



## INVITATION

### *20 YEARS VIENNA WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EU: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES*

January 7<sup>th</sup>, Sitzungszimmer 15.21, REWI A2, 17.00-18.30

The Uni-ETC invites to a Roundtable on the human rights achievements made since the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 at the UN, the EU and the national level and on the challenges lying ahead. In this context, national human rights institutions have gained increasing importance. Their experiences are of relevance for Austria just being in the process of establishing its own national human rights institution in the form of the Austrian Ombudsmen's Office. Finally, the role of the European Union in these processes will be investigated.

#### Discussants:

Professor Dzidek Kedzia was the director of the Poznan Human Rights Centre (until 1991) and a key person in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva for the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights in 1993. Currently, he is Professor and the Chair of Constitutional Law at the Adam-Mickiewicz-University of Poznań and Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Professor Jean-Paul Lehnens is Director of the Observatory for Human Rights at the University of Luxemburg, which he helped creating, and chairholder of the UNESCO chair in Human Rights. He is also the President of the Luxemburg National Human Rights Institution and teaches history for which purpose he also studied in Vienna.

The discussion can be both in the English as well as in the German language as both speakers are also fluent in German.