

Conference organised on the occasion of the
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Multilateralism under threat?

International Peace and Security and the future of the United Nations

4 April, 17h00-19h00

Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

Imperial Palace Vienna ("Hofburg/Stallburg")

Reitschulgasse 2/2nd floor, 1010 Vienna

In September 2018, the then-President of the United Nations General Assembly Miroslav Lajčák declared *multilateralism to be under threat*. If the erosion of commitment to multilateralism of key actors in recent years and the outbreak of successive crises on the global scene have confirmed the centrality of the United Nations, they have also reinforced the need to make the organisation more effective and more representative of the current balances in the world. What does multilateralism mean today, after the Aachen Treaty and in the light of the most recent developments on the global scene? What role should the United Nations play in the future? How can the European Union strengthen its commitment to effective multilateralism in post-Brexit times? What are the most topical debates today in the Security Council reform - from expanding membership to reforming the veto or making the Council's work more open and transparent?

17h00 Welcome

Bernd **HERMANN**, Vice Secretary-General of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (UNA-AUSTRIA) and Chair for the Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (AFA), Vienna

Hans Dietmar **SCHWEISGUT**, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

17h15 Discussion

Jean-Marc **SÉRÉ-CHARLET**, Deputy Director for the United Nations, international organisations, Human Rights and the Francophonie, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris

Karin **PROIDL**, Director for International Organisation, Federal Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Vienna

Dominique **DAVID**, President of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Advisor to the President of the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI), Paris

Moderation: Hans Dietmar **SCHWEISGUT**, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

18.50 Conclusion

Ralph **JANIK**, Ponto member; Lecturer, University of Vienna and Webster University Vienna

19h00 End of the event

The working language will be English.

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