



CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLITICS

The third *Convention on International Law and Politics* on the subject of **"Economic patriotism - Globalization and regionalization at a turning point?"** will take place in St.Gallen from December 6, 2007 to December 7, 2007.

The Convention on International Law and Politics is a neutral conference focusing on an international discourse on contemporary political and legal topics. Personalities from politics, law and business, including high level politicians and leading members of international organizations, as well as 200 selected students from different European universities will be attending this singular platform to discuss this year's subject. By offering such unique "melting pot", the Convention aims to provide a forum for innovative and inspiring discussions fostering contacts and communication among politicians, business-leaders and selected students from leading European universities.

The Convention is organized by a student committee with the professional support of a steering board chaired by Prof. Dr. Carl Baudenbacher, President of the EFTA Court and Director of the Institute of European and International Business Law at the University of St.Gallen. Further members are Prof. James Bacchus, former Chairman of the WTO Appellate Body, Dr. Alexander Schaub, former Director General in the European Commission, as well as other well-known personalities from economic, political, governmental and scientific backgrounds. In the years of 2005 and 2006 the conference successfully enabled student and professionals from Europe and overseas to listen to and engage in lively discussion with decision-makers such as Varia Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia, Micheline Calmy-Rey, then Foreign Minister of Switzerland, Jürgen Trittin, former Environmental Minister of Germany and Gati Al-Jebouri, Chief Executive Officer of Lukoil International Trading & Supply Company

This year's Convention addresses a tendency in economic policy that has been defined as "economic patriotism" as well as the consequences thereof. The complexity of this controversial concept will be embraced by viewing it from a legal and political as well as economic perspective, thereby presenting the following aspects for further discussions:

- Hindering foreign takeovers
- Sheltering Western labor markets
- The actual state of the EU/EEA single market
- International investment protection

Each topic will be presented on a panel composed of up to four distinguished personalities from different professional or academic backgrounds. Immediately after each panel, the floor will be open for discussion amongst all participants. In addition, there will be a social program offering the opportunity for informal exchange of thoughts.

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