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LISBOAN Guest Lecture, 24 October 2012 Austrian Institute for International Affairs



Presenter: Dr. Ronald Holzacker, University of Groningen

Commentator: Kurt Hager, Head of the Office for Security Policy in the Federal Ministry of the Interior

Date: October 24, 2012

Venue: Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna, Austria

Host: Paul Luif, Austrian Institute for International Affairs

In the framework of the LISBOAN Guest Lecture programme, Dr. Ronald Holzacker, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, visited the Austrian Institute for International Affairs, hosted by Paul Luif, the LISBOAN guest lecture was titled 'Recent Developments in the EU's Area of Justice and Home Affairs.'

The purpose of the lecture was to introduce the edited volume which has emerged from our LISBOAN collaboration with scholars from across Europe. The edited volume is called *Freedom, Security and Justice after Lisbon: Internal and External Dimensions of Increased Cooperation in the European Union*, edited by Ronald Holzacker and Paul Luif, and due out by Springer in New York in early 2013. The volume originated from a set of papers presented at LISBOAN workshop held in October 2011 in The Hague, Netherlands (see <http://www.lisboan.net/afsj.html>) where the contributing authors received commentary from officials from the Dutch Ministry of the Interior. Chapters in the book focus on both institutional and policy areas relevant for the area of freedom, security and justice, including national parliamentary scrutiny, peer evaluation, data retention and human rights, FRONTEX and interceptions at sea, the Pruem Treaty, and the interface between this policy area and the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Holzacker and Luif received very interesting feedback from Kurt Hager, Head of the Office for Security Policy in the Federal Ministry of the Interior, who served as the official commentator during this event. This method of reaching across the traditional borders of academia and government, has yielded new insights for both the theory and practice of cooperation in the area of justice and home affairs across Europe. Among the topics taken up in the general discussion were potential conflicts between the rule of law and policy activities (from street-level policing to antiterrorism), the relationship between security and human rights and the cross-border exchange of information related to organized crime.

There was a good turn-out for the event, with approximately 25 persons from a variety of institutions, including students and staff from the University of Vienna, the embassies in Vienna, the European Commission, representatives from the courts and Austrian ministries, and the news media.