

EU Presidency series - Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch gave guest lecture

Students of the Export-Oriented Management programme had again the opportunity to meet high-ranking personality: The Chief of the Austrian Mission to Geneva, Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch visited the IMC on October 12, 2006.



At the occasion of the Austria's EU presidency in the first semester 2006, the department of the Export-Oriented Management programme (under the auspices of Dr. Anis Bajrektarevic, Chair for Intl. Law and Global Political Studies) invited the Austrian Ambassador accredited to the WTO and other Geneva-based IGOs for a guest lecture. H.E. Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch paid a visit to the IMC and delivered a lecture on 12th October, followed by nearly two hour talks with students and small reception. The IMC fellow professors and students had the great opportunity to gain an insights on the WTO negotiations state of affairs in the WTO, status of Doha Development Round, Austria's role during the presidency, art of multilateral diplomacy as well as to hear thoughtful and inspiring answers on series of their questions - including the complexities of multilateral negotiations of major trading blocks (US and EU) linking trade and development.

Extraordinarily eloquent, senior career diplomat, Dr. Petritsch joined the Foreign Ministry over twenty years ago. Serving at different posts at Paris and New York, H.E. Petritsch is obtaining several top capacities including the EU-Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator (Kosovo), Intl. Community's High Representative (BiH). From 1977 to 1983, Dr. Petritsch has served as a Press Secretary and Chief of Cabinet to the Austrian Federal Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. Prolific author of several books, Excellency PETRITSCH holds the PhD in Human sciences from prestigious Austrian and the US universities.

Summing up at the end of this content-intensive and extremely valuable event with Mr. Heinz Boyer, IMC's executive manager and Dr. Anis H. Bajrektarevic, principal host of the event, Excellency Petritsch stated that he was very much impressed by huge interest, commitment and knowledge of our students as demonstrated throughout the questions and discussion with them as well as with the overall achievements of our young institution, and promised to return to our University in a due time again.

Personal data- CV

Wolfgang Petritsch is currently Austria's Ambassador to the United Nations, the WTO and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Prior to this assignment he served as his country's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, followed by various European and international posts, inter alia as EU-Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator for Kosovo (1998-99) and subsequently as the International Community's High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina in charge of the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords (1999-2002). He also chaired the successful conclusion of the SFRY-Succession process (1999-2001).

Prior to diplomatic assignments in Paris and New York, Mr. Petritsch was from 1977 to 1983 Press Secretary and Chief of Cabinet to Austrian Federal Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Mr. Petritsch has studied in Vienna and Los Angeles and holds a PhD in South Eastern European History.

He has published extensively on domestic and international issues, most recently “Bosnia and Herzegovina-From Dayton to Europe” (German, Bosnian), “Kosovo-Kosova. The Long Road to Peace” (German, Serbian, Albanian).

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