

Dear Friends & Colleagues

We hope you are enjoying the first glimpses of Spring!

The ACUNS annual meeting in Vienna is approaching fast, and we are happy to present an overview of related UNSA activities, including members' participation in ACUNS workshop panels as well as presentations at the pre-ACUNS "Workshops on Diversity and Global Understanding", which will take place from May 31 until June 2. Moreover, we wish to provide you with an update on the Journal of International Organization Studies which welcomes your paper submissions.

We look forward to hopefully meeting many of you in Vienna!

Greetings from Berlin
Henrike and Julia

Update on recent activities

ISA 2010 Annual Convention, New Orleans

UNSA members participated in a roundtable on how to **build bridges between academics and practitioners**: *The United Nations, Academics and Practitioners: One World, Two Universes?* as well as in a more **research-focused panel** about *UN Studies and constructivism*.

For more information including paper abstracts, please visit our portal at: <http://www.unstudies.org/content/isa-2010-annual-convention>.

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EVENTS

31 May - 2 June 2010
Vienna, Austria

Workshop on Diversity & Global Understanding

A joint project of Heidelberg University, University of Vienna, UNSA and TermNet

<http://www.workshops-on-diversity.org/>



3 - 5 June 2010
Vienna, Austria

ACUNS Annual Meeting

http://www.acuns.org/annual_meeting



Visit us online and participate

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The UNSA webpage

As we reported in our last newsletter issue, we have re-launched our website to **better support our informal discussions and planning** as well as to **increase the visibility of our collaborative effort** to establish UN Studies as a field of study in its own right. Please check it out at www.unstudies.org, if you have not already done so.

All users can easily contribute comments, ideas and material, as well as discuss and work collaboratively on (new) content. **To participate, please register by sending us an email.** We will be happy to take any of your questions and to provide support.

A new section has been added to the portal: **“UN Studies in the Region”**. Following up on the [panel on UN Studies in the Caribbean at the 2009 ACUNS annual meeting in Trinidad and Tobago](#) and with regard to the upcoming conference on Teaching Climate Change in Belgrade (see above), we are seeking to **increase the visibility of all UN Studies related activities in different regions** of the world and to better connect all those behind these activities.

We will use the Belgrade and ACUNS conference to encourage all parties who are interested in pursuing a **more regional approach** to UN Studies to **share knowledge and best practices**, using this particular section.



Other events of interest to UNSA members

7 - 8 September 2010
Stockholm, Sweden

Young Researchers Workshop
"Rediscovering Global Bureaucracies - From Weber to Where?"

in conjunction with

9 - 11 September 2010
Stockholm, Sweden

SGIR 7th Pan-European Conference on IR

Featuring a section on "Rediscovering International Organizations"

For more information visit
<http://www.sgir.eu>

27 - 29 January 2011
Zurich, Switzerland

4th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations

Deadline for paper proposals:
30 September 2010

visit www.peio.me

UNSA and UNSA-related events

[Belgrade conference on teaching climate change, May 17 and 18](#)

Michael Platzer of ACUNS and Miroslav Polzer of ASO Ljubljana are lead organizers of the 2nd CEE/SEE Regional Colloquium - Capacity Building on Global Governance and the UN System about "Teaching Climate Change and the United Nations System" (the first colloquium [„Can the UN be taught? Innovative Teaching about the United Nations“](#) took place in November 2008 at Diplomatic Academy in Vienna).

Looking at the **UN system's role in teaching climate change**, the conference aims to support effective climate change adaptation and mitigation in SEE (in the context of EU integration) by means of improved science communication and targeted educational processes, among other goals. The event will take place at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade on May 17 and 18.

[ACUNS 2010 annual meeting in Vienna, June 3-6, 2010](#)

Several UNSA members will contribute to the ACUNS conference, including **presenting papers** on the UN as a knowledge system and **organizing a roundtable** on diversity.

More information can be found on our portal at: <http://www.unstudies.org/content/acuns-2010-annual-meeting-vienna> or at www.acuns.org

[Workshops on "Diversity and Global Understanding" in Vienna, May 31 - June 2, 2010](#)

You are invited to participate in this two-day series of workshops on June 1 and 2, including a reception on May 31.

This event has been jointly organized by UNSA, TermNet, the Universities of Heidelberg and Vienna. It aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from different fields and disciplines with an interest in the issues and **challenges of diversity in global working environments such as the UN**.

The overall objective is to deepen the international debate on questions pertaining to cultural diversity, ranging from **diversity management and terminology to global education and the use of new communication tools**.

Several UNSA members will be presenting - for example, Kent Kille will speak about "Interactive Global Education" and James Arbuckle on the topic of "Intercultural communication among agencies".

For more information, please visit the official website at: www.workshops-on-diversity.org. The preliminary program can be downloaded [here](#). To register, [please click here](#).

EVENTS

17 - 18 May 2010
Belgrade

2nd CEE/SEE Regional
Colloquium

Capacity Building on Global Governance and the UN System about "Teaching Climate Change and the United Nations System"

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Studies
Association
1 June 2010

4th Annual Conference on
the Political Economy of
International Organizations
30 September 2010

World International Studies
Committee
30 November 2010

The Journal of International Organization Studies

Update

In 2008, at the annual ACUNS conference, we started in pulling together a new peer-reviewed journal. Its aim was to encourage the creation of a distinct field of international organization studies, bringing together researchers and practitioners.

Today we look forward to the publication of our first issue in September 2010. Interest in JIOS has been strong and we have had exciting contributions to the journal, which will support the journal's mission as well as contribute to the discussions we had as part of our UNSA dialogs.

UNSA members are invited to submit their work to JIOS. We look forward to publishing your research or comments on the workings of international organizations.

Further Information

For more information, or to submit your manuscript, please contact JIOS' editors, Kirsten Haack, Northumbria University, and John Mathiason, Syracuse University, at editors@journal-iostudies.org, or visit the journal website at www.journal-iostudies.org.

JIOS is published by the United Nations Studies Association in association with the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, Brigham Young University.

About JIOS

The **Journal of International Organization Studies** invites article submissions in all areas of international organization research for its launch volume (issues 1 and 2).

JIOS publishes the full range of theoretical approaches, while theoretical and empirical studies will be hosted in equal proportion. JIOS welcomes scholarship about specific organizations as well as the phenomenon of international organizations, their structures and processes, and their place in the international community.

JIOS publishes three types of articles:

- research papers
- reviews of literature or disciplinary approaches
- Insider's View (practitioner contributions)



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