



Exploring New Capacities to Address the Threat of Atrocity Crimes: The Case for a UN Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS)

**23 May – 25 May, 2011
Vienna, Austria**

**United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria – Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs
(UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA)
Global Action to Prevent War, New York
Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA)
Austrian National Defence Academy**

The international community is facing new challenges in preventing and addressing atrocity crimes. While the responsibility to protect civilians -- in a manner that stresses prevention and respects sovereign jurisdiction -- has achieved broad levels of understanding and even support among diplomats, capacity deficits threaten efforts to turn high ideals into robust practice.

After a public event at the United Nations Office at Vienna, this two-part conference will initially focus the attention of diplomats, UN officials and diverse civil society experts on the tools and capacities needed to create credible, prevention-based responses to the threat of atrocity crimes. One focus of this discussion is a proposal for a UN Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS) – a standing, rapid-response, integrated capacity that quickly and effectively addresses outbreaks of atrocity crimes in those (hopefully rare) instances when diplomacy and other preventive mechanisms fail to stem the violence. Among the topics to be covered include the following:

- Closing Capacity Gaps to Address the Threat of Atrocity Crimes
- The International Status of the R2P Norm and its Three Pillars of Response
- Integrating Women's Participation in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: The Role of the C-34
- UNEPS as a Complement to Other Civilian Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection Proposals
- Making the Case for Standing Peacekeeping Capacity: Suspicions and Opportunities
- Options for Regionally-Based, Rapid-Response Peacekeeping

In addition, we will hold a one-day event specifically for young practitioners in the peacekeeping/civilian protection field as they define their skills, leadership styles and priorities. Consideration will be given to the following topics:

- Assessing our Current Civilian Protection Performance
- New Priorities for Honoring our Responsibility to Protect
- New Tools and Technologies to Address the Threat of Atrocity Crimes
- Preferred Leadership Styles for Engaging a New Generation on Civilian Protection

Monday, 23 May 2011

- 08:00 - 09:00** **Registration at the UN Office at Vienna**
- Public Event (hosted by the United Nations Information Service - UNIS)**
- 09:00 - 09:45** **Welcoming Remarks**
- Janos TISOVSZKY**, Acting Director, United Nations Information Service (UNIS), Vienna - tbc
- Marc E. MELICH**, Chairman in Vienna, United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria – Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA)
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Director, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- H.E. Dr. Helmut TICHY**, Head of the International Law Office, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (BMEIA)
- 09:45 - 11:45** **The UN's Evolving Responsibility to Protect Civilians from Atrocity Crimes**
- Valerie ROCHER**, Associate Human Rights Officer, Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, New York
- Peter CROLL**, Director, Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC)
- Manuela MESA**, Director, Centro de Educación e Investigación para la Paz (CEIPAZ), Madrid
- 11:45 - 13:00** **Lunch at the UN Canteen**
- 13:00 - 13:30** **Transportation to the Headquarters of the UNA-AUSTRIA**
- 13:30 - 15:00** **Workshop 1: Identifying Capacity Gaps to Prevent Atrocity Crimes**
- Valerie ROCHER**, Associate Human Rights Officer, Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, New York
- Simona NOVINEC**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 15:00 - 16:30** **Workshop 2: The International Status of R2P Norm and its Three Pillars of Response**
- Ruben REIKE**, Oxford University
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Director, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz GÄRTNER**, Senior Fellow, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip)
- 18:30** **Dinner at the "Heurigen Feuerwehr Wagner"**

Tuesday, 24 May 2011

- 09:00 - 10:00** **Brief Overview of Day One Discussions and Outcomes**
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Director, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- Marc E. MELICH**, Chairman in Vienna, United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria – Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA)
- 10:00 - 12:00** **Workshop 3: Integrating Women’s Full Participation in Civilian Protection, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding**
- Radmila NAKARADA**, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade
- Mag. Aga KWIECINSKI**, University of Vienna and Austrian National Defence Academy
- Frau Hauptmann Jasmin KRUTZLER**, Austrian Armed Forces
- 12:00 - 13:00** **Lunch break**
- 13:00 - 15:00** **Workshop 4: Making the Case for Standing Peacekeeping Capacity: Suspensions and Opportunities**
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Director, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- Manuela MESA**, Director, Centro de Educación e Investigación para la Paz (CEIPAZ), Madrid
- Mag. Dr. Ursula WERTHER-PIETSCH**, Deputy Head of the Department VII.4, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (BMEIA)
- 15:00 - 15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 - 17:30** **Workshop 5: UNEPS as a Complement to UN and Regional Civilian Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection Proposals**
- Ruben REIKE**, Oxford University
- Dr. Robert OBERLOHER**, Hochschule der Polizei, Hamburg
- 17:30 - 18:30** **Presentation of Core Ideas and Recommendations**
- 19:00** **Reception at the Austrian National Defence Academy**

