

Venues & Programme

Sunday, 9 September

- 1 6.00 pm Reception
- 7.00 pm Dinner

Monday, 10 September

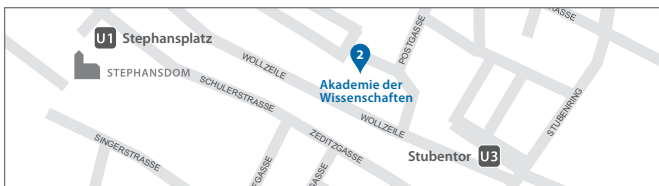
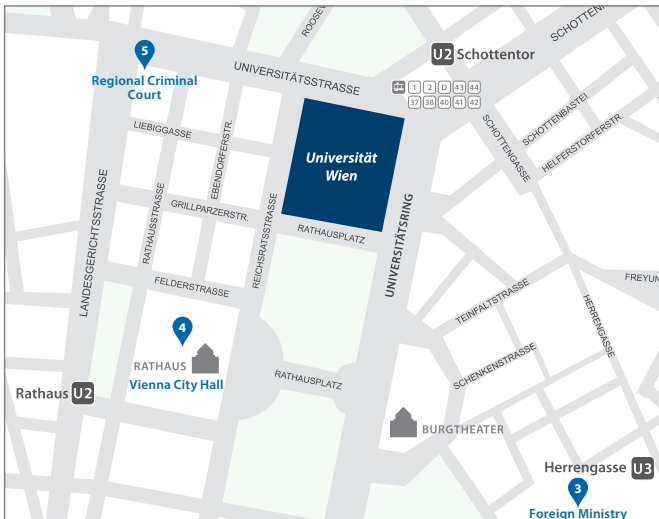
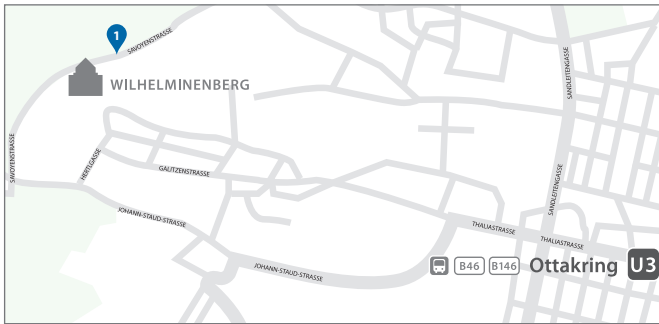
- 2 8.30 am Registration
- 9.30 am Welcome Remarks
- 10.00 am Opening Panel Discussion
- 2.30 pm Panel 1
- 3 6.00 pm Reception

Tuesday, 11 September

- 1 9.00 am COST Working Groups
- 2.00 pm PhD Training School
- 4 8.00 pm Reception

Wednesday, 12 September

- 1 9.00 am PhD Training School
- 9.00 am AHRI meeting
- 10.30 am COST MC Meeting
- 9.00 am Nordic Meeting
- 2.00 pm Panel 2
- 3.30 pm Panel 3
- 5.30 pm Closing Remarks
- 5 6.30 pm Reception



EMPOWER HUMAN RIGHTS!

Final Conference of the COST Action IS0702
"The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform"

13th AHRI Conference
(Association of Human Rights Institutes)

Sunday, 9 September

Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg | Savoyenstraße 2 | 1160

6.00 pm
7.00 pm

**Arrivals
Reception
Dinner**

Monday, 10 September

Akademie der Wissenschaften | Wollzeile 27a | 1010

8.30 am - 9.30 am **Registration**

9.30 am - 10.00 am **Welcome Remarks**

Manfred Nowak
Chair of the COST Action IS0702

Nils A. Butenschøn
Chair of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI)

Richard Kühnel
Representative of the European Commission in Austria

10.00 am - 12.00 pm **Opening Panel**

Keynote Speech: EU Foreign Policy on Human Rights and the Role of the EU in the United Nations
Stavros Lambrinidis (tbc)
EU Special Representative for Human Rights

How to Reform the United Nations Human Rights Architecture in the Coming Years
Kyung-wha Kang
UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ideas and Initiatives of the European Parliament for UN Human Rights Reform
Ulrike Lunacek
Member of the European Parliament

The European Union Foreign Human Rights Policy: The Vision of Croatia
Vesna Pusić
Croatian Minister of Foreign and European Affairs

