

NEWS – August 15, 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Summer is in full swing, and we hope you are having a lovely (vacation) time. Before we will embark on our next projects such as the planned monthly phone conferences to discuss and develop a common concept of UN Studies, we would like to provide you with a brief update on our most recent activities!

Past Events

Second Global International Studies Conference, Ljubljana. Several UNSA members attended the WISC conference “What keeps us apart, what keeps us together? International Order, Justice, Values” in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on July 23 – 26. Kirsten Haack, Kent Kille, and Henrike Paepcke spoke at a joint panel on “Supranational Leadership and the UN Secretary-General”: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/ProjectConferenceLjubljana2008>.

ACUNS Summer Workshop. At the same time, the annual ACUNS-ASIL Summer Workshop took place in Ljubljana. 15 participants – academics as well as UN practitioners, including Julia Harfensteller – attended this 10-day long workshop “Building the Knowledge Base for Global Governance” and discussed the role of internet and communication technologies (ICT) in building such knowledge bases. The workshop included a field trip to the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. For Julia’s report, please go to: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/AcunsAsil>.

Project Activities

Journal of International Organization Studies (JIOS). We have now found a publisher and are progressing fast with our plans to have the first issue in place in September/October 2009. The journal will be published by Brigham Young University where students will have the opportunity to gain experience in working with a professional editor to manage the publication process. The journal's home will be UNSA.

A call for papers will be issued in September through UNSA and ACUNS, and we are still happy to welcome indications of interest to serve on the editorial board. We are particularly interested in your contribution if you have a practitioner background and are interested in the role of editor for the section "Insider's View" in which practitioners can submit field reports, analysis and observations. If you would like to contribute to the development of the journal or submit a paper for the inaugural issue, join our discussion forum at:

<http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/ProjectJIOSDiscussionForum>

You can also email Kirsten Haack at jjos@unstudies.org.

New on our wiki portal

Results of Seminar on UN Research and Teaching on June 4 in Bonn. We have added more seminar contributions to: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/SeminarResults>; see, for example, John Mathiason’s article [SeminarSimulations](#), or Kent Kille’s article [SeminarActiveTeachingLearning](#).

Publications. We have a special section on our portal to feature (members') publications. Please add your own suggestions or reviews to:
<http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/NewLibrary>.

PhD corner. PhD students are invited to post abstracts of and discuss their dissertation projects at: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/PhDcorner>. Please encourage your students to contribute.

Our news section offers an overview about the latest UNSA activities, new or updated projects, ideas, and issues, as well as new resources and links:
<http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/PortalNews>.

The UN Studies Calendar is our quick reference guide to UN Studies-related conferences, seminars, workshops etc. Please add any events and conferences that you find in the area of UN Studies and IOs to: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/UNStudiesCalendar>.

Who are we. This page includes information how to become a member, membership terms & conditions, and a link to our by-laws (in German):
<http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/WhoAreWe>.

Future Activities

Planning a Colloquium on UN Teaching Techniques in Vienna. Michael Platzer is spearheading the planning of a workshop "Can the UN be taught?" tentatively scheduled to take place in Vienna on November 22, with the support of ACUNS, the Diplomatic Academy, and the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana. We could organize an additional, broader discussion on the concept of UN Studies, if time and funding allows us to do so. Please contact us with any ideas and join the planning process at:
<http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/ProjectViennaColloquium>.

Phone discussion on UN Studies concept. As a follow-up to our Bonn seminar, we will start having monthly conference calls in early October to discuss a common concept of UN Studies, including innovative views on the UN and how to best teach them. If you are interested in participating, please let us know which dates and times would work best for you: first Thursday or Friday every month; at either 6pm CET / noon EST; or 4pm CET / 10am EST. Our first discussion will focus on "Inside / Outside views of the UN". More information can be found at: <http://www.unstudies.org/twiki/bin/view/Main/UNSADialogues>.

Summerly greetings,

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