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Conference: “Protection of Public Spaces”

The Police Academy (Sicherheitsakademie) of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) is organizing a series of lectures entitled „**Protection of Public Spaces**” from November 5 to 6, 2026.

The series of lectures will take place in the ballroom of the Vienna Police Department in 1010 Vienna, Schottenring 7-9, and will be supported contentwise by a total of 8 speakers from European countries and the USA.

Registration/Contact: ***Any registrations must be sent to the Police Academy by e-mail by October 9, 2026 at the latest*** (see contact below). There is no participation fee charged for the event, however, the travel and accommodation costs are to be borne by the authorities of the participants. Confirmation/invitation of participants by the Police Academy will be sent in writing by October 12, 2026 at the latest.

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 1010 Vienna
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Hotels in the immediate vicinity of the Vienna Police Department:

[Hotel Wien The Cloud One Wien-Staatsoper Design Hotels zum Top-Preis](#)

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As organizer and administrator of the event I am looking forward to a lively international participation in this event and will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

With kind regards from Vienna



Thomas Greis

**„Protection of Public Spaces“
(05.11. bis 06.11.2026)**

Lectures:

<i>Reflection on Surveillance and Protection: Experiences from Denmark, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Germany</i>	Edwin BAKKER Leiden University (The Netherlands)
<i>The storming of the Capitol on January 6, 2021</i>	Yogananda PITMANN University of California Police Department, Berkeley (USA)
<i>Public order and crowd management from the perspective of the Georgia State University Police Department</i>	Nicolay HAMMOND Georgia State University Police Department (USA)
<i>The thwarted attack on the Taylor Swift concert in Vienna in 2024</i>	Christoph HRADIL Directorate State Protection and Intelligence Service (Austria)
<i>The tyranny of silence - The impact of criminal networks on society</i>	Johan SJÖSTRAND Alingsås County Police District (Sweden)
<i>The High-Risk Security Network Protection of public spaces from a Portuguese perspective</i>	Bruno NOGUEIRA Guardia Nacional Republicana (Portugal)
<i>Protection of public spaces from a homeland security perspective</i>	Speaker requested Homeland Security (USA)

<i>Areas of responsibility and strategies of the FBI and DEA for protecting public spaces in the context of combating crime</i>	Speaker requested FBI / DEA (USA)
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