Wednesday, 25 May 2011

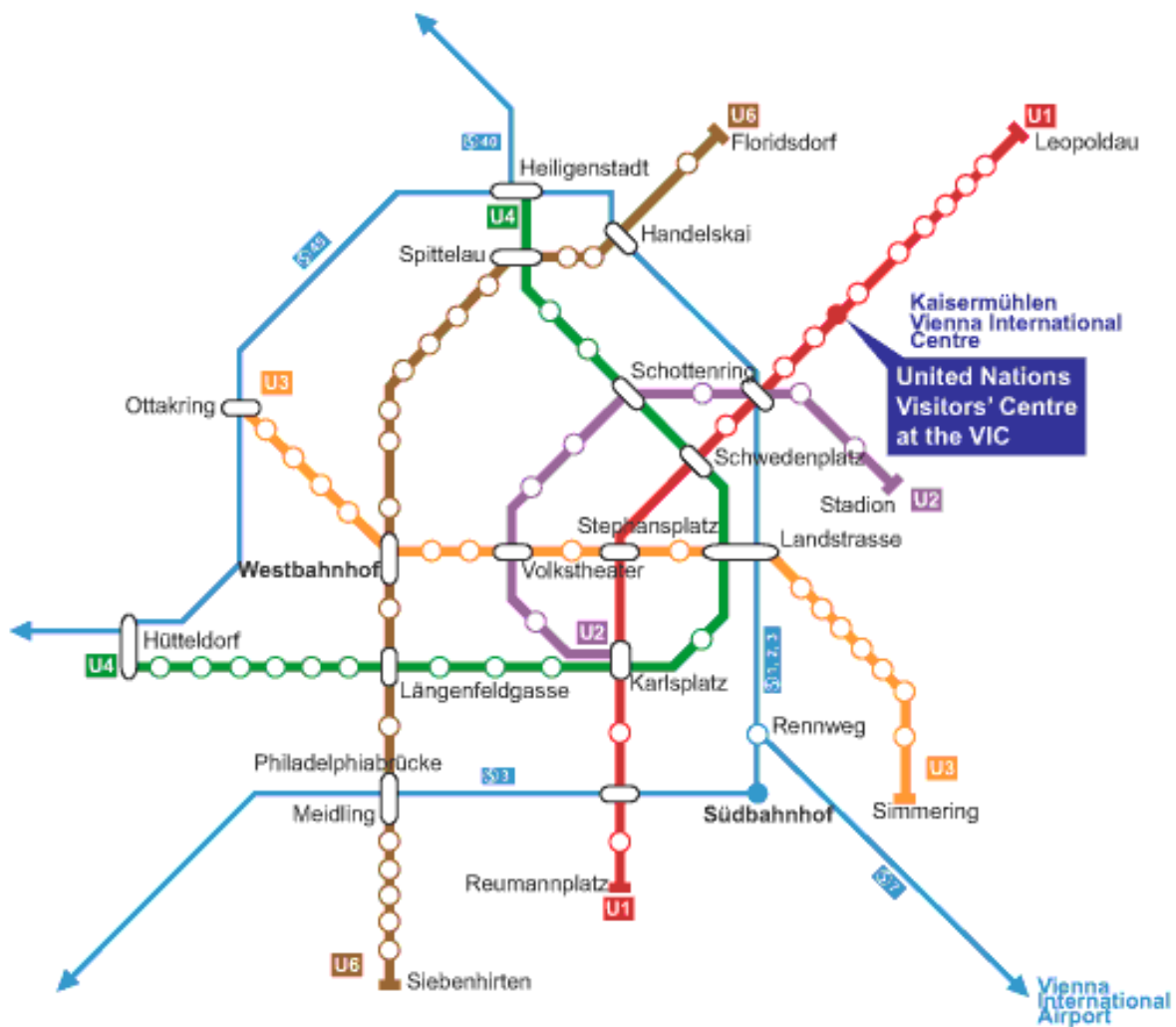
- 09:00 - 09:30** **Opening Remarks**
- Marc E. MELICH**, Chairman in Vienna, United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria – Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA)
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Director, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- 09:30 - 11:00** **Workshop 1: Assessing our Current Civilian Protection Performance**
- Dr. Jan POSPISIL**, Affiliated Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip)
- Simona NOVINEC**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Marius MÜLLER-HENNIG**, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
- 11:00 - 14:00** **“International Club” of the UNA-AUSTRIA – Lecture in German: “Veränderungen im Mittleren Osten und Nordafrika – Bedeutung für Israel”**
- Avi PRIMOR**, Diplomat, Israel
- 14:00 - 15:30** **Workshop 2: New Priorities for Honoring our Responsibility to Protect**
- Dr. Robert OBERLOHER**, Hochschule der Polizei, Hamburg
- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz GÄRTNER**, Senior Fellow, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip)
- Ruben REIKE**, Oxford University
- 15:30 - 15:45** **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 – 17:00** **Workshop 3: New Tools and Technologies to Address the Threat of Atrocity Crimes**
- Katherine PRIZEMAN**, International Coordinator, Global Action to Prevent War, New York
- Lieutenant Colonel Nikolaus ROTTENBERGER M.A.I.S.**, Cabinet of the Austrian Minister of Defense
- 17:00 - 17:15** **Coffee Break**
- 17:15 - 18:30** **Workshop 4: Preferred Leadership Styles for Engaging a New Generation on Civilian Protection**
- Dr. Peter PILZ**, Security speaker, Member of Parliament
- Dr. Robert ZUBER**, Global Action, New York
- 18:30** **Closing Remarks**
- 19:00** **Informal “get-together”**

