



NEWS – November 2, 2009

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After a long pause, we are back with exciting news concerning our UN Studies project. First of all, we are happy to report that our online presence has been re-launched (www.unstudies.org) and turned into a more user-friendly working space for joint discussion and planning purposes. Secondly, the Journal of International Organization Studies has been launched and welcomes paper submissions. Last but not least, we are looking forward to a series of planned panels and workshops in 2010 all of which focus on UN Studies issues.

As always, we appreciate your active engagement in one or all of these activities. Please enjoy the reading!

UNSA website. We are proud to present our new online presence which would have not been possible without the exceptional work of Dominika Mitrovic and Julia Biermann. They conceptualized and designed the new site, and migrated key content from our old wiki portal. Please check it out at www.unstudies.org.

The new portal is aimed 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.

It offers an improved structure, design and usability. The Activities section is the main working space for us to continue our discussion about a UN Studies concept as well as to informally gather new ideas that could help fuel our discussions. Other main sections include: Events, Archive, News.

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

The Journal of International Organization Studies (JIOS) has been launched and now welcomes paper submissions.

Only one year after meeting the publishers from the David M. Kennedy Center of International Studies at the ACUNS conference in Bonn, the editorial team invites submissions for its **first issue in March 2010**. The submission deadline for the first issue is November 15, subsequent deadlines are available on the journal's webpage: www.journal-iostudies.org.

JIOS' mission is to support innovative approaches to the study of international organizations. We particularly welcome papers that explore new grounds and transcend the traditional perspective of international organizations as merely the sum of its members. JIOS is a peer-reviewed journal which is published twice per year, electronically and print-on-demand. It publishes three types of papers:

- **research articles** (8,000–10,000 words, including footnotes and references)
- **reviews of literature or disciplinary approaches** (800–1,200 words on book reviews, 2,000–3,000 words, including footnotes and references, on subject reviews)
- **Insider's Views** (3,000–7,000 words, including footnotes and references): contributions from practitioners on the inner workings of IOs.

For further information please check out the [JIOS webpage](#) or contact the editors Kirsten Haack and John Mathiason at editors@journal-iostudies.org.

ISA 2010 Annual Convention. The Program Committee accepted our proposals for:

1. a roundtable on how to build bridges between academics and practitioners
2. a panel on UN Studies, featuring latest research.

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

Joint planning of “UN, diversity and global understanding” workshop panels.

We have just started our planning of a two-day event that is supposed to take place prior to the **ACUNS annual meeting 2010 in Vienna**, possibly in cooperation with ACUNS, TermNet, the Universities of Vienna and Heidelberg. We will get back to you with more information as we advance our discussions with potential partners.

We look forward to hearing your comments and thoughts.

Greetings from Berlin,

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