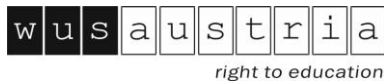


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Conference Program

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

15:00 **Pre-conference activities:** Meetings of organizers, presenters, interest groups at the University of Vienna

18:00 **Reception by the City of Vienna and organizers; networking** with opening remarks and short inputs preparing the ground for the conference

Venue: Lanner/Léhar Saal at Wiener Rathauskeller (basement of Vienna City Hall)

Keynote: Alma Zadić, Austrian Federal Minister of Justice

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Live Stream

9:00 **Opening of conference** at Festsaal of the University of Vienna

Welcome and introductory speeches:

Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria (tbc)

Heinz Faßmann, Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research

Christa Schnabl, Vice-Rector of University of Vienna

Michael Ignatieff, Rector of Central European University

Keynotes:

Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR

Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy UN High Commissioner on Human Rights (tbc)

Vibeke Jensen, UNESCO, Director of the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development

Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

Cécile Riallant, Head, Migration and Sustainable Development Unit of IOM

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

Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Fundamental Rights Agency (EU) (tbc)

Moderation: **Wolfgang Benedek**, WUS Austria

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

Liviu Matei, Provost Central European University

Elmar Pichl, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Erhard Busek, Former Federal Minister of Education and Vice-Chancellor of Austria

Kambiz Ghawami, WUS Germany

Chris Eaton, WUS Canada

Moderator: N.N.

13:00 Lunch buffet

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

Live Stream of WG A

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

Speakers: **Annalaura Sacco**, Senior Protection Coordinator, Regional Bureau MENA, UNHCR; **Fernand de Varennnes**, UN Special Rep. on Minorities; **N.N.**, IOM; **Angela Kocze**, Romani Studies Programme, CEU; **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; **David Crosier**, Eurydice/European Commission; **Robert Quinn**, Scholars at Risk; **Katrin Kinzelbach**, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg; **Naif Bezwan**, University of Innsbruck; **Michael Lysander Fremuth**, Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights, Vienna; **Martina Darmanin**, European Students' Union (ESU).

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

Speakers: **Vibeke Jensen**, UNESCO; Repr. of Climate Action Network for International Educators (tbc); **Louise Sperl**, WUS Austria; **Bernhard Kernegger**, UniNEtZ/Alliance Sustainable Universities Austria; Rep. ESD Expert Network (tbc); Rep. Fridays for Future (tbc); **Werner Wintersteiner**, Master on Global Citizenship, University of Klagenfurt.

Moderator: **Veronika Nitsche**, WUS Austria

Live Stream

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

Presentations and discussion of WUS history and future perspectives
Moderators: **Cyril Ritchie**, Rep. WUS Alumni and **Kambiz Ghawami**, WUS Germany
Panelists: **Wolfgang Nies**, Luxembourg; **Klavs Wulff**, former Secretary General WUS Denmark; **Clive Nettleton**, WUS South Africa; **Adi Kovacevic**, Executive Director WUS Austria.

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

Jubilee event with WUS alumni and other representatives
Animated WUS History including moderated talks/interviews around personal stories from representatives of the WUS community (alumni, co-workers); Views from friends and partners of WUS; Exchange between young and senior participants; Buffet and Music from the Balkans with **Nataša Mirković and Duo Devet**:
Nataša Mirković - Vocals, Nikola Stanošević - Piano, Ljubomir Gospodinov - Saxophon

Thursday, September 23, 2020

Live Stream of WG B

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

Live Stream

11:30 **Closing Panel:** Presentation and discussion of the results of the working groups, and discussion and adoption of the **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 "Das Schreiberhaus"** in Neustift/Vienna

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