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Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: *Facing the Challenges?*

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The T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the European Environmental Law Network and the Hague Environmental Law Facility organises its first **Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: Facing the Challenges?** This uniquely designed and intensive one-week programme aims to provide a thorough analysis of International and European



Environmental Law, while critically examining whether the existing regimes are robust enough to face the challenges that mankind is facing today. How will negotiations on future regimes, such as climate change, unfold and shape the protection of environment? The Summer Programme will focus on the compliance and enforcement aspects of Environmental Law, issues that are particularly relevant in The Hague, the “International City of Peace and Justice”.

The programme examines both International and EU Environmental Law and the manner in which the European Union promotes sustainable development both inside its 28 Member States and globally. Selected issues of International Environmental Law, such as the environmental case law of the International Court of Justice are an integral part of the programme. These issues have been discussed for almost 20 years on the EEL Website and through its News Service (www.eel.nl), hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and by partners of the EEL Network. Based on this experience and the work that Asser researchers in cooperation with many others have been carrying out internationally on issues of environmental protection and sustainable development, the idea of organising this Summer Programme was born.

The renowned experts from both academia and practice at the International and European Environmental Law Summer Programme will share their insight in the manner in which International Environmental Law (IEL) and European Environmental Law (EEL) are facing the challenges of ensuring effective protection of the environment and stimulating sustainable development.



Programme

The 5-day programme will consist of interactive lectures by renowned experts from academia and practice, and study-visits to relevant institutions and organisations. The participants will gain extensive knowledge and understanding of these areas of law, which are growing in importance every day. The programme will cover a wide variety of topics such as:

- Tackling climate change: the quest for a new agreement;
- Regulating liability for environmental damage;
- Environmental protection under the EU-USA Trade Agreement (TTIP);
- The challenge of sustainable use of water;
- Ensuring the sustainability of renewable energy: how to avoid Indirect Land Use Change?;
- The EU ban on seal products: will it stand the WTO tests in appeal?

The programme will focus on compliance and enforcement measures of International and European Environmental Law, and will be structured around the application of horizontal instruments such as Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and liability for environmental damage and of sector related instruments such as water law, international trade and environment, climate and energy law. The first day of the programme will be dedicated to providing an introduction on the historic development of International and European Environmental Law and the legal role of environmental principles. After that, several horizontal instruments will be addressed. The participants will learn about EIA obligations and how they impact projects with potential cross-border effects, what are the relevant treaty laws and how the EU regulates this topic. Furthermore, liability for environmental damage will be dealt with both from an international and EU law point of view. Also, the role of the ICJ and ECJ will be discussed.

The programme will take a closer look at selected sectorial issues. First of all, various aspects of international trade and environmental protection will be reviewed. Apart from ensuring compliance with regimes regulating trade in dangerous substances and waste, dispute settlement mechanisms of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the ones envisaged under the new EU-USA Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership will be scrutinised.



An important feature of the programme will be Climate Change Law. Experts involved in the international negotiations will shed light on the negotiations that are under way to develop a new international climate change agreement to be adopted in 2015. The compliance regime under the Kyoto Protocol and the sustainability of renewable energy sources will also be addressed in this context. During a workshop participants will gain practical knowledge on the prevailing issues of climate litigation.

The management of natural resources will be touched upon from different angles during the Summer Programme. Notably, legal and enforcement challenges in ensuring sustainable management of natural resources like wood products (avoiding illegal logging) and protected species are discussed. Sustainable water use is highlighted from an international and EU law perspective.

The programme concludes by tracing back to the main assertions of the speakers to establish conclusions on the different compliance and enforcement mechanisms under international and European Environmental Law, and lessons to be learned in the face of effectively tackling the global environmental challenges.

Target audience

The programme is directed towards researchers and practitioners who, in their professional capacity, deal with international and/or European Environmental Law. Furthermore, persons already experienced in environmental policies or persons relatively new to this area of law, such as civil servants, lawyers and NGO staff, will benefit greatly from the unique insights in the status quo and recent developments in Environmental Law. For Ph.D. researchers or advanced students, the programme offers an excellent opportunity to interact with experts in the fields they are interested in. Familiarity with (Environmental) Law or environmental policy is desirable.

