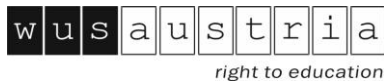
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**World University Service**

**Global Conference on the  
Human Right to Quality Education**

**November 13-15, 2020 in Vienna, Austria**

## PROGRAM

**Friday, November 13, 2020**

**10:30 Meeting of WUS Alumni**

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

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

**Keynote: Alma Zadić**, Austrian Federal Minister of Justice

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

## Saturday, November 14, 2020

**9:00** **Opening of conference:** Welcome and introductory speeches

**Venue:** Festsaal of the University of Vienna

**Alexander Van der Bellen**, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

**Heinz Faßmann, (Iris Rauskala)**, (Former) Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research

**Heinz W. Engl**, Rector of University of Vienna / **Christa Schnabl**, Vice-Rector of University of Vienna

**Michael Ignatieff**, Rector of Central European University

### Keynotes:

**Gillian Triggs**, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR (tbc)

**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

**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

**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 Working Groups** on sub-topics of the planned Vienna Declaration: first meeting

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

Speakers: **Annalaura Sacco**, Senior Protection Coordinator, Regional Bureau MENA, UNHCR; **Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rep. on Minorities; N.N., IOM; **Angela Kocze**, Romani Studies Programme (tbc), 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

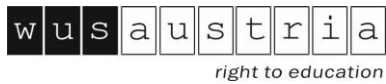
**16:00** Coffee Break

**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; **Robin Burns**, WUS Australia; **Adi Kovacevic**, Executive Director WUS Austria.

**18:30 WUS Jubilee Celebration (Small Ceremonial Hall of 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.

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**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**Venue:** Festsaal of University of Vienna

**9:30 Second meeting of working groups**

**11:00** Coffee Break

**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

On all panels and in all working groups young participants will be invited to actively participate.

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