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# **UN Studies Capacity Building in Southeast Europe**

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# Content of the Presentation

- **ASO Ljubljana – who we are?**
- Presentation of **past Activities** of ASO Ljubljana in the field of UN Studies Capacity Building in SEE
- **The broader picture: „Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance and Climate Change Action in SEE“**
- **Some Plans for the Future and Invitation to Cooperation** in the Development and Implementation of Future UN Studies Cooperation Initiatives in SEE

# Starting point: ASO Ljubljana - Who we are?

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The Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana has been established in October 1990 to intensify scientific contacts between Austria and Slovenia as well as to initiate scientific co-operation. The ASO Ljubljana is operated on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF). Since March 2004 the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office (ASO) Ljubljana is being coordinated by the [Center for Social Innovation \(ZSI\)](#).

The Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices in Ljubljana and Sofia support the science policy of the BMWF in South Eastern Europe.

Head of the ASO Ljubljana is Miroslav Polzer since 1996.

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## News

**Ausschreibung für Bewerbungen um IFK\_Fellowships für das Studienjahr 2010/2011**

**Ausschreibung des Inge Morath-Preises des Landes Steiermark für Wissenschafts-Publizistik (Inge Morath Award for Scientific Journalism) 2009**

**International Conference: Contribution of Research and Technology Development (RTD) to developing sustainable**

# ASO Ljubljana & UN Studies Capacity Building in SEE

- **Global challenges** → **United Nations** system is the central institutional framework for global governance responses to global challenges. → important for all countries to develop **knowledge**, especially in the academic community, regarding the **functioning of the UN system** → enable stakeholders to **contribute** to the success of the efforts of the international community & enable countries to defend their **interests** appropriately and adequately.
- **Austria** is a leader in promoting **regional cooperation** with and among the countries of **Central, East and Southeast Europe**, this holds true especially for international cooperation in **research and higher education**.

# ASO Ljubljana & UN Studies Capacity Building in SEE

→ **Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office** co-organizer/partner of the events:

- **ACUNS SW 2008 “Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance”**, July 23- August 2 2008, Ljubljana  
[www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/2995.html](http://www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/2995.html)
- **"Can the United Nations Be Taught? A Colloquium on Innovative Approaches to Teaching about the UN System"**, DA Vienna, November 23 2008  
[www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/3038.html](http://www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/3038.html)
- **“Teaching Climate Change and the United Nations System”**, Belgrade May 17&18 2010  
[www.investsciencesee.info/ccandun/](http://www.investsciencesee.info/ccandun/)
- **ACUNS AM 2010**, Vienna June 3-5 2010

# ACUNS SW 2008

## „Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance“

Ljubljana July 23 – August 2 2008



Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office ASO Ljubljana has been partner of The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) [www.acuns.org](http://www.acuns.org) and the American Society of International Law (ASIL) [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org), in organizing the eighteenth ACUNS-ASIL Summer Workshop on International Organization Studies; the topic has been “Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance” <http://www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/2995.html> Mr. Polzer has been academic co-director of the summer workshop

**ORGANISERS:**  
 Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS)  
 Diplomatic Academy of Vienna  
 Austrian Science and Research (ASO) Office (ASO) Ljubljana  
 Central and Eastern European International Studies Association (CEISA)

**IN COOPERATION WITH:**  
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 United Nations Studies Association  
 University of Graz Institute of International Law  
 University of Vienna, Institute of Criminal Law and International Law  
 World Federation of United Nations Associations  
 Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPCR)  
 WUWien University Vienna

**22 November 2008**  
 11:00 - 17:00

**Vienna - Austria**

**CAN "UNITED NATIONS" BE TAUGHT?**

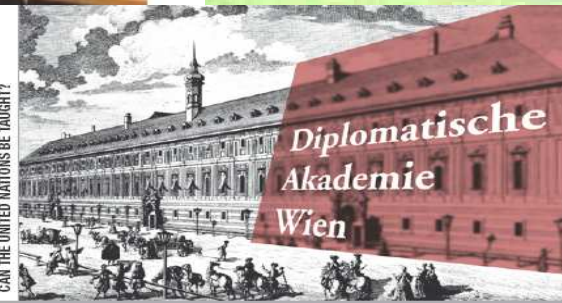
*A Central, East and Southeast European Regional Colloquium on Innovative Techniques for Teaching about the United Nations System*



November 22nd 2008 Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana has been coorganizer of the event »Can United Nations be Taught? A Central, East and Southeast European Regional Colloquium on Innovative Techniques for Teaching about the UN System«, at Diplomatic Academy in Vienna <http://www.aso.zsi.at/sl/veranstaltung/3038.html>



UN Assistant Secretary General for Coordination Mr. Thomas Stelzner (right) has been the keynote speaker



CAN THE UNITED NATIONS BE TAUGHT?

