Greciano

Professor Philippe Greciano of Université Stendhal, Grenoble III, was hosted by the Section for International Law and International Relations from the 19th until the 23rd of January 2011. Within the framework of the elective field of specialization “Culture juridique francophone européenne et internationale” he held a three-day lecture on “Droit de l’homme dans une perspective internationale et européenne”. On January 20th the Department organized a Round Table with Professor Greciano on the topic „Von Nürnberg bis Den Haag – Aufarbeitung und Versöhnung auf dem Weg zu Frieden und Gerechtigkeit“.

Deputy Director Adj. Professor Robert Queck, Erasmus Teaching Staff Exchange

In Mai 2011 Prof. Robert Queck from the CRID of the University Namur hold his traditional lecture on European Telecommunications Law.

Roberta Berzero, PhD Student from the University Roma 3 (Rome, Italy), read at the library of the Section for International Law and International Relations of the University of Vienna Law School from 1 May until 16 July, in order to prepare a PhD Dissertation focusing on Human Rights and Investment Law issues. The great choice of books available at the University Library enabled her to limit the range of her investigation and to determine her topic as „The Double-Edged Sword of Human Rights Treaties as a “Lock-in Formula“ for Countries Seeking Foreign Investments“.

Sonja Djajic, Assoc. Professor at the University of Novi Sad/School of Law was awarded a scholarship by the OEAD in order to gather material on international dispute settlement mechanisms for an LL.M. course she teaches on ”International Judicial and Arbitral Courts“. Her research was conducted at the library of the Section for International Law and International Relations of the University of Vienna/Law School during the month of January 2012. While gathering material, she also further studied the procedural issues shared by different courts and arbitral tribunals. An additional research goal was to conduct an initial research regarding the interpretation of international investment treaties, for which Univ.-Prof. Reinisch provided assistance.
MANFRED NOWAK

Evaluation visit to Uruguay with various presentations as follow-up to the mission as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in the course of the project “Atlas of Torture” of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) (Montevideo – 25-30 March 2012).

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Assessment mission to Togo as follow-up to the mission as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in the course of the project “Atlas of Torture” of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), organized by the Bureau du Haut Commissariat des Nations aux Droits de l’Homme au Togo (HCDH-Togo) (Lomé – 27-31 August 2012).

JANE ALICE HOFBAUER

Trip to The Hague for coaching the Team of the University of Vienna at the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition at the Peace Palace, seat of the International Court of Justice (The Hague – April 2012).

MARKUS BEHAM

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The interdisciplinary research platform has gathered scientists from various scientific backgrounds to generate knowledge beyond the framework of their individual disciplines in the field of human rights in the European context. The platform faces new research questions with interdisciplinary, particularly trans-disciplinary methods, by specifically making use of the "human rights based approach". Here, it is intended to function as a "think tank" for human rights relevant issues.

The platform conducts interdisciplinary and practice-oriented background studies and research projects on various topics related to European human rights policies which shall inform and feed into current debates.

Apart from this core focus, the platform shall also function as 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. Finally, the joint resources will lead to a multiplication of networks which shall ensure a broad coverage of sources as well as the wide-spread dissemination of results into the discourses lead in the academic disciplines participating.

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

In addition to joint research projects the research platform is operating a PhD school (Initiativkolleg-IK) called "Empowerment through Human Rights" with 13 PhD students from all over the world which started in January 2010 and will run until the beginning of 2013. The students are coming in par-
ticular from the disciplines of law, psychology, sociology and international development. This IK is financed by the University of Vienna and all students are provided with offices at the newly rent premises at Hörlgasse 6, 1090 Vienna.

For the period starting in 2014 the research platform developed a proposal for the Austrian Science Fund in September 2012. It will concentrate on torture and will also be carried out in cooperation with the Medical University of Vienna.

Additionally, the research platform organizes “Human Rights Talks” (formerly called “Public Lectures”) where members of the research platform regularly discuss current human rights issues with national and international experts.

Involved members of the section:
Director: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak, LL.M.
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gerhard Hafner
Ao.Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ursula Kriebaum
Ass.-Prof. MMag. Dr. Christian Binder, E.MA
Univ.-Ass. Dr. Isabelle Buffard, D.E.S.S.

Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights

This new postgraduate master’s program runs for four semesters and is a full-time program. The aim is to train experts who are then able to implement human rights at local, regional and international level. In this international course the necessary knowledge and skills are taught by combining an in-depth academic training in the field of human rights with great practical relevance. The following disciplines are represented in the course: philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, history, anthropology, theology, communication studies, political science and international relations. The preparation and organization have started a year ago, the course was approved in January 2012 by the Senate of the University of Vienna, so the program would start for the first time in October 2012 with 23 participants.

Involved members of the section:
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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

MANFRED NOWAK, TINA HOFSTÄTTER

COST Action IS0702 – The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform

The main objective of the Action is to increase and consolidate knowledge of the on-going 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 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 comparatively 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.

MANFRED NOWAK

European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA)

The European Master’s Program in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) is an intensive one-year academic program to educate professionals in the field of human rights and democratization. The program aims to educate and train experts in the field of human rights and democratization and to prepare them for their future assignments in international organizations (EU, UNO, OSCE and NGOs). During the first semester, students attend at the law 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 E.MA.

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 program 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.

AUGUST REINISCH, GREGOR NOVAK

International Law in Domestic Courts

In Domestic Courts International law is increasingly gaining importance in a globalized 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 com-
prehensive 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 legal orders. In addition to the ongoing case reporting and reviewing, foreign students participating in the LL.M.-Programs “International Legal Studies” were also increasingly involved in the project work to identify and report cases from their respective jurisdictions.

The research project “International Law in Domestic Courts” (Austrian Science Fund project number P22451-G16) is, in terms of content and organization, a continuation of the previous Austrian Science Fund project on same topic (FWF Project number P 19369-G11, see Annual Report 2009/2010). That project commenced on 1 January 2007 and was finalized on 30 June 2010. During the last year project activities were maintained and expanded, including through the reporting of Austrian cases, the review of foreign case reports, the participation at international conferences and projects and the inclusion of foreign students in case reporting activities in the context of the post-graduate LL.M. degree course in International Legal Studies.

AUGUST REINISCH, PETER BACHMAYER, RALPH JANIK
International law through the national prism: the impact of judicial dialogue

The research project “International Law through the National Prism: the Impact of Judicial Dialogue” (I581-G16) is part of the broader topic of international law in the domestic legal order. It focuses on the emergence of judicial dialogue between courts, a topic that is becoming increasingly important as national courts have increasingly started to interact, via implicitly or explicitly – reviewing, discussing, or referring to decisions made by their counterparts in other countries in cases related to international law. At the same time, national courts are more than ever referring extensively to decisions of international courts, most notably, from a European perspective, the European Court of Human Rights. The aim of this project is to explain, structuralize and evaluate this recent and not yet well-covered trend.

The project is part of an international scientific cooperation under the umbrella of the ESF (European Science Foundation) ECRP program (project 10-ECRP-028).

As a part of the project, a conference on the topic ‘Transnational Judicial Dialogue of Domestic Courts on International Organizations’ was held at the University of Vienna in April 2012. The central focus was national jurisprudence on the legal personality of international organizations and their privileges and immunities. The underlying question was to determine whether, and, if answered in the affirmative, to what extent transnational judicial dialogue on these topics is taking place. The conference topics covered the legal orders of countries with a sufficient amount of case-law on that subject matter, namely Argentina, Belgium, Germany, France Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Canada, The Netherlands, Austria, The Philippines, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The results of the conference are currently being compiled into a book which is to be published by Oxford University Press.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER
EU Project SMART (Scalable Measures for Automated Recognition Technologies)

The SMART project addresses the questions of automated decision taking with respect to the “smart surveillance” technologies in a society where privacy and data protection are fundamental rights. The risks and opportunities inherent to the use of smart surveillance will be evaluated and a number of technical, procedural and legal options for safeguards will be developed. SMART aims to create a toolkit which would inform system designers, policy makers and legislative bodies across Europe and beyond.

Duration: 1 June 2011 - 31 May 2014; http://smartsurveillance.eu

EU Project RESPECT (Expectations & Security through Privacy-Enhanced Convenient Technologies)

The RESPECT project addresses and seeks to answer the following issues: Role of surveillance systems and procedures in preventing and reducing crime, tracking evidence and improvement of crime and acts of terrorism prosecution. Effectivity, social and economic costs and legal basis will be evaluated and best practice identified. RESPECT will develop a toolkit that will consist of a matrix-style checklist incorporating operational/technical-economics-social factors and legal aspects which could be utilised as a decision-support tool for policy-makers, system design guidelines and model regulations for a police force deploying surveillance systems.