Addresses

UN OFFICE AT VIENNA

Vienna International Centre
Wagramer Strasse 5
1400 Vienna
Austria

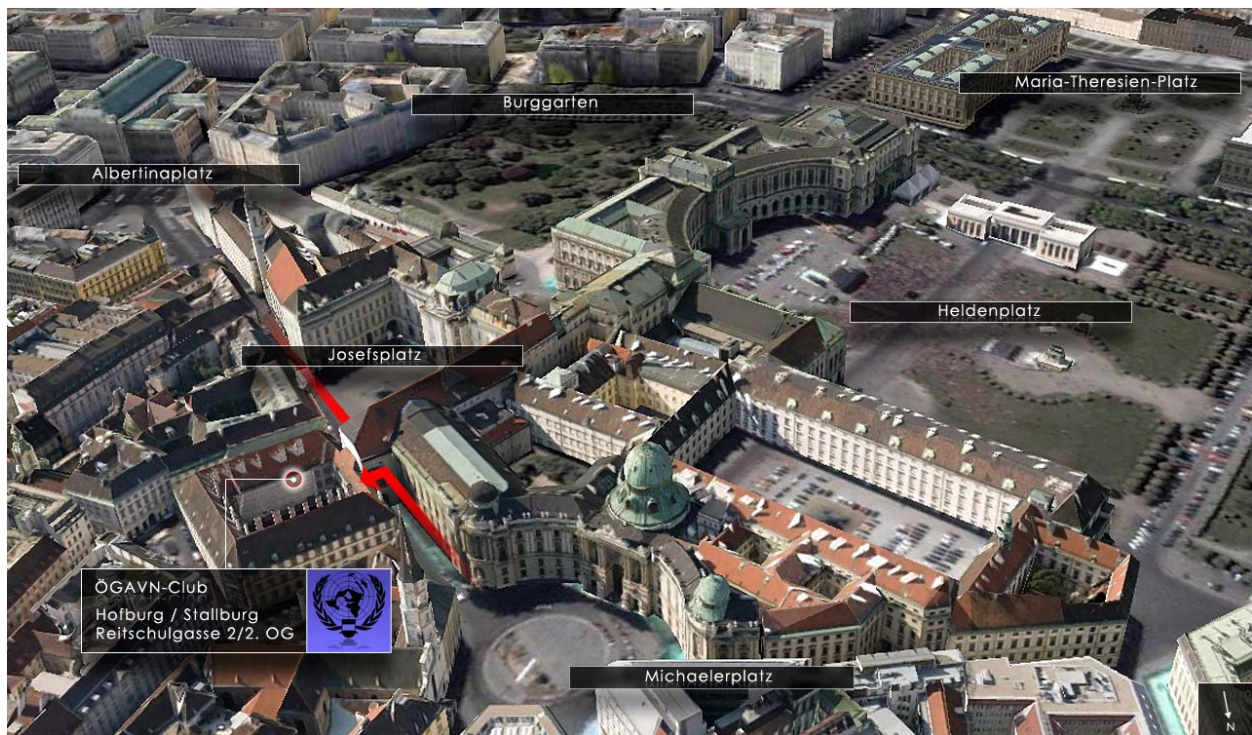
Take the underground line U1 in the direction of Leopoldau until you reach “Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre” and then follow the signs to Gate 1 of the VIC, the main entrance. The VIC is also easy to reach by car via the A22 motorway or from the city center via the Reichsbrücke.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNA-AUSTRIA

Hofburg/Stallburg
Reitschulgasse 2/2. OG
1010 Vienna
Austria

Take the underground U3 until you reach “Herrengasse” and then follow Herrengasse until “Michaelerplatz”. You can also take the buses 2A and 3A until “Michaelerplatz”. Right after Michaelplatz you will reach “Reitschulgasse” where you walk through a pedestrian passage and arrive at the entrance.



AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

AG STIFTGASSE

Stiftgasse 2a

1070 Vienna

Austria

Take the underground line U3 until you reach “Neubaugasse” and exit at “Kirchengasse”. Walk on “Mariahilfer Straße” roughly 90m and turn left into “Stiftgasse”.



Credentials and Registration

The whole event is split into 3 parts.

- **PUBLIC EVENT AT THE UN OFFICE AT VIENNA**

23 May 2011 08:00 – 11:45

The public event is open for everyone who is interested in this topic. Furthermore we invite all diplomats and UN officials as well as experts to take part in this event.

- **2-DAYS WORKSHOP AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNA-AUSTRIA**

23 – 24 May 2011

The Workshops are limited to 40 participants. We are specifically looking for UN officials, diplomats and diverse civil society experts as well as state authorities to take part in these workshops.

- **“YOUNG PRACTITIONERS WORKSHOP” AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNA-AUSTRIA**

25 May 2011

These workshops are set up for students and young graduates. The Workshop is limited to 40 participants.

Contact

Mr. Marc E. MELICH

wien@afa.at