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**Re: Next meeting (Graz, May 13-16, 2010)**  
***Third edition***

Dear fellow Alumnae and Alumni:

I am writing to confirm that the next annual meeting of our Association will be held in Graz (Austria), as per tradition, during the Ascension weekend which, in 2010, will be the weekend of May 13-16.

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1. The second largest city of Austria, with 250,000 inhabitants, and yet, much smaller than Vienna, Graz is often considered as Austria's best kept secret! Dominated by the Schlossberg, the hill that once hosted the fortress that successfully defended the town against the Hungarians, the Turks and the French, laying by the river Mur, Graz' historic center can testify of the city's rich history. Created during the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Graz became a Christian bastion against the Turks. Its golden age spans from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when it became the seat of the Holy Roman German Empire to the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when it became the capital of the interior Austria. In the late 1990s, the historic center of Graz, which displays examples of medieval, Renaissance and provincial baroque architecture, was awarded the status of a Unesco World Heritage site. Graz is now the capital of the Styrian province, the southern part

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of which is known as Styrian Tuscany for its sunny hills covered with vineyards.

2. With four universities and over 40,000 students, Graz is not a sleeping beauty but a very lively city which won the title of cultural Capital of Europe in 2003, and features many museums including a stunningly modern *Kunsthhaus* (Art house). It is known for its southern and relaxing atmosphere with its many shops, sidewalk cafés, and numerous small Austrian and Italian restaurants.

Graz can be easily reached by train as well as by air; the Graz Thalerhof airport (<http://www.flughafen-graz.at/>), about 40 minutes from the city center, is an international airport with direct connections to some European cities and easy connecting flights through Munich and Frankfurt. Public buses are also available that will bring you close to the Weitzer hotel. For details, please look at the airport website.

Our guest of honor from Harvard Law School will be Professor Randall L. Kennedy, Michael R. Klein Professor of Law, a well-known specialist of racial conflict and legal institutions in American life.

3. The meeting will take place at the **Grand Hotel Wiesler** ([www.hotelwiesler.com](http://www.hotelwiesler.com)) located along side the Mur River and overlooking the old city center. We have made a block reservation of 37 rooms at the Grand Hotel Wiesler (15 rooms for the night of May 13 to May 14 for those who will arrive on Thursday 13) and 10 rooms (3 rooms for the night of May 13 to May 14) at the Weitzer Hotel belonging to the same family ([www.hotelweitzer.com](http://www.hotelweitzer.com)) located on the same street, three minutes walk from the Grand Hotel Wiesler. For those of you, who will be coming by car, please note that both hotels offer private parking.

Price details for both hotels are indicated in the hotel booking form attached in Exhibit 2.

Please note that Graz is very much in demand during the Ascension weekend which is the wedding season in the region (hotels are full during this period). We were able to have interesting rates for the hotel rooms through our Treasurer, Sascha Hödl, who is native from Graz. However, we had to commit to making a firm reservation for the number of rooms indicated above.

To minimize the risk taken by the Association and the organizers of this meeting, **please stay at the hotels where block reservations have been made and please make your reservation by returning the hotel booking form attached hereto directly to the Grand Hotel Wiesler as soon as possible and in any case, prior to April 28, 2010. We will not be able to hold the allotment of rooms beyond this date.**



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**4. Optional Programs**

Our official program will start on Friday 14 at 4:30 pm. We have also organized an optional program for a Thursday, starting on Thursday afternoon, and for Friday, starting on Friday morning.

**4.1 Thursday (May 13) Optional Program: visit of Freilicht Museum (Stübing)**

For those of you that can join us on Thursday, we propose a visit of the wonderful *Freilicht* (open air) Museum of Stübing. This open air eco-museum located 15 km away from Graz gathers old houses, barns and mills from the various Austrian provinces on a protected site of 60 ha. Houses and buildings are furnished and equipped with the same tools as those used in the past and the fields are indeed cultivated, so that you do not have the feeling that you are in a museum, but rather that you are paying a visit to rural Austria a hundred years ago. Our tour will start at 3:00 pm and we will be back at the hotels at 6:00 pm. Please note that we may decide to cancel this tour should there be less than 15 participants.

**4.2 Friday (May 14) Optional Program: Discovery of Styrian Tuscany**

On Friday morning, we will leave from both hotels by bus at 9:30 am and head towards the gentle hills of South Styria. We will first stop and visit the Hartlieb oil mill, an old pumpkin oil mill dating back to 1898. Pumpkin seed oil is widely popular in Styria and you will taste it in most of the meals you will have in Graz. After discovering all the secrets of pumpkin oil producing, we will head for the lovely “*Buschenschank*” (wine tavern) run by the Pichler-Schober family ([www.pichler-schober.at](http://www.pichler-schober.at)) and nested on top of a hill covered with vineyards. The Pichler-Schober family grows some of the best Austrian wines and those of you, who are interested, may visit the cellars and taste the wines. We will have a light and informal lunch of bread, cheese and Austrian delicatessen in the cozy wood-panel rooms where the tavern welcomes its guests. Weather permitting, we could also sit outside in the garden, around large wooden tables, a few meters away from the vineyards and enjoy, not only the food, but also a superb view. Austrian wine taverns are not allowed to serve coffee, so coffee will be served in a very typical coffee house within two minutes walk from the *Buschenschank*. We should be back in Graz around 3:30 pm.