Duration: 1 March 2012-31 May 2015; http://respectproject.eu/
THIRD-PARTY FUNDED PROJECTS

IRMGARD MARBOE

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 Austrian Research Promotion Association (österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft FFG) and 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 for 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 the invitation 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 the national implementation of international space law as well as on authorization of space activities on numerous occasions (see publication list).

With regard to activities aimed at raising public awareness for Space Law issues, the publication of the “Space Law Newsletter” once a year and the maintenance of the homepage were important steps.

In February 2012, the book “Soft Law in Outer Space. The Functions of Non-binding Norms in International Space Law” (Böhlau, Vienna 2012), edited by Prof. Marboe, was published. The volume contains articles from the participants of the Soft Law Conference which took place in April 2011 at the University of Vienna as well as additional contributions from experts in the field of space law. The book was distributed to the delegations at the Legal Subcommittee of UNCOPOUS in March 2012.

Another important issue during the academic year 2011/2012 was the finalisation of the Austrian Outer Space Act, in the elaboration of which Prof. Marboe has been involved since the very beginning. In July 2011, the internally agreed text, together with a comprehensive explanatory report was made public and the official consultation process started. After some additional changes, the text was adopted by the Council of Ministers on 14 October 2011. The Parliamentary Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation adopted the text with-out any changes on 1 December 2011. The Act entered into force on 28 December 2011 after its unanimous adoption by the Plenary of the National Council as well as by the Federal Council and its publication in the Austrian Federal Law Gazette (BGBl. I Nr. 132/2011). The German and English version of the Act were published on the homepage of the United Nations Office for Outer Space (http://www.oosa.unvienna.org/oosa/en/SpaceLaw/national/state-index.html). A commentary to the Act, written by Prof. Marboe, can be found in the German Journal of Air and Space Law (Vol 60, 2012, pp. 1-36).

Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University

Between 1 and 21 July 2012, the third “Vienna International Christian-Islamic Summer University (VICISU)” took place at the Benedictine Abbey of Altenburg, Lower Austria. The Summer University is a spin-off of a perennial research project entitled “Vienna International Christian-Islamic Round Table (VICHICRoTa)” to which Prof. Irmgard Marboe contributed between 2000 and 2008.

The Summer University was funded mainly by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMAF). Furthermore, the Austrian Foreign Ministry (BMVeA), the Dreikönigsaktion, Vienna as well as additional contributions from experts in the field of space law. The book was distributed to the delegations at the Legal Subcommittee of UNCOPOUS in March 2012.
the City of Vienna, the Province of Lower Austria and the University of Vienna also added financial support. The Summer University is administered as a “§ 27-project” at the Section for International Law and International Relations of the Department of European Law, International Law and Comparative Law of the Faculty of Law of the University of Vienna. Director is Prof. Irmgard Marboe.

The success of the first and second VICISU that took place in 2008 and 2010, allowed for setting up the third Summer University with 43 students, 17 professors and 3 tutors from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa and Austria. A website as well as the alumni network “Network for a Better World” are also part of the VICISU project. Furthermore, two magazines and a documentary were made to document the Summer Universities of 2008, 2010 and 2012.

The third VICISU was based on three pillars, namely Christian Theology, Islamic Theology and Law. Prof. Ingeborg Gabriel from the Institute for Social Ethics at the Vienna Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Vienna, who is also Co-Director of the VICISU, gave a course on “Introduction to Christianity”, in which she dealt with the religion’s most fundamental teachings and ideas. Prof. Mualla Selçuk, Ankara Faculty of Divinity, provided an “Introduction to Islam”. By highlighting certain concepts, such as that of ta’aruf (“getting to know one another”), she also provided a basis for dialogue between Islam and other religions. The course on “Introduction to International Law” by Prof. Irmgard Marboe clarified the basic concepts of the legal order of international relations. She explained briefly the rights and obligations of States as the most important subjects of international law as well as the sources of international law, in particular international (human rights) treaties. Prof. Fatimah Husein from the State Islamic University of Yogyakarta gave a course on “Religious Pluralism”, which provided insight into the theoretical aspects of pluralism, while at the same time making reference to a number of practical examples, such as interreligious marriages in Indonesia.