FAVORITA PAPERS 01/2009

**CAN THE UNITED NATIONS BE TAUGHT?**  
 Compendium of Innovative Teaching Techniques

(a copy of the proceedings can be ordered free of charge at [aso-ljubljana@zsi.at](mailto:aso-ljubljana@zsi.at))

2nd CEE/SEE Regional Colloquium  
Capacity Building on Global Governance and the UN System

# Teaching Climate Change and the United Nations System

Date: Monday May 17th & Tuesday 18th, 2010

Venue: Faculty of Law, Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 67, Belgrade



## ORGANISERS

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- Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, [www.fpn.bg.ac.rs/eng/index\\_e.html](http://www.fpn.bg.ac.rs/eng/index_e.html)
- Environmental Ambassadors, Belgrade, [www.ambassadors-env.org/](http://www.ambassadors-env.org/)
- Academic Council on the United Nations System ACUNS, [www.acuns.org](http://www.acuns.org)
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- Diplo Foundation, Belgrade Office [www.diplomacy.edu](http://www.diplomacy.edu)
- Petnica Science Center – Innovative Sci+Tech Education and Regional Teacher Training [www.petnica.rs](http://www.petnica.rs)
- The European Center for Peace and Development, Belgrade – Ljubljana, [www.ecpdorg.net](http://www.ecpdorg.net)
- United Nations Association of Serbia, [www.unaserbia.rs/](http://www.unaserbia.rs/)
- Educons University, Sremska Kamenica, [www.educons.edu.rs](http://www.educons.edu.rs)
- South East Europe Media Organisation SEEMO, Vienna, [www.seemo.org/](http://www.seemo.org/)

## IN COOPERATION WITH

- Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Republic of Serbia, [www.ekoplan.gov.rs/en/index.php](http://www.ekoplan.gov.rs/en/index.php)
- United Nations Institute for Training and Research UNITAR, [www.unitar.org](http://www.unitar.org)
- United Nations Environment Programme UNEP [www.unep.org/](http://www.unep.org/)
- United Nations Development Programme UNDP [www.undp.org/](http://www.undp.org/)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)
- World Federation of UN Associations WFUNA [www.wfuna.org](http://www.wfuna.org)
- Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe ERI-SEE [www.erisee.hr](http://www.erisee.hr)
- UNESCO (Serbian National Commission and UNESCO Venice Office) [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)
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## Annual Meeting

### Welcome to the ACUNS 23rd Annual Meeting

Date: June 3-5, 2010

Theme: New Security Challenges

Location: University of Vienna, Vienna International Centre and Austrian Parliament

Proposals on the conference theme, New Security Challenges, in addition to other topics relating to the UN system and/or to the broader ACUNS mandate will be considered. Anyone presenting on a workshop panel is expected to register.

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June 4-6, 2009

Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad

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Previous Annual Meetings:



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Danilo Türk**

President of the Republic of Slovenia  
"New Security Challenges"



#### JOHN W. HOLMES MEMORIAL LECTURE:

**Dame Margaret Anstee**

Former UN Under-Secretary General  
"What Price Security?"



