

Kindly Invite You to the Seminar

Scoping the Field of EU External Relations Law at Sixty

17 July 2017, 13:30-19:00 h
Council Room, Faculty of Law, Tiensestraat 41 Leuven

1. Concept

This seminar seeks to explore the most salient issues in the European Court of Justice's case law on EU external relations in the year that marks the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome. The past 10 months have seen a number of key judgments and opinions being handed down in this field. Developments of particular significance have taken place on two main strands. On the one hand, Opinions 2/15 and 3/15 (as well as pending Opinion 1/15) raise questions for reflection on the future of the EU's **common commercial policy** and on the nature of EU **external competences** in general. On the other hand, a series of judgments in the area of the **common foreign and security policy** seem to provide guidance as regards the Court's interpretation of its limited jurisdiction in this policy domain. *H v Council*, *Rosneft* and *Elitaliana*, but also earlier cases such as *Tanzania Agreement* and *Mauritius Agreement*, slowly build a significant body of case-law in this regard. This is linked to other judgments, such as the orders in which the General Court declined to rule on the EU-Turkey Statement.

In order to assess these developments, the seminar, which takes place on the basis of Chatham House Rules, is structured around two main sessions. Following short presentations of maximum 10 minutes on the main issues touched upon in the case law, academics as well as practitioners coming from the legal services of the institutions and from the European Courts will be invited to comment.

Participation is free, but prior registration is necessary by 14 July on a first come, first serve basis (limited seating): mail to conference@ggs.kuleuven.be

2. Programme

13:00 Coffee, tea and sandwiches

13:30 Welcome by Prof. Dr. **Christine Kaddous**, Co-Convener of the ESIL Interest Group on the EU as a Global Actor, Université de Genève
Introduction to the seminar by the Chair, Prof. Dr. **Jan Wouters**, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven



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I. The Future of EU Trade Policy post Opinions 2/15 and 3/15

Introductions on:

- Opinion 3/15 – **Thomas Verellen** (KU Leuven)
- Opinion 2/15 – Prof. Dr. **Pieter-Jan Kuijper** (UVA) – Dr. **Bart De Meester** (European Commission)

Discussants for this strand:

- **Fernando Castillo** (European Commission)
- **Bart Driessen** (Council of the EU)
- Prof. Dr. **Frank Hoffmeister** (European Commission / VUB)
- **Andrej Auersperger Matic** (European Parliament)
- **Rudolf Mögele** (European Commission)
- **Luca Prete** (ECJ)
- Dr. **Isabelle Van Damme** (Van Bael and Bellis, formerly ECJ)

16:00 – 16:15: Coffee and Tea Break

II. The Court of Justice's Role in EU External Relations

Introductions on:

- H v Council and Commission, Elitaliana, Rosneft – Prof. Dr. **Ramses Wessel** (Twente University, Co-Convener of the ESIL Interest Group on the EU as a Global Actor) - **Luca Prete** (ECJ)
- The General Court Orders on the EU Turkey Statement – Prof. Dr. **Juan Santos Vara** (University of Salamanca)
- Tanzania, MOU Switzerland – Dr. **Andrea Ott** (Maastricht University)

Discussants for this strand:

- **Mihkel Allik** (European Parliament)
- Dr. **Merijn Chamon** (Ghent University)
- Prof. Dr. **Ricardo Gosalbo Bono** (formerly Council of the EU)
- Dr. **Frederik Naert** (Council of the EU / KU Leuven)
- **Thomas Ramopoulos** (European Commission / KU Leuven)
- **Soledad Rodriguez Sanchez-Tabernero** (University of Salamanca)

18:00 – 18:15: Health Break

III. Book launch of J. Czuczai and F. Naert (eds.), *The EU as a Global Actor – Bridging Legal Theory and Practice* (Brill – Nijhoff, 2017)

Panel of authors with **Bart Driessen** (Council of the EU), Prof. Dr. **Frank Hoffmeister** (European Commission / VUB), Dr. **Frederik Naert** (Council of the EU / KU Leuven), **Stephan Marquardt** (EEAS) and Prof. Dr. **Christiaan Timmermans** (formerly ECJ / Erasmus University Rotterdam)



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