The second week saw a multitude of courses on particular issues. Prof. Ann Elizabeth Mayer, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, gave insight into her internationally respected work on “Islam and Human Rights”. Dr. Judith Albrecht from the Department of Social Anthropology of the University of Bochum provided the students with a general framework of theoretical concepts on pertinent issues on “Gender and Religion”. The course was continued by Prof. Nimat Hafez Barazangi, Cornell University, who specifically addressed questions relating to gender and Islam from a hermeneutical Muslim perspective based on the verses of the qur’an. Prof. Mathias Rohe from the University of Erlangen, in his course “Islamic Law”, presented the differentiation between its classic and its modern form, giving interesting examples from actual German case law and legislation. Prof. Javaid Rehman, Brunel University Uxbridge, London, rounded off the second week by raising a number of thought provoking questions regarding “Religious Minorities”.

In the third week, Prof. Ingeborg Gabriel delivered another course specifically focusing on “Christian Social Ethics”. The course on “Islam and International Law” by Prof. Irmgard Marboe discussed some topical cases involving the freedom of religion and freedom of expression in Islamic countries, contrasting these with judgments by the European Court of Human Rights. The course on “Religion and the State” by Prof. Stefan Hammer, Department of Public and Administrative Law at the University of Vienna, provided an overview over the different models of the relationship between religion and the State existing in different countries.

The programme was complemented by an excursion to the abbey of Melk and a boat trip on the Danube, a visit to the castle of Rosenburg as well as a number of evening lectures, social events, such as a multicultural talent show, an intercultural dinner and a number of sporting activities. Receptions hosted by the Abbey of Altenburg and at the Vienna City Hall completed the programme. In contrast to other dialogue initiatives, the participants stayed and lived together for three weeks living exchanging theoretical ideas and aiming at living them in practice. In 2014, the Summer University is supposed to take place again, provided that the Austrian Ministry for Science and Research will again ensure its financial support.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITIONS

MARKUS BEHAM, JANE ALICE HOFBAUER

The Section of Public International Law and International Relations took part in the 35th Telders International Law Moot Court Competition. The team, consisting of Viviane Arnolds, Martina Gross, Michaela Hinterholzer and Dominik Malicki, represented the University of Vienna with great success. The team competed against more than 40 law faculties from all over Europe and earned top placements: third place overall ranking, third place applicant ranking, third place applicant oral ranking, fourth place respondent oral ranking, fourth place application written ranking and fifth place individual speaker Martina Gross.

The fictitious legal dispute before the International Court of Justice addressed issues related to immunity of a head of state, universal jurisdiction and jurisdiction in connection with abductions. Jane Hofbauer and Markus Beham supported the team during the preparation phase.

APPROVED DISSERTATIONS

Grundner O., Meistbegünstigung im internationalen Investitionsrecht (Supervisor: Irmgard Marboe)

Hafner F., Weltraum und Recht - Eine systematische Analyse der Rechtslage in Österreich im europäischen Kontext (Supervisor: Irmgard Marboe)

Krisper St., The European Union’s Safe Country Concepts versus the Principle of Non-Refoulement (Supervisor: Manfred Nowak)

Nachbauer D., Genug. Internationale Standards zum Schutz vor Partnergewalt und ihre Umsetzung in Österreich (Supervisor: Manfred Nowak)

Stadlmayr L., Umsetzung völkerrechtlicher Verpflichtungen zur Wiedergutmachung bei Menschenrechtsverletzungen (Supervisor: Manfred Nowak)

Vermeulen M.L., Enforced Disappearance: Determining International State Responsibility under the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Supervisor: Manfred Nowak)

DIPLOMA THESES, DIPLOMA EXAMS

During the academic year, 511 Diploma Exams 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. 11 students received the certificate of the Elective Field of Specialization “Law of International Relations”, organized by the Section for International Law and International Relations.
Two members of the section (Prof. Irmgard Marboe and Prof. Erich Schweighofer) act as Erasmus-coordinators. They are responsible for more than 150 exchange places of the European student exchange program, i.e. for the majority of places at the Faculty. Therefore, the Section for International Law coordinates the annual Erasmus selection procedure for the entire Vienna Faculty of Law.