The Austrian Perspective on UN Human Rights Reform
Michael Spindelegger
Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs and Vice-Chancellor

Chair: Manfred Nowak
Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Vienna University; Director, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights

12.00 PM - 2.30 PM LUNCH BREAK

2.30 pm - 5.30 pm **Panel 1**

The Role of COHOM in Relation to the UN Human Rights Reform
Engelbert Theuermann
Chair of the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) of the EU Council

The Role of the EU in Developing/Strengthening the Human Dimension of the OSCE
Snjezana Bokulic
Head of the Human Rights Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Proposals on UN Treaty Body Reform
José Doria
Visiting Professor of Human Rights Law, Agostinho Neto National University of Angola, Luanda, and Peoples Friendship University of Russia, Moscow

Summary of Proposals for the UN Human Rights Reform Resulting from COST Action IS0702
Manfred Nowak
Chair of the COST Action IS0702

Plenary Discussion

Chair: Richard Kühnel
Representative of the European Commission in Austria

6.00 pm **Reception by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs**
Marble Room, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Minoritenplatz 8, 1014 Vienna

Tuesday, 11 September

Hotel Schloss Wilhelminenberg | Savoyenstraße 2 | 1160

9.00 am - 12.00 pm
COST Working Group Sessions
(COST members only)

WG1: Reform of UN Human Rights Mechanisms
Chair: Manfred Nowak

WG2: Strengthening Systems for Human Rights Based Development

Chair: Wouter Vandenhoele

WG3: New Perspectives on Human Rights Partnerships

Chair: Wolfgang Benedek

12.00 PM - 2.00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2.00 pm - 5.30 pm **PhD Training School**

for early-stage and senior researchers (conference participants are welcome)

Panels on: Poverty and Territory | Asylum and Migration | Mental Health and Human Rights

8.00 pm **Reception by the City of Vienna and the Representation of the European Commission in Austria**

Vienna City Hall, Lichtenfelsgasse 2, Feststiege 1, 1010 Vienna

Wednesday, 12 September

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9.00 am - 12.30 pm **PhD Training School**

for early-stage and senior researchers (conference participants are welcome)

Panels on: Human Rights in Development | Trafficking in Human Beings | Criminal and Social Justice

9.00 am - 10.30 am **AHRI Board Meeting**
(AHRI members only)

10.30 am - 12.30 pm
COST Management Committee Meeting
(COST MC members only)

9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Nordic Meeting (not public)

12.30 PM - 2.00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm **Panel 2**

Proposals of WG1 – Reform of UN Human Rights Mechanisms
Manfred Nowak
Chair of WG1

Proposals of WG2 – Strengthening Systems for Human Rights Based Development
Paul Gready
Director, Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York
Wouter Vandenhoele,
Chair of WG2, Chair in Human Rights - UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, University of Antwerp

Proposals of WG3 – New Perspectives on Human Rights Partnerships
Wolfgang Benedek
Chair of WG3, Director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Graz (ETC)

Plenary Discussion

Chair: Charlotte Flindt Pedersen
Deputy Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights

3.00 PM - 3.30 PM BREAK

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm **Panel 3**

The EU and UN Human Rights Reform – An Academic Perspective
Jan Wouters
Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of International Law, Director of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven

Visions for the UN Human Rights Reform
Dubravka Šimonović
Professor at the MFA Diplomatic Academy, Center for Human Rights and Women's Studies; Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Recent Developments in the Human Rights Council
Christian Strohal
Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva, Vice-President of the Human Rights Council

UN Perspectives and Action on a Human Rights Based Approach to Development
Marcia V. J. Kran
Director of the Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

EU Perspectives on UN Human Rights Reform
Engelbert Theuermann
Chair of the Working Party on Human Rights (COHOM) of the EU Council

Plenary Discussion

Chair: Manfred Nowak
Chair of the COST Action IS0702

5.30 pm - 5.45 pm **Closing Remarks**

Nils A. Butenschøn
Chair of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI)

Manfred Nowak
Chair of the COST Action IS0702

6.30 pm **Friedrich Forsthuber (President of the Criminal Court) Interviewing Manfred Nowak on Torture in the 21st Century followed by a Reception and an Exhibition „The History of the Criminal Court House and the Austrian Criminal Justice System“**
Vienna Regional Criminal Court, Grand Jury Room, Landesgerichtsstraße 11, 1080 Vienna