

DR. MICHAEL REITERER



PRESENT FUNCTION

2017 – Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Korea

2012 - 2016 Principal Advisor, Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels, Belgium

Political analysis for the management of the Department and top management of EEAS; conceptualisation of a security policy for Asia, organisation of consultations with partners (US, Canada, Russia, Turkey) on Asia; work with think tanks, academia; public diplomacy, writing of articles (publications), speeches.

PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

2007 - 2011 Ambassador of the European Union to Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein: representing the interests of the EU in one of the largest economic partners of the Union, participating in large sectors of the Single Market; pursuing the EU's policies in all areas, ensuring bilateral relations notably in the political, economic, commercial fields through high level contacts with all political and economic stakeholders; intensive public diplomacy with media and civil society. Building up and enlarging the new EU Delegation since 2007.

2002 - 2007 Minister, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan; Tokyo: representing together with the HOD the European Union in Japan, reporting on political, economic and social developments in Japan including regional developments; special focus on office and personnel management and planning.

1998 - 2002 Counsellor - ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting), European Commission, Directorate-General External Relations; Brussels, Belgium. Head of a small team; management, development and coordination of the political, economic and cultural pillars of ASEM with EU Member States and ten Asian partners; coordination of Commission's participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the South Asian Association for Regional Coordination (SAARC).

1997 - 1998 Minister-Counsellor, head of the industrial and commercial affairs section of the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU/Brussels, at the same time **Counsellor** of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) of the EU.

1995 - 1998 Co-Chair (trade) of the OECD - Joint Session of Trade and Environment Experts; since 1992 participant in the session.

1992 - 1997 Deputy Director General, Department for European Integration and Trade Policy, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna: management of the department of 30 persons, coordination of integration policy, participation in the Austrian EU decision-making process; trade policy analysis especially with regard to WTO, new trade policy issues and future EU enlargement; **WTO-panellist (USA/Canada split run editions).**

1990 – 1992 Counsellor, economic affairs, at the Austrian Permanent Mission to the GATT, Geneva, negotiator (Services, TRIPS, Preshipment Inspection-PSI, Rules of Origin) during the GATT-Uruguay Round.

Previous assignments include **Austrian Deputy Trade Commissioner to Japan** (Tokyo) 1985-1989 and to **Western Africa** (Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire) 1982-1985; **research assistant at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** (UNHCR), Geneva (1981).

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Adjunct professor for international politics (2005, Dozent – *venia docendi*) University of Innsbruck, **Doctor juris** (1978) at the same university.

Diplomas in international relations: Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna Center (1979) Italy; Diplôme de Hautes Etudes Internationales, Institut universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Graduate Institute for International Studies now Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), Geneva (1985) Switzerland; participant in the 1981 session of the Research Centre of the Academy of International Law, The Hague.

Invited professor Keio University, the Graduate School of Political Science, Tokyo Japan (2008), University of Kobe (2014, 2015), Fudan University (2012), Università svizzera italiana, Department for Communication, Lugano (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); University of St. Gallen, Department for international relations (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; 2016), MA course in international relations Donau Universität Krems/Austria (2010, 2012, 2014; 2016), Fellowship at the Freie Universität Berlin (2015), Guest Professor at Collège d'Europe and its Natolin Campus (2017).

Former **lecturer** on European integration and trade policy at the University of Vienna, the University of Linz (European law masters programme), the Higher School for International Economic Relations, Eisenstadt, the Diplomatic Academy (Vienna), the Administrative Academy of the Republic of Austria (Vienna); the MBA courses of the provincial academy of Lower Austria (Krems), and Vorarlberg (Schloß Hofen), Webster University (Vienna).

Guest lectures at various Austrian and international universities, including Fudan University (Shanghai), China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (Shanghai): Shanghai Institute for International Studies; Singapore National University; Keio University, Waseda University, International Christian University, University of Tokyo, University of Foreign Languages, Hitotsubashi University (all Tokyo), Kyushu Sangyo University (Fukuoka), University of Kobe, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Beppu), Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto), Doshisha University (Kyoto), Kyoto University, Kwansai University (Osaka), Osaka University; Kagawa University, University of Oita; Asia Europe Foundation-ASEF/Singapore, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore), ASEF University (Singapore, Tokyo); European Institute at the National University of Singapore; Universities of Berne, St. Gallen, Lucerne, Lugano, Freiburg, Lausanne, Geneva, Zürich, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva; University of Leuven, College of Europe, Bruges, Ghent/Belgium; University of Maastricht, The Netherlands; Johns Hopkins University-Bologna Centre and SAIS Washington; Melbourne University; EU Institute at Australian National University/Canberra (2014), The European University Institute (Florence); Diplomatic Academy, Taipei (2014), Université St. Louis (Brussels) (2016), Geneva Center for Strategic Policy (2016), University of Lancaster/UK (2016). Korea University, Hufs University/Seoul.

Speaker (selection) on trade and the environment at Wilton Park Conferences (UK), The Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House); the Asia Conference on Trade and Environment/Singapore; the Austrian Society for Foreign Policy and International Relations, the annual meeting of the Austrian Association of International Law, European Forum Alpbach, Austria (2002, 2013), the Conference Board (New York, London); Annual Convention of the Japan Academy for International Trade and Business (Tokyo); East Asia–Europe Think Tank Dialogue (Strasbourg, Cebu-The Philippines, Cadenabbia, Warsaw); Geneva Institute for International Security Studies (Switzerland); The Berlin Security Conference (2012, 2013,2015); the Netherlands’ Institute of International Relations – Clingendael, The Hague; The European Institute for Security Studies, Paris; Annual Conference of the European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific, Melbourne (2014); World Economic Forum, Davos – Open Forum (2010), International Forum for the Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative, Seoul (2014), Washington (2016);

Organising international academic cooperation: Establishment of EU-Japan Centres (Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka) at Japanese universities to develop research, courses, exchanges on European topics covering liberal arts as well as natural science.

More than 130 **publications** in international journals on international relations and international law, trade and environment, Asia-Europe relationship, EU-Japan, EU foreign and trade policy, inter-regionalism, security in Asia; European cultural diplomacy. Monographs on international refugee law and on the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Memberships: Consultative Council of the Vienna Institute for Economic Studies; Corresponding Member of the Program Committee of the European Forum Alpbach; Academic Consultative Council of the University of Kobe; Austrian International Law Association, Austrian European Law Association, Austrian Political Science Association; former vice president of the Austrian Society for European Politics and former member of the European Economic and Social Committee/Brussels.