Furthermore, teaching exchange within the ERASMUS framework intensified during the last year. The Section has created an ERASMUS website for the programme (http://www.univie.ac.at/erasmlaw) which is updated regularly.

The support service of the ERASMUS programme includes information on 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 recognition procedure upon return, which includes writing certificates of recognition for diploma seminars.

The Erasmus-coordinators act also as contact persons for incoming students from abroad, in particular with regard to advice and support with their “Learning Agreement”.

In December 2011, an information event took place in the building of the Faculty of Law which was attended by more than 250 students. There is a relatively great interest in studying abroad, but in comparison to the overall number of students at the Vienna Faculty of Law, there is still space for further development. Many students are concerned that their studies might be prolonged. The financial burden is also considerable, as Erasmus-grants do not fully cover the additional costs of studying abroad.

In February/March 2012, the section organized the Erasmus selection procedure of the Faculty of Law for the academic year 2012/2013, in which 185 candidates applied. After the receipt of written applications, oral hearings took place at the beginning of March. The different programmes in the academic year 2011/2012 are presented in further detail below:

COORDINATION: PROF. IRMGARD MARBOE
Supervisor: Markus Beham

The ERASMUS programme of Prof. Marboe consists of contracts with 53 universities offering a total of 128 places to Erasmus students. It therefore constitutes one tenth of the entire ERASMUS programme of the University of Vienna. In the academic year 2012/2013, 110 students were nominated to study abroad for one semester or a whole year. With the 53rd bilateral agreement so far, the University of Cyprus was welcomed as a new partner university this year.

Within the framework of ERASMUS teaching mobility, there has been exchange activity between 14 different universities during the academic year 2011/2012. Prof. Pétur Leifsson from the University of Iceland and Dr. Tobias Nowak from the University of Groningen visited the University of Vienna and held Round Tables and taught a number of courses. Furthermore, a group of students from the “Campus Européen Franco-Allemand” of the Université Sciences Po visited the Faculty of Law in February 2012. At the same time, six members of the Section for International Law and International Relations taught courses and worked on further co-operation ideas at different universities across Europe, as is presented in the following:
In the academic year 2011/2012, around 170 students from partner universities as well as from other programmes, such as the Joint Study Programme, were welcomed at the Vienna Faculty of Law. During the same period, 119 students were nominated within the programme of Prof. Marboe to study abroad. In the following, the numbers of “Outgoings” are presented (taking into consideration later withdrawals):

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COORDINATION: PROF. MANFRED NOWAK

European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation” (E.MA)

In his capacity as National Director, Professor Nowak represents the University of Vienna at the “European Master’s Program in Human Rights and Democratisation” (E.MA). Every year, 90 students from EU Member States and other countries take part in the two semester program. 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 2012, Professor Nowak supervised four E.MA students from France, Greece and Slovakia.
The Centre for Computers and Law organizes the ERASMUS student exchange program “Prof. Schweighofer” (formerly: Computers and Law) with 12 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 2011 and the summer term 2012, 12 Viennese students travelled abroad and 8 foreign students came to Vienna.

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, Open government, Privacy and Surveillance Technologies” in Namur (in French).

Supervisor: Mag. Claudia Luxon, MA

Ever since 2006, the Section for International Law and International Relations has offered students who have finished the second part of their law studies the possibility to spend one study term at the William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg (Virginia/USA). The College which was founded by King William III and Queen Mary II of England is the second oldest in the country. In 2012, William and Mary was among the thirty top-ranked U.S. universities.

In 2012, the Law School of the University of Vienna was able to send one Austrian student, Mr Daniel Strauss, to William & Mary Law School in Virginia. He was in Williamsburg from 9 January until 13 May 2012 and appreciated the tutoring in small student groups and the University’s sports facilities.

For the very first time the Section for International Law and International Relations also offers students who have finished the first part of their law studies, the possibility to spend one study term at the Law School of the University of Sydney. In 2012, the Vienna Law School was able to send two Austrian students, Ms Veronika Kögl and Ms Paula Resch to Australia for the second term from 20 July – 2 November 2012. Ms Kögl has focused on courses covering aspects of medical law, while Ms Resch wishes to focus on aspects of Human Rights during her studies.