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Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)

- **16-17 February, Conference on “Tension between universal and regional unification of private law: Conflict between EU Law and maritime and transport law conventions”, The Hague**

The theme of this Conference was the tension, if not direct conflict, existing between uniform EU law and conventions of uniform private law to which EU member states are party, but the EU itself is not. The conference was organised by the Erasmus School of Law, in cooperation with the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), the Centre for European Private International Law (CEPIL) and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

- **13 March, Inaugural CLEER Fellow lecture “Issues concerning international agreements of EU Member States not binding the Union: the case of the UN Charter” by Luca Pantaleo, The Hague**

- **19 April, “The Experiences of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of external relations”, The Hague**

On 19 April 2012 the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) welcomed Mr. Jarosław Bratkiewicz, Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland to talk about the Experiences of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of external relations at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

Last year CLEER organized a similar event in cooperation with the Hungarian Embassy and we learnt a lot about Hungary’s experiences as a first-timer in holding Presidency of the Council. With these events CLEER wishes to create closer cooperation with the diplomatic missions in The Hague and focus specifically on the Presidency’s role in shaping EU external relations law and policy after the Lisbon Treaty.

- **10 - 11 May, Conference “One year after the Arab Spring : The European Union’s relations with the Southern-Mediterranean region”, Seville**
- **25 May, Workshop “Human Rights and EU Crisis Management Operations: A Duty to Respect and to Protect?”, The Hague**
- **19 June, “Legal Approximation and Application of EU Law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?”, Ghent**

Ghent University, in cooperation with CLEER, organised a one-day conference devoted to 'Legal Approximation and Application of EU Law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?' The conference was held at the Convention Centre 'Het Pand' in Ghent (Belgium). Speakers include Prof. Peter van Elsuwege, Prof. Marc Maresceau, Prof. Roman Petrov, Prof. Christophe Hillion, Dr. Adam Lazowski, Dr. Gaga Gabrichidze, Dr. Paul Kalinichenko, Prof. Dimitry Kochenov and Prof. Steven Blockmans.

- **21-22 June Conference: “Trade liberalisation and standardisation - new directions in the 'low politics' of EU foreign policy”, Florence**
- **9 November, Workshop on “Linking trade and non-commercial interests: the EU as a global role model?”, The Hague**
- **29 November, “Experiences of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the conduct of EU external relations”, The Hague**

Asser International Sports Law Centre

- **26 April, Sports Fraud Roundtable Seminar**

In April 2012, the ASSER International Sports Law Centre hosted the first of a series of Roundtables to discuss solutions to tackling sports fraud.

The increasing media scrutiny of various incidences of sports fraud (e.g. match-fixing and money laundering) is slowly but surely serving as a wake-up call to the sports community. To stimulate a well-informed and constructive debate on this complex problem and explore efficient mechanisms to tackle it, the ASSER International Sports Law Centre in The Hague is hosting a series of Sports Fraud Roundtables. The first roundtable brought together an interesting group of practitioners, academics, and law enforcers to identify the various types of sports fraud and the actors involved and discuss the threats they pose to the integrity of sports.

- **13 June, Sports Law Lunch & Learn “The Swiss Court decision affecting the Matuzalem case”**
- **26 September, Sports Law Lunch & Learn “The marketing and exploitation of sports broadcasting rights in the post-Murphy era: legal and commercial challenges”**
- **13 December, Sports Law Lunch & Learn “Arbitration in Sports: the Armstrong case”**

International Humanitarian Law/International Criminal Law

- **7 December, Conference “Prosecutor, Watchdog, Diplomat, Manager: The Multiple Roles of the International Prosecutor”**

On 7 December 2012, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in cooperation with the International Humanitarian and Criminal Law Platform, will organise a conference on the international prosecutor.

The conference, which is financially supported by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, will be the first to bring together top researchers, practitioners and civil society to critically discuss and assess the multiple roles of the international prosecutor – a multifaceted

actor who plays an increasingly important role on the international (legal and political) plane, for instance as a potential global preventer of crimes. The conference offers a timely opportunity to reflect and formulate lessons for current and future international prosecutors.

Indeed, although the function of the international prosecutor is becoming more relevant and influential on the international plane, it is still characterized by considerable indistinctness: is he/she a prosecutor, a watchdog, a diplomat, a manager? And to what extent is he/she subject to (judicial) oversight? By critically assessing and engaging with the different aspects of the function, the conference seeks to formulate lessons learnt and recommendations for future holders of such a post – not only in the international, but also in the European context, where the advent of the European Public Prosecutor only seems to be a matter of time.

Law and Armed Conflict Lecture Series (HILAC)

The HILAC Law and Armed Conflict Lecture Series is an occasional evening lecture series on the subject of law and armed conflict. It is hosted by the Hague Initiative for Law and Armed Conflict (HILAC), consisting of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, the Netherlands Red Cross and the Amsterdam Center for International Law and held at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

- **30 May, “New Perspectives on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflict”**
Speaker: Dr. Dieter Fleck, Formerly Director, International Agreements & Policy, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany; Honorary President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.

