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Verband der  
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## Invitation to the Jubilee Celebrations for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Graduate Women's Association, Austria

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Dear members of VAÖ, dear friends!

This is a very special year for all of us at VAÖ – it's our 100th anniversary! We cordially invite our members to join us at Vienna University for our centenary celebration. Since our founder Elise Richter was the first woman to teach there (or indeed at any German-speaking university) it is only fitting that our celebrations should take place there.



Since our regular D-A-CH-NL meeting will also be taking place in Vienna this year, we have arranged a few events which we hope our friends from home and abroad will take part in, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Maria Tiefenthaller (President of the VAÖ) and everyone in her team of organisers

## Programme

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### Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Arrive in Vienna

**Starting 3 pm** Registration and social get together in the organisation's rooms at Reitschulgasse 2 (Stallburg), 1010 Vienna (the entrance is under the arcade at the corner of Bräunerstraße, no need to call in advance)

**If enough people put their names down for them, the following optional guided tours are available:**

**4 pm:** Tour of the Spanish Riding School, including the stables

**Take a look behind the scenes of the Spanish Riding School**

(in the same building as the VAÖ office)

In the Guided Tour through the Spanish Riding School you will visit the baroque Winter Riding School, the Summer Riding School with one of the world's largest oval horse walkers and the stables of the Lipizzan stallions, which have been located in the Stallburg (one of Vienna's most prominent Renaissance buildings) for more than 450 years.

(approx. 1 hour, €19 per person, please book)

or

**4.30 pm:** Finding your way round the old city centre:

**Old-town Vienna between Hofburg Palace and St. Stephan's Cathedral**

This walking tour focusses on historic Vienna between the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephan's Cathedral. Until the early 20th century Austria ranged among the most powerful countries of Europe, ruled by the Habsburg dynasty for over 600 years. At every step one comes across their legacy: the Hofburg Palace, once splendid imperial residence, today the seat of the Austrian president and a state-of-the-art international convention centre; the impressive

mansions of the court nobility and St. Stephan's Cathedral, the religious heart of the city.

(Approx. 2 hours, €25 per person, please book)

**7 pm:** Dinner in a restaurant together (at members' own expense). Booking is necessary (to ensure sufficient seating).

## Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022, D-A-CH-NL-Meeting:

### 9.30 am-12.30 pm: **Grand City Sightseeing Tour**

We start our tour with Vienna's "Boulevard of Splendor", the Ring, modelled on the Champs Elysées of Paris and a UNESCO world heritage site today. Monumental public buildings such as the State Opera, Parliament, the Town Hall, the National Theatre or the University were intended to document the importance of Vienna as the imperial capital of one of Europe's largest empires. No less impressive are Prince Eugene's baroque summer residence or the Karl Marx Court, built in the 1920ies and one of the largest residential buildings in the world. We will stop at each of these for a short walk. Naturally, modern urban developments are also included in the tour.

The highlights of historic Vienna (including the Ringstraße and Belvedere Palace, where a short walk is planned) can be seen as a contrast to more recent developments beside the Danube, and we shall also make a detour through the erstwhile suburbs of Heiligenstadt and Grinzing and up to the Vienna Woods. The emphasis of this tour will be on city planning, architecture and cultural history. (Approx. 3 hours, please book)

Or

### 10-11.30 am: **Women in Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum**, Manuel Kreiner, MA

Back through the centuries to ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, then through art treasures and picture gallery to famous women depicted there – empresses and painters of the Renaissance and Baroque.

(Approx. 1½ hours, please book)

### 2.30-4.30 pm: **A choice of themed city tours**, (optional programme of tours each of which will take place if there are at least 15 advance bookings)

