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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

16:00 Pre-conference activities: Meetings of organizers and presenters at the University of Vienna (Erika-Weinzierl-Saal)

18:30 Reception by the City of Vienna and organizers; networking

Venue: Lanner/Léhar Saal at Wiener Rathauskeller (basement of Vienna City Hall, entrance Rathausplatz 1, 1010 Vienna)
Doors open at 17:45

Keynote: Alma Zadić, Austrian Federal Minister of Justice

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:00 Registration

Live Stream
9:00 Opening of conference at Festsaal of the University of Vienna (Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna)

Welcome and introductory speeches:

Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria (video message)
Heinz Faßmann, Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research (video message)
Christa Schnabl, Vice-Rector of University of Vienna
Shalini Randeria, President and Rector of Central European University

Keynotes:

Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR (online)
Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (online)
Arbërë Nagavci, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Kosovo
Cécile Riallant, Head, Migration and Sustainable Development Unit of IOM
Sjur Bergan, Head of Department of Education, Council of Europe

Moderator: Wolfgang Benedek, WUS Austria
11:00       Coffee break

**Live Stream**

**11:30** Panel: **Main Challenges of the Right to Quality Education**: Shrinking civic space and academic freedom, education for sustainable development, Covid-19 restrictions

- **Manfred Nowak**, WUS Austria/University of Vienna
- **Robert Quinn**, Scholars at Risk (online)
- **Liviu Matei**, Provost Central European University
- **Elmar Pichl**, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
- **Erhard Busek**, Former Austrian Federal Minister of Education and Vice-Chancellor
- **Kambiz Ghawami**, WUS Germany
- **Chris Eaton**, WUS Canada

Moderator: **Wolfgang Benedek**

13:00       Lunch buffet

**14:00** First meeting of **Working Groups** on sub-topics of the planned Vienna Declaration

**Live Stream of WG A (14:00-15:00) and WG B (15:00-16:00)**

**WG A:** **Quality Education for Vulnerable Groups and Covid-19**, Coordinators: WUS Canada and WUS Germany

Speakers: **Annalaura Sacco**, Senior Regional Protection Coordinator, Middle East and North Africa Bureau, UNHCR (online); **Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rep. on Minorities (online); **Angela Kocze**, Romani Studies Programme, CEU (online); **Alison Talkers**, IOM, Brussels office; **Chris Eaton**, Executive Director, WUS Canada; **Kambiz Ghawami**, Chair, WUS Germany.

**WG B:** **Shrinking Civic Space and Academic Freedom**, Coordinators: CEU and WUS Austria

Speakers: **Sjur Bergan**, Council of Europe; **Cyril Ritchie**, President of the Union of International Associations (UIA); **Jolanta Bieliauskaitė**, European Humanities University, Vilnius; **Naif Bezwan**, Signatory of Peace Petition of Turkish academics;
Michael Lysander Fremuth, Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights, Vienna; Martina Darmanin, European Students’ Union (ESU); David Crosier, Eurydice/European Commission (online); Robert Quinn, Scholars at Risk (online); Janika Spannagel, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (online).

WG C: Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship, Coordinator: WUS Austria

Speakers: Patrizia Jankovic, Austrian UNESCO Commission; Margarita Langthaler, ÖFSE; Judith Kohlenberger, WU Wien; Werner Wintersteiner, Master on Global Citizenship, University of Klagenfurt; Bernhard Kernegger, UniNETZ/Alliance Sustainable Universities Austria; Daniel Ayuk Mbi Egbe, WUS Germany; Adriano Remiddi, Global Campus of Human Rights; Tobias Schnitzler, WUS Austria.

16:00 Coffee break

Live Stream

16:30 Panel: From the origins of WUS at the University of Vienna in 1920 to the present and launching of the WUS Centenary Publication

Presentations and discussion of WUS history and future perspectives
Moderators: Cyril Ritchie, Rep. WUS Alumni, and Kambiz Ghawami, WUS Germany
Panelists: Robin Burns, former WUS Australia and WUS International Executive (online); Wolfgang Nies, WUS Germany (online); Klavs Wulff, former Secretary General WUS International; Adi Kovacevic, Executive Director WUS Austria.
Presentation of WUS Centenary Publication: Robin Burns and Bettina Schmidt, WUS Germany; and presentation of WUS Centenary website: Alan Phillips, WUS UK (online)

18:30 WUS Jubilee Celebration, Small Ceremonial Hall at University of Vienna

Jubilee event with WUS alumni and other representatives
Short inputs and personal stories from representatives of WUS community and friends; Music from the Balkans with Nataša Mirković and Duo Devet: Nataša Mirković - Vocals, Nikola Stanošević - Piano, Ljubomir Gospodinov - Saxophon; Buffet and Socializing
Thursday, September 23, 2020

9:00  Registration

**Live Stream of WG C (9:30-11:00)**

9:30  Second meeting of working groups at University of Vienna

11:00  Coffee break

**Live Stream**

11:30  Closing Panel: Presentation of results of working groups, and adoption of Vienna Declaration on the Human Right to Quality Education

12:30  After-Conference Get-Together incl. light lunch

15:00  Social event at Viennese Heuriger Schübel-Auer (Kahlenberger Str. 22, 1190 Vienna)

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