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Upcoming CLEER events

- 16-17 February 2012, Erasmus University, Rotterdam: *Tension between universal and regional unification of private law: Conflict between EU law and the maritime and transport law conventions*

- 10-11 May 2012 (tbc), Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla: *The European Union's relations with the Southern-Mediterranean (EUROMED and beyond)*

- 25 May 2012, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, *Human rights in EU crisis management operations: A duty to respect and to protect?*

- 21-22 June 2012, European University Institute, Florence: *Trade liberalisation and standardisation - gauging the success of 'low politics' in EU foreign policy*

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The legal dimension of global governance: What role for the European Union?

To explore the EU's challenges and difficulties in the global arena, CLEER, under the leadership of the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law and in partnership with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, organised a two-day conference on the legal dimension of EU global governance on 13-14 October 2011. The event was further sponsored by the EURECO initiative, the Dreyers fond and UACES. Top academics from universities from the USA, EU and Asia, practitioners with extensive experience in the EU institutions, and Member States' diplomats exchanged ideas on a wide number of issues, such as international trade, global security, international finance, climate change and the global protection of the environment, as well as the human dimension to global governance. All these topics

were woven together by the overriding question: 'What role for the EU?'

The outcome of the conference will be published in an edited volume forthcoming with Oxford University Press in 2012.

CLEER Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai: Experiences of the Hungarian EU Presidency— a legal assessment

On 27 October 2011, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut hosted a CLEER Guest lecture on the legal assessment of the Hungarian EU Presidency by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai.

Prof. Dr. Czuczai talked not only about experiences and specific achievements of the Hungarian Presidency (for instance the conclusion of accession negotiations with

Croatia), but also addressed the most pressing legal challenges for the rotating EU Presidencies after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. In particular, he discussed the enhanced role of the rotating Presidency as the negotiator with the European Parliament, its relationship with the High Representative for Foreign Af-

fairs and Security Policy, its role vis-à-vis other EU institutions and whether or not there still remains any role for the rotating Presidency in terms of the external representation of the EU.

The lecture was chaired by Dr. Wybe Douma and Prof. Dr. Marc Maresceau (Ghent University) participated as respondent.





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New CLEER Publications

CLEER Working Papers 2011/4: '**The EU as a global Robin Hood: Proposal for a multilateral convention on a global financial transaction tax**' by Bart Van Vooren

CLEER Working Papers 2011/5: '**Shaping the international order as a Union objective and the dynamic internationalisation of constitutional law**' by Joris Larik

CLEER Working Papers 2011/6: '**New conferral or old confusion? The perils of making implied competences explicit and the example of the external competence for environmental policy**' by Marcus Klamert

The governing board of CLEER, in its capacity as board of editors, welcomes the submission of working papers and legal commentaries (max. 40,000 resp. 4,000 words, including footnotes, accompanied by keywords and short abstracts) at info@cleer.eu. CLEER applies a double-blind peer review system. When accepted, papers are published on the website of CLEER and in 100 hard copies with full colour cover.

CLEER establishes Advisory Board

The body of 'Friends of CLEER' was recently converted into the Advisory Board of the Centre. Members of the Advisory Board offer strategic guidance to the direction of CLEER and assist in the peer review process of the Working Papers series. CLEER welcomes **Prof. Gráinne de Búrca** from New York University School of Law as a new member of the CLEER Advisory Board.

Upcoming CLEER event

Tension between universal and regional unification of private law: The conflict between EU law and the maritime and transport law conventions

In February 2012, Erasmus School of Law and the Rotterdam Institute for Shipping and Transport Law (RISTL), in cooperation with CLEER and other partners, will organise a conference to explore an existing tension between uniform EU law and conventions of uniform private law to which EU Member States are party. The conference will look into more general issues (place of EU law in the international order, constitutional law or autonomous interpretation) as well as more specific problems (possible incorporation of uniform private law conventions into EU law or particular tensions between various legal instruments).

Date: 16-17 February 2012

Venue: Erasmus University, Forumroom, M-building, campus Woudestein,
Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, Rotterdam

For more information please visit: <http://www.eur.nl/erasmusacademie/tension/>

CLEER wishes you very MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the best for 2012!