- **Tour No. 1 - Vienna's Strong Women – A Journey through Time**, Dr. Brigitte Timmermann  
A 19<sup>th</sup> century German anatomist once justified gender inequality with the different weight of the male and female brain. The long list of exceptional Viennese women and female trailblazers, however, certainly proves him wrong. They were pioneers in all areas traditionally reserved for men such as higher education and thus research, medicine, journalism or architecture, to name just a few. They broke through hierarchical structures, fought for equal rights and political participation, for access to higher education and the right to determine what happened to their own bodies, for better working conditions, and peace. This illustrated walk highlights their social environment and their achievements, the focus being on the struggle of Viennese women for academic recognition.
- **Tour No. 2 - Jewish Vienna – its Beginnings, its Destruction, its New Start**, Sarah Kamenicky  
Vienna was once dubbed the "New Jerusalem". From the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century onwards tens of thousands of Jews started pouring into the imperial capital from all over the Habsburg Empire. Jewish life thrived. The annexation of Austria into Hitler's Third Reich in 1938 sealed their fate. From their life in ghettos they suffered humiliation, confiscation of their property, flight or deportation to death camps. Only few survived. Individual family histories, memorial plaques and an exhibition at the Austrian Documentation Archive help us retrace their steps on this tour between the Danube Canal and Judenplatz.
- **Tour No. 3 - Traces left by Women**, Petra Unger, MA  
Walking in the footsteps of women in Vienna – stories and history we can see with our own eyes: the first women in parliament, in protest movements, every sort of heroine, at the

Imperial Court, actresses and poetesses and authoresses, Jewish women and their tragic fate. This walk will take us from the Grete Rehor Park (in front of the Justizpalast in the centre of the park) to the ChickLit bookshop for women in Kleeblattgasse 7.

- **Tour No. 4 - More than just an Artist's Muse**, Elke Papp, MA  
Mothers, muses, mens' patrons – what other parts have women played in Vienna's history? In the past – and today? Between the Rahlstiege and Vienna University, this walk opens our eyes to the fact that Empress Maria Theresia was not the only woman to mould Austria's history. There were many others, pioneers in such varying domains as art, fashion, politics and science.

**7 pm:** Reception by the Mayor of Vienna in the Town Hall, warm buffet

## Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022, centenary celebration in the Small Ceremony Hall of the University of Vienna

**10 am–13.30 pm:** Welcoming words, then a keynote speech on '**100 Years of the Struggle for Equality – What has been Achieved and What Not**' (Prof. Silvia Ulrich) followed by a discussion.  
(Approx. 3½ hours, a short break approx. 11.15am–11.45am)

**13.30 pm–3 pm:** Lunch

**from 1.30pm:** Guided tours through the university – Women's Studies at Vienna University (in German and English)

**3pm-4pm:** Meet the Austrian regional branches of the VAÖ

**7pm:** centenary dinner

## Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, Final day

**10.30am–11.45am: Mass in the Jesuitenkirche** (with choir and orchestra, and including works by Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven) Entry is free, but donations for the musicians are requested

**10.00am–12.30pm: Jewels of Viennese Art Nouveau** followed by **A Visit to Belvedere Palace**

At the beginning of the last century, Vienna was one of the birthplaces of modernity. As a result, Art Nouveau has a fixed place in Viennese art and architecture. Prominent architect-designers such as Otto Wagner or Josef Hoffmann started changing the appearance of the city. On this tour we see some of the finest examples of Viennese Art Nouveau, among others the world-renowned Secession, which was the first exhibition building in Central Europe to be dedicated to modern art, Otto Wagner's Majolica House and Metropolitan Railway stations, Adolf Loos' "House without Eyebrows" and many others.

(Approx. 2 hours, €40 per person incl. entry fee to Belvedere Palace, please book)

## Registration and Fees

Last date for registration / For paying deposit	31 <sup>st</sup> May 22	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep 22	
For members	<b>Early booking</b>	<b>Normal booking</b>	Young Members are granted a 30% reduction
<b>Whole stay</b> – (Friday and Saturday without dinner)	<b>195 €</b>	<b>240 €</b>	
<b>Saturday only</b> (ceremony, lunch, guided tour)	<b>90 €</b>	<b>115 €</b>	
<b>Whole stay</b> – (Friday and Saturday without dinner) for <b>companions</b>	<b>215 € (early)</b>	<b>260 € (normal)</b>	
<b>Saturday only</b> (ceremony, lunch, guided tour) - for <b>companions</b>	<b>115 € (early)</b>	<b>150 € (normal)</b>	
<b>Saturday evening</b> – centenary dinner for <b>members</b> and <b>companions</b>	<b>55 € (early)</b>	<b>65 € (normal)</b>	
<b>Friday, 7pm</b> – for colleagues bound to working hours - Reception by Mayor at Town Hall	<b>35 € (early)</b>	<b>50 € (normal)</b>	
Optional events	Thu – Spanish Riding School <b>19 €</b>	Thu – City tour <b>25 €</b>	Sun – Viennese Art Nouveau <b>40 €</b>

