



Upcoming conferences

- 13-14 October 2011, University of Copenhagen: *The legal dimensions for global governance: what role for the EU?*
- April 2012, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla: *The EU's relations with the Southern-Mediterranean*
- June 2012, European University Institute, Florence: *trade liberalization and standardization—the legal successes of low politics in EU foreign policy*

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The European Union's Shaping of the International Legal Order

On 27 May 2011, CLEER organised a conference on the 'The European Union's shaping of the international legal order' in Brussels at the University Foundation.

The conference was dedicated to the study of the interaction between the EU and the international legal orders and focused specifically on the influence of the former on the development and functioning of the latter. The key issues addressed the impact of the EU in

shaping the international legal order, the Union's practice of recognition of statehood and the coherence of the EU's external action.

The EU's role as standard-setter was further illustrated from legal and policy perspectives: energy efficiency, international criminal justice and the application of visa regimes in the Eastern Neighbourhood.

A separate panel of distinguished speakers discussed in depth the EU's interaction

with the global economic and financial institutions.

The opening keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Gráinne de Búrca (Harvard Law School) and the closing speech was given by Dr. Andrew Williams (Warwick).

The conference papers will be collected and published in a volume edited by CLEER's conference directors Prof. Dr. Fabian Amtenbrink and Dr. Dimitry Kochenov.

First Annual CLEER lecture

Prof. Dr. Allan Rosas, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU, delivered the first-ever Annual CLEER Lecture on 17 March 2011 at the premises of the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague. Tackling the questions whether the EU constitutes a human rights organization, Rosas discussed the important developments that have taken place since the early days of the European integration process, when the focus was on economic integration and fundamental rights received scarce, if any, attention. He then paid attention to the role of human rights in EU external relations, the accession procedure to the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as the applicability of international humanitarian law to CSDP operations. Prof. Dr. Martin Kuijer, senior legal counsel at the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, acted as respondent. The event was organized in cooperation with the Embassy of Finland to the Netherlands.

The EU as Polity in International Law

On 28 June 2011, the Peace Palace in The Hague hosted a conference on 'The EU as a Polity in International Law', co-organized by CLEER, T.M.C. Asser Institute, Carnegie Foundation/Peace Palace Library and Euroknow.

The conference focused on the nature of the European Union and its legal order from the perspective of inter-

national law. The Union's relationship with the international legal order and role in international relations were also touched upon.

The opening speech by Prof. Laurens-Jan Brinkhorst (Leiden University, former Minister for European Affairs) and the presentations by Judge Bruno Simma (ICJ), Prof. Michael Burgess

(University of Kent), Prof. Christiaan Timmermans (Erasmus University Rotterdam, former judge at the ECJ) provided insights into the topic from various vantage points. Their strong views triggered lively discussion among a record audience of 200 registered participants. The conference was an initiative of Mr. Jaap Hoeksma, Director of Euroknow.



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New CLEER Publications

CLEER Working Papers 2011/1: 'Is the EU a Human Rights Organisation?' by Allan Rosas

CLEER Working Papers 2011/2: 'The EU as a democratic polity in international law' by Jaap Hoeksma

CLEER Working Papers 2011/3: 'The European Union's external relations a year after Lisbon', edited by Panos Koutrakos (with contributions by P. Koutrakos, R. Gosalbo Bono, E. Paasivirta, R. Passos, I. Smyth, S. Duke, F. Hoffmeister, G. de Baere and S. Blockmans)

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Upcoming event

The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?

This autumn, CLEER co-organises a conference in cooperation with the Centre for European Constitutionalization and Security of the University of Copenhagen, the European Research in Copenhagen Initiative and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies. Taking examples of policy areas such as security, finance, trade, environment and the human dimension of global governance, the speakers will examine the EU's influence in shaping global governance regimes.

Keynote address: Ambassador Poul Skytte Christoffersen

Date: 13-14 October 2011

Venue: University of Copenhagen, Alexander Hall, Bispertorv 1-3, Copenhagen

For more information please visit: <http://jura.ku.dk/cecs/english/calendar/global-governance/>



A record number of participants attended the CLEER conference organized at the Academy Hall of the Peace Palace in The Hague on 28 June 2011.

