



Austrian Forum for Peace 2025 Officially Opened

The Austrian Center for Peace (ACP) brought together around 200 representatives from politics, business, civil society, and international peace research at Schlaining Castle

Yesterday, on June 30, the **Austrian Forum for Peace 2025** was officially opened at Schlaining Castle. Under the motto *"Peace in Crisis – Challenges and Opportunities in a World in Transition,"* nearly 200 guests from politics, business, civil society, and international peace research gathered at the castle, including numerous ambassadors such as Hossam **Zaki**, Deputy Secretary-General and Chief of Staff of the Arab League.

In his welcome address, ACP Director Tobias **Lang** emphasized the importance of spaces for dialogue such as those offered by the Austrian Forum for Peace. ACP President **Norbert** Darabos advocated for the strengthening of key international institutions such as the United Nations and called for all parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Representing Provincial Governor Hans Peter Doskozil, Anja **Haider-Wallner** highlighted in her opening speech the importance of peace as a daily responsibility.

Opening Keynote by Yair Hirschfeld

Historian Yair **Hirschfeld** outlined a possible peace process between **Israel and Palestine** based on his experiences from the negotiations of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO. He identified four key prerequisites: a code of conduct, economic cooperation, a regional security agreement, and civil society initiatives.

In addition to crises in the Middle East, other international and regional conflicts will be addressed through Thursday, July 3, along with discussions on the consequences of the Trump presidency for Europe and the impact of disinformation on peacebuilding efforts. Panel discussions will feature, among others, Wolfgang **Petritsch**, former ambassador and president of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs; peace researcher Oliver **Richmond**; Lina **Rukštelienė**, Lithuanian Ambassador to Austria; and former Austrian Foreign Minister Ursula **Plassnik**.

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