You can register online using the link

<https://forms.gle/9KdJXMGLFU6uCNWc9> or with the enclosed form to be filled in, scanned and e-mailed to [vaoe.100@gmail.com](mailto:vaoe.100@gmail.com). Final date for registration and for paying the deposit (early bookers) is **31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**. Registration is only complete on payment of participation fees, and prices after **31<sup>st</sup> May 2022** are at the non-reduced rate only. *In the event of the whole programme being cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances, all money paid will be refunded.*

## Travel and Accomodation

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It is easy to travel to Vienna by bus, train, or by air. The railway stations and bus stops are well served by inner-city trams and buses, and taxis are readily available as well. From Vienna Airport (Schwechat) you have a choice of two trains - the **CityCat** (non-stop) and the **S7**, both of which will take you to the Wien Mitte station. Or if you prefer, you can order an Airport Taxi in advance though [www.flughafenwien-taxi.at](http://www.flughafenwien-taxi.at) or [www.flughafentaxi-ml.at](http://www.flughafentaxi-ml.at). The Airport Bus (Vienna Airport Lines) goes from the airport to Schwedenplatz.

You are responsible for booking your own accommodation. The VAÖ has reserved a number of rooms in three hotels near our venue, and you can book them at reduced rates until **mid-August**.

Our booking password is **Verband der Akademikerinnen**

- **Hotel Hilton Plaza** on Schottenring 11, 1010 Wien, where your booking link is <http://eventsathilton.com/show/61fbf338dbddd1a76f3a6bba> (standard prices: single 195 €, double 215 €, **incl.** breakfast)  
HILTON VIENNA PLAZA  
Hilton International Wien GmbH  
<https://www.hiltonhotels.de/oesterreich/hilton-vienna-plaza/>  
Tel: +43 1 313900
- **HOTEL REGINA** on Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien  
Booking is by **email** und **password**, and our reduced rooms are available until 22<sup>nd</sup> August. They ask a 50% deposit by 20<sup>th</sup> July.  
(Standard prices: single €130, double €170, **incl.** breakfast)  
**Email:** [regina@kremsehnerhotels.at](mailto:regina@kremsehnerhotels.at)  
Tel: +43 1 404 46 0 (Fax: +43 1 408 83 92)  
<https://www.kremsehnerhotels.at/de/>
- **Motel One** Wien-Staatsoper, Elisabethstraße 5, A-1010 Wien  
Booking by **email** und **password**, free cancellation until 14 days prior to date of arrival or earlier. Our reduced rooms are only available until 8<sup>th</sup> September.  
(Standard prices: single €101,68, double €117,07, breakfast **not** included.)  
**Email:** [wien-staatsoper@motel-one.com](mailto:wien-staatsoper@motel-one.com)  
Tel: +43 1 585 05 05 (Fax: +43 1 585 05 05-10)  
<https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/wien/hotel-wien-staatsoper/>

These three hotels are all central and it's no distance on foot from them to our venues. And of course there's public transport as well. The Metro U2 route is partly under reconstruction when you are here, but the trams **1,71, D** and **U2Z** are a good alternative along the Ring, from Börse to Karlsplatz or vice versa. And you can see much more of Vienna that way, too.

Vienna transport services sell a 3-day ticket (€17.10) which is valid 72 hours after stamping in one of the machines. The 2-day ticket (€14.10) is likewise valid for 48 hours. A single journey costs €2.60 at the moment.

Coming from the airport, you can take the **Metro U4** from Wien Mitte Station or from Schwedenplatz – make sure you're going towards Heiligenstadt. At Schottenring change to the **Metro U2** heading to Schottentor – this is the terminus for the time being, and an easy walk to both the **Regina** and the **Hilton Plaza**. To reach the **Motel One** take the **U4** (heading to Hütteldorf) and get off at Karlsplatz. Then it's only a few minutes' walk to the hotel in Elisabethstraße 5.