Organisers



T.M.C. Asser Instituut

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague is a distinctive, inter-university research institute specialised in International and European law and a leading and authoritative provider of executive education to students and professionals operating in the judicial sector.

The Institute initiates, develops and provides education - tailor-made programmes and summer programmes – to students and professionals working in the judicial sector.

Each programme has a high degree of flexibility and competence, taking advantage of our academic integration and our extensive network of excellent and renowned speakers and teaching staff.

Located in the heart of the international justice community, within walking distance of such international organisations as the ICTY, the OPCW, and the Peace Palace (which houses the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is the perfect host for organising Summer Programmes in international law. www.asser.nl

European Environmental Law Network

The EEL network, hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, provides high quality research and services to academics, professionals and institutions on European and international environmental law issues. Through its website and the monthly News Service, the EEL network aims at offering a comprehensive and updated overview of the development of environmental policies and legislations at national, European and international level. Amongst many other things, it provides short analyses of relevant new environmental case law from the ECJ, the ICJ and the WTO Dispute Settlement Body. As an interactive platform, the EEL network also welcomes external contributions from individuals interested in drafting dossiers on national or international developments of environmental law. www.eel.nl



Hague Environmental Law Facility

The Hague Environmental Law Facility (HELFF) is a joint initiative of the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the Institute for Environmental Security that aims at bringing together those involved in research, education and policy advice regarding environmental law. HELFF focuses on concrete challenges regarding the development and implementation of international and European environmental law, by means of organising conferences, seminars and courses and setting up an environmental law clinic.



Practical Information

Fee

€ 1500, -

This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee and lunch during workings days, a reception and an opening dinner. The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports etc., (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague.

Registration

You can register by completing the online application form at:

www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeEEL

The deadline for application is 14 July 2014. *Please read the Registration Information & Conditions carefully before registration.*

Contact

For more information or questions please contact educationtraining@asser.nl

Registration Information & Conditions

Enrolment

1. You may register via the website by submitting the completed online registration form at www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeEEL.
2. Each participant should use a separate form.
3. The deadline for registration has been extended. You can register up to two weeks before the start of the Summer Programme.
4. Upon receipt of the completed registration form, a confirmation letter and payment details will be sent to you by email.
5. Your registration is complete once the online registration form has been submitted and the payment has been received.
6. The registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement. By submitting the completed registration form the registrant declares to be in accordance with the requirements and provisions described therein.
7. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information. If you have not received confirmation of your registration within 7 working days of submitting, please contact educationtraining@asser.nl
8. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut reserves the right to withhold registration.

Fees & Payment Conditions

1. Fees for the week long programme are € 1500, -
2. The fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, refreshments and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.
3. The full payment must be made within 10 working days of the date of the confirmation letter.
4. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel, accommodation, and meals, and if applicable, any visa charges and medical insurance. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague (€70-120 per day).

Cancellation Policy

1. Cancellations will only be accepted when your request for cancellation is submitted by e-mail to educationtraining@asser.nl
2. If you cancel less than four weeks prior to the starting date of the Summer Programme, no refund of the course fee will be given.
3. If you cancel within the allotted time (at least 4 weeks before the starting date of the course), a processing fee of €200,- will be charged. The remaining sum will be refunded.
4. The T.M.C Asser Instituut reserves the right to cancel the Summer Programme. In the event that such action is necessary, registrants will be informed at least four weeks in advance of the starting date of the programme.
5. In the event that the T.M.C. Asser Instituut cancels the Summer Programme, the full sum paid will be reimbursed.

Visa

1. If you require a visa to visit the Netherlands, you are strongly advised to apply for your visa at least eight weeks prior to your departure to The Netherlands. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut does not arrange visas but will assist visa applicants where appropriate.

Liability

1. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held liable for personal injuries or for loss and/or damage to the personal belongings of participants either during or as a result of their participation in the programme. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that the fees are paid in full by the correct date. Details of payment method will be communicated to you after acceptance of your application.