

# **International Conference**

# REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

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

To attend in person, please register by 24 January 2023 via www.da-vienna.ac.at/events.

# Friday, 27 January 2023

#### 13:30-14:00

# **OPENING**

#### **Emil Brix**

Ambassador; Director, Vienna School of International Studies

#### Ghada Fathi Waly

Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna

#### Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal

Secretary General, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

#### 14:00-14:45

# **DIALOGUE ON**

#### REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

Facilitator: Markus Kornprobst

Professor of International Relations, Vienna School of International Studies

#### Piotr Hofmański

Judge; President, International Criminal Court

#### Volker Türk

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

#### 14:45-16:15

#### **DIALOGUE ON**

# KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN TODAY'S WORLD

Facilitator: Mona Khalil

MAK Law International; Harvard Law School

Charting a New Course: Italy's Vision for the United Nations in a Changing World

#### Pasquale Ferrara

Ambassador; Director General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Nations United by Law - Strengthening Compliance with the Charter

# Alexander Marschik

Ambassador; Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, New York

Potential and Limits of UN Reform

# Joachim Müller

former UN and OSCE Senior Official

## 16:15-17:00

#### **COFFEE BREAK**

17:00-18:30

#### PANEL I: INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Chair: Billy Batware

Programme Officer, UNODC; Founder, RAUN

The Future of Multilateralism

#### Shashi Tharoor

former UN Senior Official; Member of Parliament of India, Lok Sabha-House of the People

Reinvigorating UN Peacekeeping

#### Katharina Pichler Coleman

Professor of International Relations, University of British Columbia

#### and Eugene Chen

Director, Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding, New York University Center on International Cooperation

Diplomatic Peace: Promises Kept and Broken

# Markus Kornprobst

Professor of International Relations, Vienna School of International Studies

A New Era of Peace and Security? The Role of the General Assembly and the Ukraine Crisis

#### Chiara Giorgetti

Professor of International Law, University of Richmond

## 19:00

# **DINNER RECEPTION**

Music by Olena Herenha (Soprano), Natalia Rehling (Piano), Dmitri Yermolenko (Saxophone)

# Saturday, 28 January 2023

10:30-12:00

# PANEL II: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE FOR THE FUTURE - TECHNOLOGY, CLIMATE, HEALTH

Chair: Nina Tannenwald

Distinguished Fulbright-Diplomatic Academy Visiting Professor of International Studies 2023

Multilateral Technology Governance

Amandeep Singh Gill

UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

United Nations Climate Governance: Past and Future

Franz Baumann

former UN Senior Official; Academic Council on the United Nations System

Global Health Governance: Global Diseases, Non-Global Governance

Stephanie Strobl

Medical Doctor, Institute of Pathology, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

Space Law

Irmgard Marboe

Professor of International Law, University of Vienna

12:00-13:00

LUNCH BREAK

13:00-14:30

# PANEL III: STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL CONTRACT - DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Chair: Sławomir Redo

United Nations Studies Association; Visiting Professor of UN Law, University of Vienna

Taking Prevention Seriously: A Framework Approach

Pablo de Greiff

Member, Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine

The Human Rights Council and Human Rights: Structural Incompatibility?

**Konstanty Gebert** 

Journalist

Linguistic Human Rights for the Promotion of Democracy in West Africa

Adams Bodomo

Professor of African Studies, University of Vienna

Strengthening the Human Rights Council and the UN Treaty Body System

Valentina Carraro

Assistant Professor in Global Transformations and Governance Challenges, Leiden University

14:30-15:15

**COFFEE BREAK** 

15:15-17:00

# PANEL IV: TRUST IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE - JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Chair: Alexander Marschik

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, New York

Collect, Connect: The Role of Data and Research Cooperation in a Networked Multilateralism for Peace and Security Angela Me

Chief, Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC

1 for 8 Billion? To Restore Trust and Deliver for All, the UN Must Go Back to Basics

Natalie Samarasinghe

Global Director for Advocacy, Open Society Foundations

Michael Platzer

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

The Russian Elephant in the Room: International Justice and State Cooperation

Klaus Bachmann

Journalist; Professor, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw

Solidarity, Justice and the UN Rule of Law Lethal Challenge

Sławomir Redo

United Nations Studies Association; Visiting Professor of UN Law, University of Vienna

# REINVIGORATING THE UNITED NATIONS

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

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

In the year of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the purpose of this hybrid conference is threefold:

(a) take stock of existing principles, rules and norms to address major global problems, (b) analyse their implementation record, and (c) look ahead to how a reinvigorated United Nations ought to look like in the future.

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

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