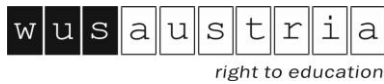
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Conference Program

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

16:00 **Pre-conference activities:** Meetings of organizers and moderators at the University of Vienna (Erika-Weinzierl-Saal, next to Großer Festssaal)

18:30 **Reception by the City of Vienna and organizers**

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**

9:00 **Opening of conference** at Main Ceremonial Hall at University of Vienna (Universitätsring 1, Vienna) [Live Stream](#)

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)

Cécile Riallant, Head, Migration and Sustainable Development Unit of IOM (online)

Sjur Bergan, Head of Department of Education, Council of Europe

Arbërie Nagavci, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Kosovo

Moderator: **Wolfgang Benedek**, WUS Austria

11:00 Coffee break

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

Manfred Nowak, Global Campus of Human Rights/WUS Austria

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 (WUS Austria)**

13:00 Lunch buffet

14:00-16:00 **First meeting of all working groups (WG A: Main Ceremonial Hall, WG B: Small Ceremonial Hall, WG C: Erika-Weinzierl-Saal)**

[Live Stream of WG A \(14:00-15:00\) and WG B \(15:00-16:00\) – Main Ceremonial Hall](#)

WG A: [Quality Education for Vulnerable Groups and Covid-19](#), **Coordinators:** Chris Eaton, WUS Canada and Kambiz Ghawami, WUS Germany

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

WG B: [Shrinking Civic Space and Academic Freedom](#), **Coordinators:** Liviu Matei, CEU and Gerd Oberleitner, UNESCO Chair Human Rights and Human Security/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, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental und 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: Veronika Nitsche, WUS Austria

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

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Panel: From the Origins of WUS at the University of Vienna in 1920 to the Present; launching of the WUS Centenary Publication and website**
[Live Stream](#)

Presentations and discussion of WUS history and future perspectives
Moderators: **Cyril Ritchie**, Representative of WUS Alumni and **Kambiz Ghawami**, WUS Germany
Panelists: **Robin Burns**, former WUS Australia and WUS International Executive (statement read out); **Wolfgang Nies**, WUS Germany (online); **Klavs Wulff**, former Secretary General WUS International; **Adi Kovacevic**, Executive Director WUS Austria.
Presentation of WUS Centenary Publication: **Bettina Schmidt**, WUS Germany;
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 friends

Short inputs and personal stories from representatives of WUS community and friends, i.e. **Cyril Ritchie** (former WUS International), **Bettina Schmidt** (WUS Germany), **Manfred Nowak** (WUS Austria), **Dino Mujkic** (WUS Sarajevo), **Daniel Ayuk Mbo Egbe** (WUS Germany), **Veronika Nitsche** and **Grete Kernegger** (WUS Austria) and others;

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**
- 9:30-11:00** **Second meeting of all working groups (WG A: Erika-Weinzierl-Saal, WG B: Small Ceremonial Hall, WG C: Main Ceremonial Hall)**
Live Stream of WG C – Main Ceremonial Hall
Statements, discussion of Vienna Declaration
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:30** **Closing Panel: Presentation of results of working groups, and adoption of Vienna Declaration on the Human Right to Quality Education**
Live Stream
- 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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