Field Trip to UN and ESPI – Summer-Semester 2014

Several participants of this semester’s Seminar on Space Law and Space Policy have taken the opportunity to go on a field trip to Vienna in order to deepen their involvement in space affairs. The first afternoon participants visited the Space-Exhibition at the Technische Museum. In the evening they enjoyed a guided tour of the Kuffner- Observatory.

Monday morning saw the official opening of the session of the UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee. During the lunch break students were provided with an overview on the genesis of space law by Prof. Christian Brünner, Anita Rinner and Hannes Mayer. The program continued in the afternoon with the traditional symposium, held jointly by IISL and ECSL, on small satellites. As in the years before the students were also invited to the reception after the symposium, where they had the chance to get to know delegates and UN-staff.

Tuesday morning, the group visited the European Space Policy Institute where the resident staff briefed the students from Graz on the history of ESPI, its tasks and day to day work as well as on European space policy in general. The students then had the opportunity to engage in discussions with the ESPI staff.

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