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**5. Official Program**

**5.1 Friday, May 14: Registration and dinner at the Schlossberg**

Our official program will start on Friday afternoon with Registration at 4:30 at Grand Hotel Wiesler. We will then all take a short walk to the *Schlossbergbahn*, the cable car station at the foot of the hill where we will take the cable car to the top of the Schlossberg.

The Schlossberg which rises to 473 meters, was the site of the original fortress that dominated Graz, hence its name. After the fortress was razed (as a precondition set by Napoleon for the signature of the 1809 peace treaty of Schönbrunn), the area was turned into a park and now hosts an open-air theater, some remains of the old fortress, including the clock tower (*Uhrturm*) that is Graz' emblem, a few bars and restaurants. We will have a buffet dinner at the trendy Schlossberg restaurant ([www.schlossberggraz.at](http://www.schlossberggraz.at)) and enjoy the fabulous view over the city.

**5.2 Saturday, May 15: Walking tour of the historic part of Graz**

On Saturday, we will leave at 9:00 am for a two-hour leisurely walking tour of the old center of Graz. Our English speaking guides will show us the many aspects of Graz, from the stunning Renaissance palaces to the provincial baroque buildings, from the narrow medieval streets and intimate courtyards to the large avenues and squares, with their outdoor *cafés*.

Lunch will be at our Members' own costs. There are plenty of small restaurants and outdoors *cafés* where to eat lightly and at a reasonable price. Therefore, instead of organizing a formal lunch for the whole group, which would have taken too long and increased our costs, we suggest that small groups go to different eating places.

Our business meeting will start at 3:00 pm. We will hear a report over our Scholarship Fund and elect the next President of our Association and his Bureau, before turning to the traditional and much debated topic of "where do we meet next?"

The business meeting will be followed at 4:30 pm by the traditional conference, where our guest of honor, Professor Randall L. Kennedy, will deliver an informal address on the following topic: "Obama and the Future of Race Relations in the United States".



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At 7:30 pm, we will have a cocktail followed by our traditional gala dinner which will take place in the spectacular *Jugendstil* eating room of the Grand Hotel Wiesler. Please note that a somewhat formal attire will be in order for gentlemen and ladies alike, although black ties and long dresses have become optional as our Association adapts to the traveling needs of its members.

### **5.3 Sunday, May 16: Visit of Eggenberg castle and Lunch at Erzherz Johann Hotel**

At 10:00 am, we will leave by bus for a visit of the Eggenberg Castle, located just outside Graz. The Eggenberg Schloss, surrounded by a magnificent park, was built by an Italian architect in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century for Johann Ulrich von Eggenberg, a confidant of Emperor Ferdinand II and a governor of Interior Styria. The castle is unique, as it was designed as an allegory of the universe, with all the rooms and the decoration reminding the visitor of the course of time and the movement of the stars. At 12:00 am, the bus will take us back to the center of Graz and stop in front of the Erzherzog Johann Hotel ([www.erzherzog-johann.com](http://www.erzherzog-johann.com)), a former Baroque palace, at the corner of the *Hauptplaz* (main square) of Graz, a mere 5 minutes walk from the Grand Hotel Wiesler. A buffet lunch will be served in the delightful winter garden restaurant of the Erzherzog Johann Hotel.

**6.** The overall cost per person of the Official Program, including the dinner on Friday night, the full-day program on Saturday, the visit of the Eggenberg Schloss and the buffet lunch on Sunday amounts to EUR 390 (EUR 320 for members of classes of 2005 and later).

The cost of the Thursday Optional Program amounts to EUR 50.

The cost of the Friday Optional Program amounts to EUR 75 (EUR 65 for members of classes of 2005 and later).

I encourage those intending to participate to kindly complete the form enclosed as Exhibit 1 and return it to our Secretary.

Please note that only those returning duly completed forms to our Association prior to April 28, 2010 will receive our traditional second circular letter with final information on the program.

On account of the fact that advance deposits have been required to secure advance booking of excursions, hotels and restaurants, we kindly ask you to make the payment indicated in Exhibit 1 prior to the April 28, deadline.

Again, please make sure to return your hotel booking form to the Grand Hotel Wiesler before April 28, 2010.



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I also warmly encourage those not intending to participate to return the form and arrange for payment of their annual dues and, if they so wish, of a contribution to our Association's scholarship Fund.

I want to thank Sascha Hödl, our Treasurer, for his invaluable help in the organization of this reunion and Nathalie Younan, our Secretary, for her infallible enthusiasm in updating our lists, our website and making sure that you receive this letter and register successfully to this reunion.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Graz.

With warmest regards,

Anne-Marijke Morgan de Rivery



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**Exhibit 1**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

To be returned before April 28, 2010 as indicated below.

