Public Lecture

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THE EU AND INTERNATIONAL ORDER: EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS

Time
Thursday, 27th October 2005
16.00-17.30

Place
Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)
Stumpergasse 56, A-1060 Wien
HS II (lecture room 2, ground floor)

This lecture explores the ambiguous nature of the EU’s relationship to international order, and places it within the framework of recent scholarship on the EU’s international relations and international roles. It begins by addressing the EU’s international relations, drawing attention to three aspects: the EU is simultaneously a (sub)system of international relations, part of the broader process of international relations and a ‘power’ in international relations. The argument then turns to the EU’s international role(s), identifying issues relating to role conceptions, role performance and role impact. These ideas are then explored and illustrated by reference to three levels of the EU’s engagement with international order: the ‘EU order’, the EU in the European order and the EU in the global order. The lecture concludes by assessing possible future relationships between the EU and international order in the light of changes within the EU and in the global arena.

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