

# WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

## The Role of Religions in promoting a Culture of Peace

February 7th 2014, 14:00-18:00

Vienna International Center, C-Building, 2nd floor, Room C1



Welcome: Mr. **Peter Haider**, Universal Peace Federation Austria  
Opening Meditation: **Ven. Chueh Yann Shih** and **Ven. Yuen-Ching Lee**  
(Fo Guang Shan Temple Vienna)

**Mrs. Zena Eggough**: Message by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

1<sup>st</sup> Session: 14:15 – 15:45

**Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Gerald Hödl**, Uni Wien, Institute for Religious Studies  
**Dr.in Rosina-Fawzia Al-Rawi**, House of Peace (Haus des Friedens) – Centre for  
Women's Spirituality and Sufism

**Gesandter Dr. Alexander Wojda**, Head of the unit „Intercultural and Interreligious  
Dialogue“ in the Austrian Foreign Ministry (BMeiA)

**Mr. Gerhard Weißgrab**, President of the Austrian Buddhist Society (ÖBR)

Break

2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 16:15 – 17:45

**Dr. Walther Lichem**, Former Austrian Ambassador to Chile and Canada,  
„Absolute truth, a subjective reality“

**Ms. Anja Weiskopf**, „Religious Youth Service“ in Israel und Palestine

**Dr. Leo Gabriel**, Institute for Intercultural Research and Cooperation,  
International Initiative „Peace in Syria, the Role of Religions and Civil Society“

**Mr. Elias Rubenstein**, AOR Hermetische Gesellschaft, „Religion and Peace“

End of Program: 18:00



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