



Upcoming events

- 17 March 2011, The Hague:

Public lecture by Prof. dr. Alan Rosas, Judge at the European Court of Justice

- 27 May 2011, Brussels:

The European Union's shaping of the International Legal Order

- 13-14 October 2011, Copenhagen:

The EU as a Regulatory Power: Shaping Global Governance in the 21st Century. Too Little, Too Late?

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Dr. Steven Blockmans was appointed Special Visiting Professor at the *University of Leuven*

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The Influence of International Organizations on the EU

On 5 November 2011, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut hosted a conference on 'The Influence of International Organizations on the European Union: The EU as an autonomous legal order?', organized by CLEER.

The European Union is traditionally seen as a new, and partly separate, legal order within the global legal system. At the same time, more recent developments have revealed the EU as an important player in the global governance network. The strong and explicit link between the EU and a large number of other international organizations raises questions

concerning the impact of decisions taken by other international organizations and of international agreements concluded by the EU and/or its Member States with those organizations on the autonomy of the EU legal order.

The conference addressed the relationship between the EU and other international organizations by looking at the impact of norms enacted by international organizations on the shaping of EU law. Distinguished academics outlined the normative impact of decisions of international organizations and agreements concluded between

the EU and international organizations. Representatives of international organizations (CoE, WTO, IMF, WIPO, FAO) and EU institutions (Commission and Council legal services) and agencies (Europol, Eurojust, Ombudsman) revealed how international organizations view and interact with the EU and how the EU perceives the influence of (other) international organizations, respectively.

The conference papers will be collected in an edited volume and published by T.M.C. Asser Press.

New CLEER Publications

- WP 2010/6: 'International law as law of the EU: the role of the Court of Justice' by *Christina Eckes*

- WP 2010/7: 'A legal-institutional perspective on the European External Action Service' by *Bart Van Vooren*

- Forthcoming: 'Setting up the European External Action Service: an institutional act of balance' by *Leendert Erkelens and Steven Blockmans*

The board of CLEER, in its capacity as editorial board of the CLEER Working Papers series, welcomes the submission of papers for on-line publication (max. 20,000 words, incl. footnotes)

CLEER News Service

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The European Union's shaping of the international legal order

As the third event in a series devoted to the study of the interaction between the European and the international legal order, CLEER's Spring 2011 conference will be dedicated to the influence of the EU legal order on the development and functioning of international law. Presentations will be devoted to the role of the EU as an international standard-setter from a general perspective, as well as to the Union's efforts and actions to shape thematic areas of law pertaining to, e.g., peace and the rule of law, good governance, the global economic order, climate change, sustainable development and the environment, etc.).

Keynote address: Prof. Dr. Gráinne de Búrca (Harvard); Closing speech: Dr. Andrew Williams (Warwick)

Date: 27 May 2011; Venue: University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11, **Brussels**

Conference directors: Prof. Dr. Fabian Amtenbrink (Erasmus) and Dr. Dimitry Kochenov (Groningen)

Registration on the website starts on 17 January 2011

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