Supranational Criminal Law Lectures (SCL)

Together with our partners the Grotius Centre (Leiden University, Campus Den Haag) and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), the Section ‘International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law’ of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organises the Supranational Criminal Law Lectures Series. These weekly lectures spotlight aspects of international criminal law of current interest.

- **18 January, "Victims' Participation in the Kenyan Cases before the ICC"**
Lecture by Sureta Chana, Legal Representative in Prosecutor v. Ruto et al. and Morris Anyah, Legal Representative in Prosecutor v. Muthaura et al. at the ICC.

- **25 January, Book Presentation by Hector Olasolo and debate on “The challenges faced by Pre-Trial Chamber I in the first proceedings ever before the International Criminal Court”**

13th and last Supranational Criminal Law Lecture of the season 2011/2012. It was also the first in a series of events organized to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the ICC. For this special occasion, which was attended by some 150 people, an impressive line-up of speakers was arranged, namely: ICC Judge Steiner (who at the very last moment could not make it), ICC Judge Akua Kuenyehia, ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo and Prof. Hector Olasolo. The speakers discussed the new book of Prof. Olasolo (‘Essays on International Criminal Justice’, Hart Publishing 2012) and the topic ‘The challenges faced by Pre-Trial Chamber 1 in the first proceedings ever before the International Criminal Court’. After that, there was a lively Q&A session with the audience.

- **19 September, “The ICC and Palestine: A Closed Chapter?” by Prof. John Dugard, Prof. Liesbeth Zegveld & Dr. Chantal Meloni**

The book launch coincided with the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture. Prof. John Dugard, Prof. Liesbeth Zegveld and Dr. Chantal Meloni gave their views on the Gaza issue. A record number of 150 people attended this lecture and contributed to a lively discussion.

- **10 October, “International Justice and the Arab Spring”**

A panel discussion on the impact of the ICC intervention and role of international justice in the Arab region.

- **31 October, “Engaging with victims and affected communities in ICC situations”**

A panel discussion on the different means and aims of engaging and communicating with victims and affected communities in ICC situations from the perspective of the Court’s Outreach Unit, the Trust Fund for Victims, and civil society.

- **14 November, “Civil society participation at the Assembly of States Parties”**

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a network of over 2500 NGOs advocating for a fair, effective and independent ICC, discussed its global membership's interest and goals in participating at the annual meeting of the ICC’s oversight body, as well as the impact of the Court on national justice efforts.

- **19 December, “The Principle of Equality of Arms in International Criminal Proceedings”**

International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague

- **23 February, Seminar “The War Paradigm and Law Enforcement Paradigm in Counter - Terrorism: The Legal Implications”**

Seminar organised in cooperation with the ICCT-The Hague. Moderator of the seminar was Professor. Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Extraordinary Professor Practice of International Law, Maastricht University and the panelist were Judge James A. Baker, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and Prof. John Vervaele, Professor in Economic and European Criminal Law at Utrecht University.

Moot Courts

- **10 February, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2012 National Rounds**

The 4th Dutch round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition was organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. The team of Utrecht University won and was allowed to participate in the International Rounds in Washington DC, USA.

Other

- **13 July, Conference: “Preventing fraud, corruption and bribery committed by and through legal entities”**

The conference was part of the EU wide project (entitled “Preventing fraud, corruption and bribery committed through legal entities for the purpose of financial and economic gain”) aiming at providing a contribution to the prevention of and fight against economic crime committed

through legal entities. The conference focussed on legal and policy related dimensions of this issue and on best practices regarding the prevention of corruption and other financial and economic crimes.

- **21 November, Seminar “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Vehicles for Social Justice?”**

Annual research seminar of the School’s Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural (ESC) Rights hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

- **6 December, Asser/IJI Seminar**

The Governing Boards of both the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Internationaal Juridisch Instituut (IJI) convened a mini seminar to mark and celebrate the successful cooperation between the two institutes, in particular, since IJI’s move to the Asser premises in April 2012.

Mr Hans van Loon, Secretary General of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, delivered an interesting lecture entitled ‘Mondialisering van het IPR’.

6 December 2012 was also the occasion on which Mr. Daan Asser, great grandson of Mr. T.M.C. Asser, officially handed over a bronze bust of his great-grandfather to Mr. Michiel Scheltema, Chair of Asser’s Governing Board.

- **13-14 December, Ukraine Expert Roundtable “The legislator’s role in establishing the rule of law in line with EU and international standards”**

This roundtable was part of the project ‘The legislator’s role in establishing the rule of law in line with EU and international standards’, aiming to develop and deliver activities which will assist participants to devise means of incorporating and implementing EU and international standards into Ukrainian law, legislative process and practice. Partner in this project is the Legislation Institute of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.