#### PLENARY SESSIONS:

**The UN Under Fire**

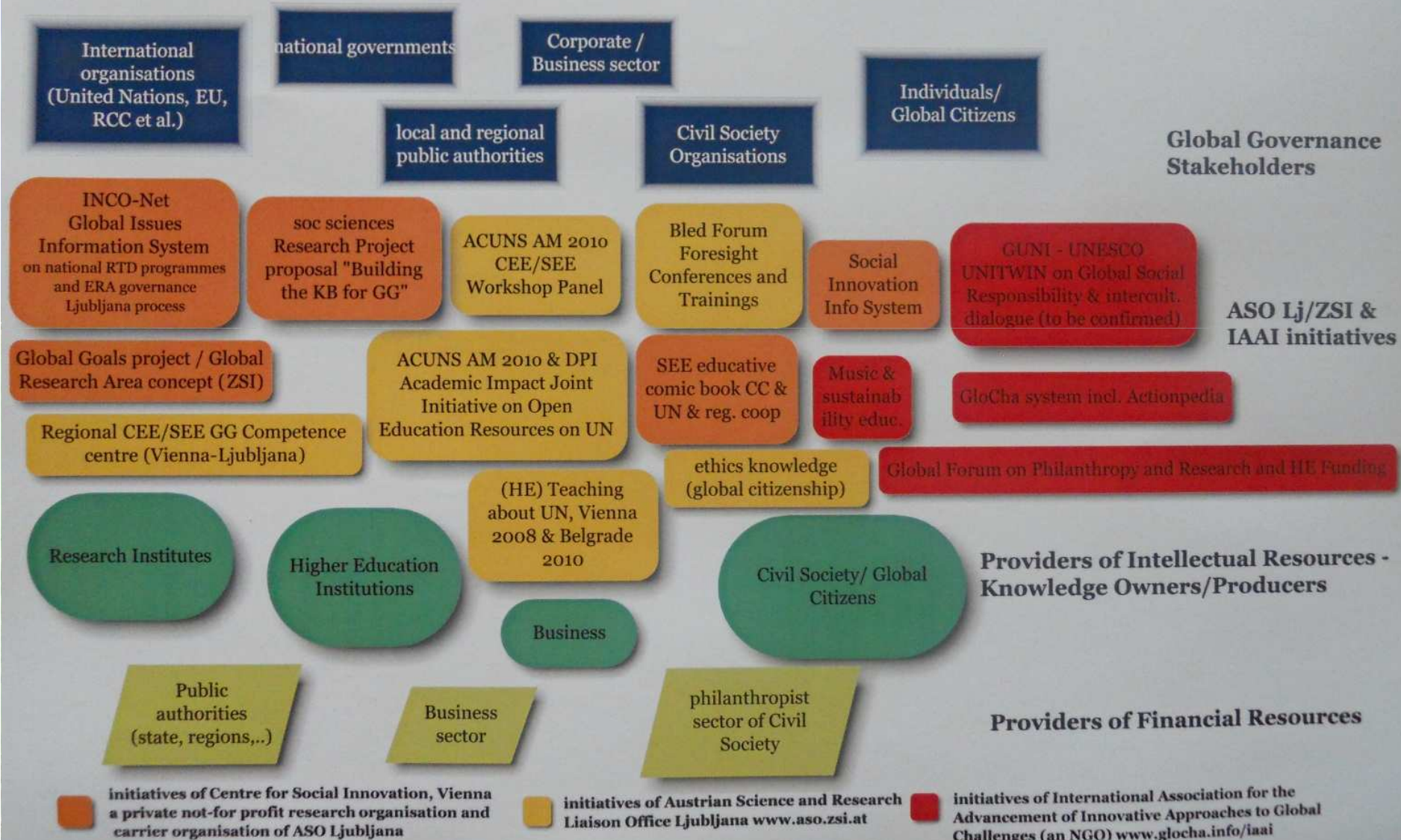
Lakhdar Brahimi  
Jan Egeland  
Edward Mortimer  
Abiodun Williams

**An Agenda for Human Rights**

Manfred Nowak  
Mary Robinson  
To be confirmed

# The Broader Picture

**Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance (in Southeast Europe) /  
Building the Knowledge Base for Climate Change Action (in SEE)** (Miroslav Polzer, 2010)



# ***Future Plans***

*3rd CEE/SEE regional Colloquium on  
UN Studies and Global Governance*

**»How can we fix our Market Failures?**

**Transition towards Green Economy and the Role of  
Multilevel Governance«**

Ljubljana, December 2010/January 2011



Meeting of EU commissioner for the environment,  
**Janez Potočnik** with UN ASG for policy coordination  
and inter-agency affairs **Thomas Stelzer**,  
May 25th 2010 in Brussels

(Potočnik announced **Green Economy** to be one of the  
topics he would like to see to be addressed in the context  
of Global Governance and EU-UN cooperation)

***4th CEE/SEE regional Colloquium  
in Croatia, spring 2011***

# **Future Plans (cont.)**

*Joint activities with UNSA regarding **subregional SEE**  
**United Nations Studies internet portal***

Regional SEE Initiative on **Open Educational Resources**  
**on Climate Change and UN Studies** *(to be confirmed)*

UNDPI Academic Impact Initiative; UNESCO Higher  
Education Sector; Novi Sad Initiative on Regional SEE  
cooperation in Higher Education

**Worst case Climate Change Scenarios and their Ethical  
Implications**

ASO Ljubljana & UNESCO SHS/EST & Club of Rome etc.

Ljubljana, November 2010



Vision:

**SEE Regional  
Global Challenges/Global Governance  
Knowledge Management  
and  
Social Innovation  
Competence Centre  
Ljubljana/Vienna**

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*You are kindly invited to join our initiatives*

***Thank you for your attention!***

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