5th Graz Workshop on the Future of Security

Human Security in the Information Society: Regulating Risks – Empowering People

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Call for papers

The Institute of International Law and International Relations of the University of Graz, Austria, the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), Graz, and their Human Security Focus Group, in cooperation with the Austrian National Defence Academy, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP) and the Marie Curie Action "Sustainable Peace Building" funded under the EU's 7th Framework Programme, invite contributions to the **5th Graz Workshop on the Future of Security** on **15-16 March 2012**, dedicated to **Human Security in the Information Society: Regulating Risks – Empowering People**.

The fifth workshop in a series of academic events dedicated to furthering our understanding of today's and tomorrow's security challenges unites two of our central areas of research: human security and Internet Governance.

The interdisciplinary workshop is dedicated to furthering our understanding of the security challenges of regulating (and not regulating) new and emerging information and communication technologies (ICTs).

We welcome abstracts tackling any aspect of the general topic, but are particularly interested in presentations focusing on
- the specific challenges of protecting human security and human rights in the information society; in particular the roles of the rights to access and to education (e-literacy) and of freedom of expression;
- the role of non-state (and other non-traditional) actors in regulatory processes, especially the principle of multistakeholderism and its relation to furthering security;
- the importance of non-traditional norms (principles, codes of conduct, soft law) and non-traditional normative processes (international forums, conferences, online meetings) for ensuring human security;
- the impact of social media and ICT on conflict (management) and peace(building);
- the use of ICTs by states ("federal trojans"), armed forces (cyberwarfare), non-state groups (cyber-terrorism, cybercrime) and civil society (social media) and the ensuing human security challenges;
- and the role of human security in influencing the development of Internet Governance.

All presentations are selected on the basis of academic merit. Abstracts of no more than 300 words describing your presentation should be sent together with a short bio no later than **16 December 2011** to **HumanSecurity@uni-graz.at**.

For more information, see **http://goo.gl/ptyv3**. Selected excellent contributions will be published in a special edition of the peer-reviewed internationally renowned journal *Human Security Perspectives*.

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