

## The UN Studies Working Group

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With the ACUNS annual meeting approaching, we are entering the next stage of planning our joint seminar on UN Research and Teaching in Bonn; particularly, we seek your input for our brainstorming sessions. Besides, a variety of other activities have been initiated in connection with the ACUNS meeting, the details of which are given below.

As always, you can find all the information on our UN Studies Portal at [www.unstudies.org](http://www.unstudies.org).

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### **Past / future events and activities:**

**Planning status of the Seminar on UN Research and Teaching.** So far, almost twenty UN scholars and practitioners have indicated their interest in participating in the seminar, which will take place on June 4 from 9:30am until 6:00pm at the German Development Institute, Tulpenfeld 6, in Bonn (<http://www.die-gdi.de>). We will focus on the fundamental question of how the UN is viewed in research and teaching. Our timeline is as follows:

- On June 3, we will meet for an **informal dinner** at a Bonn restaurant (self-pay).
- On June 4, we will hold **three rounds of presentations and brainstorming** to address the different perspectives about the UN and how to translate these views into innovative research and teaching. Click here for the detailed [agenda](#).
- Afterwards, we invite you to join us for our **dinner** (self-pay).

We are asking all interested parties to prepare for **informal 5-7 minute oral presentations** to kick off the individual brainstorming sessions. To give you an idea of how these contributions might look like, we have listed first ideas and suggestions on our UN Studies Portal at: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/ProjectSeminarTeaching2008>. You can easily add your own ideas, or please ask us for help ([workinggroup@unstudies.org](mailto:workinggroup@unstudies.org)).

**UN Studies Working Group meeting.** We will hold a working group meeting on June 5 from 9:00am until 11:00am at the German Development Institute for all interested parties who would like to get an update on our projects and to discuss future activities and the overall direction of the group with us.

**UN Studies workshop panel at ACUNS 2008 Annual Meeting.** Our joint proposal for a workshop panel titled: "Institutionalizing UN Studies - Progress report on the Working Group on UN Studies" has been accepted by the ACUNS Secretariat. For the final version, please visit: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/ProjectACUNS2008>. The workshop panel is scheduled to take place on June 7, from 1:30pm until 3:00pm, at the Gustav-Stresemann-Institute.

**UN Studies Working Group presentation table at ACUNS Annual Meeting.** We have arranged for a small presentation table at the conference site. Besides working group material such as our mission statement and flyer, we will set up a laptop for a live demonstration of our UN Studies Portal. Please let us know of any other ideas for presentations you might have.

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### **Working group news**

**New office.** We are happy to announce that the UN Studies Working Group has moved from a home-office setting into a “real” office. Our new postal address is: UN Studies Working Group c/o VSP, Hannoversche Str. 2, D-10115 Berlin, Germany. You can also reach us by phone at +49-30-2758-1564. Whenever you come to Berlin, please let us know and we will be happy to host you in our new home.

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We look forward to hearing your comments and ideas.

Best wishes,

Julia and Henrike

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