

**Joint T.M.C. Asser Institute – Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES)  
Conference: The EU as a Regional International Organisation (RIO)**

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Conference conveners: Teresa Cabrita (KU Leuven), Narin Idriz (T.M.C. Asser Institute), Eva Kassoti (T.M.C. Asser Institute)

**Programme**

**09.15 Introduction: The EU as a Regional International Organisation**

**09.30 – 10.45 Keynote: Jan Klabbers (University of Helsinki) “The Phenomenology of the RIO”**

**10.45-11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.00-12.30 Panel 1: The EU as a RIO – Conceptual Issues**

- Andrew Telford and Anne van Wageningen (University of Amsterdam) - *Solving European problems with regional solutions? Conceptualizing ‘the region’ in EU higher education and climate change policies*
- Maruša T. Veber (University of Ljubljana) - *The Concept of Regionality in the Context of the Adoption of Sanctions by Regional International Organizations*
- Sebastian Krapohl (University of Amsterdam) - *The EU is not a Role Model! Why other regional organizations around the world do not follow the path of European integration*

**12.30-13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30-15.30 Panel 2: The EU as a RIO: A Comparative Perspective**

- Tamás Molnár (EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Corvinus University of Budapest) - *The EU shaping standard-setting within the Council of Europe: a (sub-)regional international organisation and the multiple dimensions of developing regional international law*

- Stefanos Kordaras (European Commission – DG Energy) - *The European Atomic Energy Community as a Regional International Organisation: The example of the relation to the NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty) – to be confirmed*
- Eleonora Frasca (UCLouvain) – *The EU's External Action on Migration: How the EU (does not) Promote Free Movement and Facilitate Mobility in Other World Regions*
- Joris Larik (Leiden University) – *RIOs and the Geopolitical Turn: Is Only the EU Awakening?*

### **15.30-15.45 Coffee Break**

### **15.45-17.15 Panel 3: The EU as a RIO: Case-Studies**

- Katrina Perhudoff (University of Amsterdam) - *What is the EU's practice of international cooperation in the field of health and pharmaceuticals, and how does it align with this principle under international law?*
- Daniel Thomas (Leiden University) - *Contestations of European identity, soft law and the practice of EU enlargement*
- Petr Stejskal (Palacky University Olomouc) - *EU anti-coercion mechanism - A tool for development or fragmentation of international law?*

### **17.15 Reception**