



Dear fellow Alumni, dear Friends of the Harvard Club of Austria,

We cordially invite you to a panel discussion with two experts about the important topic of human rights:

## **Human rights under attack: Protecting rights and saving lives in a new age of war**

**June 7 at 18:00 – 20:00; location TBA**

**Kimberly Marteau Emerson** and **Stefen Wallner** will debate under the moderation of **Eric Frey** (Der Standard). We will hear, among others, about the importance of protecting Human Rights, the work and role of Human Rights Watch (HRW), and areas of conflict in attempts to deal with trade-offs of involved parties. We will eventually also touch on the question how each and every one of us can engage.

**Kimberly Marteau Emerson** is a lawyer, advocate and civic leader in the fields of public service, democracy and social justice. Since 2003 she has been deeply engaged in defending human rights, and for the past ten years has served Human Rights Watch as a Director on the international Board. During the Clinton Administration, Kimberly was appointed by the President as spokesperson for the US Information Agency, which communicates US policy overseas. She has served as a Presidential election observer in Nigeria on two delegations led by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and worked on relief efforts in several places, including Lesbos, Greece during the refugee crisis, when she was living and working in Berlin during her spouse's posting as President Barack Obama's US Ambassador to Germany.

**Stefan Wallner** studied politics and history and started as a social policy expert for Caritas Austria. He was Secretary General of Caritas Austria for 10 years and moved into politics in 2009 as Secretary General of the Green Party. 2017 he joined Erste Group as Head of Brand Management and Company Transformation, responsible for Erste Group in CEE. As the Green party entered the government in 2020, he became Head of Cabinet of the Vice-Chancellor Werner Kogler. In April 2022 he left the political arena and announced to work in humanitarian Ukraine Aid projects for a cooling off period.

In order to register, please send an email to [hcaustria@post.harvard.edu](mailto:hcaustria@post.harvard.edu).

We look forward to seeing you soon to re-connect!

Sincerely,

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