Reunion from Thursday afternoon (May 13) through Sunday after lunch (May 16)

I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in Graz

I will attend the Annual Meeting in Graz and will participate in the Official Program with .....guest(s)  
(incl. buffet dinner at the Schlossberg on Friday, guided walking tour of Graz, business meeting, conference and gala dinner on Saturday, and visit of the Eggenberg castle and buffet lunch on Sunday).

I will also attend the Thursday Optional Program (visit of the Freilicht Museum in Stübing) with .....guest(s).

I will also attend the Friday Optional Program (discovery of Styrian Tuscany, including visit of a pumpkin oil mill and light lunch at a wine tavern) with .....guest(s).

I enclose a check in Euros in the amount shown below, **with the addition of EUR 30**, to cover bank deposit costs, to the order of the Harvard Law School Association of Europe, mailed to Dr. Sascha Hödl, Schönherr Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Tuchlauben 17, A-1014 Vienna, Austria, tel. +43 1 534 37 266, fax +43 1 534 37 6266, e-mail: [S.HOEDL@SCHOENHERR.AT](mailto:S.HOEDL@SCHOENHERR.AT)

I have transferred the amount shown below to the Harvard Law School Association of Europe account (account number 09665 611 189; account name: Dr. Sascha Hödl, Harvard Law School Association of Europe; bank: Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG; banking code: 12000; IBAN: AT41 1200 0096 6561 1189, BIC: BKAUATWW), net of all bank charges and costs, mentioning my name and "HLSAE 2010 Annual Meeting".





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My payment covers:

- A. Official Program € .....  
(€390 or 320 per person\*)  
\* €390 per person for alumnae and alumni (and their guest(s) who graduated in the class of 2004 or earlier; € 320 per person for alumnae and alumni and their guest(s) who graduated in the class of 2005 or later
- B. Optional Thursday Program € .....  
(€50 per person)
- C. Optional Friday Program € .....  
(€75 or 65 per person\*)  
\*€75 per person for alumnae and alumni (and their guest(s) who graduated in the class of 2004 or earlier; €65 per person for alumnae and alumni and their guest(s) who graduated in the class of 2005 or later
- D. 2010 dues € .....  
EUR 60.00 for alumnae and alumni who graduated in the class of 2004 or earlier  
  
EUR 30.00 for alumnae and alumni who graduated in the class of 2005 or later
- E. Contribution to the Scholarship Fund € .....  
Please mark here  if you do not wish your Contribution to be mentioned in the School's annual Report of Gifts

**Total payment by check or transfer** € .....

**Name & HLS Class:**.....

**Address:**.....

**Tel. & Fax numbers:**.....

**Emails:**.....

**Guest(s):**.....

I (we) will attend the visit of Eggenberg castle                    yes                     no

I (we) will attend the Sunday buffet/lunch                    yes                     no

**Dietary requirements, if any (please specify)**.....





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Please fill out the registration form and send it to:

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Please do not hesitate to contact any of us, should you need any further information.

April 2010



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**Exhibit 2**

**HOTEL BOOKING FORM**

**(see attached form)**



**HOTEL-RESERVATIONS – „Harvard Law School Association of Europe“**  
**Weitzer Hotels, Graz – May 13 to 16, 2010**  
 Weitzer Hotels – Reservations Mail-Address: reservations@weitzer.com  
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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Weitzer**

	Single room „Casual“	Double room „Casual“
Category: (8 rooms blocked)	<input type="checkbox"/> EUR 79,00	<input type="checkbox"/> EUR 79,00

We do offer a breakfast buffet for a surcharge of EUR 12,00 per person per day, if you would like to book that, please mark it

Above mentioned rate is per room/night and including service and taxes.

Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Hotel Wiesler**

Due to our actual booking situation, all capacities at Grand Hotel Wiesler are blocked – at the moment only rooms at Hotel Weitzer are available. If you prefer the Grand Hotel Wiesler, we can offer you our waitlist.

Please mark it  if we should clarify your reservation additional to the waitlist of the Grand Hotel Wiesler. In that case our reservation agents will keep in touch with you, if our booking situation will change in the next weeks.

**Cancellation:** you can cancel your reservation only in writing, by fax or by e-mail. All above mentioned prices include VAT. The room can be cancelled free of charge till 7 days prior to arrival. In case of later cancellation or no shows we have to charge the 1st night.

- without costs: 7 days prior of arrival
- 75% of the total amount until 3 days prior arrival
- 100% the day prior to arrival / without written cancellation/ fail to appear



With your signature you accept to the hotel terms. To guarantee your reservation we kindly ask you to advise a valid credit card number inclusive expiry date. We don't charge anything in advance.

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Re - confirmation through the hotel: \_\_\_\_\_  
stamp / date / signature

Requested category not available, hotel confirms: \_\_\_\_\_  
stamp / date / signature

**We have an allotment of rooms booked for this event. For each category there are a certain number blocked. After getting the booking you will receive a re-confirmation or an information, if the requested category is not available any more. You can book rooms until the April 28, 2010 for this allotment.**