

Summary of the Berlin and Bonn Dissemination Conferences

Berlin

Louis Emmerij and Nico Schrijver led two conferences in Berlin on 15 and 16 March 2010. They had been prepared by Dr. Beate Wagner, the Secretary-General of the German UN Association assisted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Dr. Klaus Huefner. A notable feature was that the journal *Vereinte Nationen (United Nations)* produced specifically for this occasion an offprint combining the introductory article by the three Co-Directors of UNIHP published in 2005, the review of *UN Voices* by Professor Manuel Froehlich, and the two articles by Klaus Huefner reviewing the other 12 volumes of the UNIHP series published to date. Thus, the German public has at its disposal not only an overview of UNIHP but also a review of all 13 books published in the series so far. This offprint is available (only in German) in print and electronically and is attached.

On 15 March there was a more than 5 hours marathon at the Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance where Louis Emmerij and Nico Schrijver introduced UNIHP with Klaus Huefner as discussant, followed by a discussion of three of the UNIHP books introduced by invited scholars. Thus, Manuel Froehlich and Thomas Fitschen discussed Human Security, Peter Eigen (the founder of Transparency International) TNCs, and Inge Kaul and Ruth Jacoby (Swedish Ambassador to Germany and former Director General of Swedish development cooperation) from aid to cooperation.

There were 70 people present, all persons of substance and well known in their field, who all participated actively during this long but stimulating session.

On 16 March Louis Emmerij and Nico Schrijver appeared in the conference hall of the new Friedrich Ebert Stiftung building facing 200 people. This event focused on sustainable development and was led by a panel consisting of Emmerij and Schrijver as well as Klaus Toepfer (former Executive Director of UNEP and founding director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies at Potsdam) and Volker Hauff (member of the Brundtland Commission and chair of the German Council on Sustainability). Emmerij presented *UN Ideas* after which the discussion that was chaired by Dagmar Dehmer of *Der Tagesspiegel* focused on sustainability with Nico Schrijver in the lead. A lively discussion was followed by a reception which allowed for much follow up and personal interchange

Bonn

Louis Emmerij and Nico Schrijver led two conferences in Bonn that were organized by Thomas Lawo (the Executive Director of the European Association of Development Institutes – EADI) and his team. The first conference took place in the Landes Museum on March 17 and was focused on *UN Ideas that Changed the World*. It was chaired by Ule Schaeffer of the Deutsche Welle (the German world TV and Radio program) and with Emmerij and Schrijver as the main speakers and Flavia Pansieri (Executive Coordinator of United Nations Volunteers) as the discussant. How to measure the impact of ideas gave rise to several interventions. About 75 people were in attendance and a substantive discussion followed the introductions.

The second conference concentrated on *New Crises – new policy responses? Rethinking the role of the UN* and was attended by more than 200 people. The venue was the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) located in the former Federal Chancery building. It was chaired by Juergen Wieman of the ministry with Anantha Duraiappah (Executive Director of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change) as discussant. This event gave an opportunity to focus on the future dimension of our work which we have labeled a future oriented history. Culture and distribution aspects were singled out as topics on which more work and ideas are necessary. The lack of vision was also underlined.