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### The experiences of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of external relations

20 February, The Hague



On 20th February, T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) organised in cooperation with the Lithuanian Embassy in The Hague a special lecture event devoted to reviewing the experiences of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU in the field of

external relations.



The lecture, chaired by Dr. Aaron Matta, Senior Researcher in EU Law featured presentations by Ambassador H.E. Mr Darius Jonas Semaška, Ambassador of Lithuania to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Prof. Dr. Peter Van Elsuwege, Professor of European Union law at Ghent University and Academic Coordinator of a Jean Monnet Module on “The Legal Dimension of EU External Relations”.

The lecture took place in the context of the CLEER lecture series that look at the Presidencies retrospectively focusing on the role of the incumbent presidency in coordination and leadership in regional and global issues.

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## 2nd CLEER Summer School on the Law of EU External Relations

23-27 June, Brussels



CLEER and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, together with UM Campus Brussels, organised their second intensive one-week summer school on EU External Relations Law which took place from 23-27 June 2014 in the Belgian capital of Brussels. The summer school was hosted by Maastricht University's UM Campus Brussels and drew over twenty participants from a range of political science, law and international relations backgrounds, with an interest in the field of EU external relations.

The aim of the summer school was to provide participants with an extensive knowledge of the

core institutions and instruments forming the foundations of the EU's external action, as well as a deep understanding of legal and policy issues in a number of key fields.



The programme comprised interactive lectures delivered by renowned academic experts and practitioners, workshops and study visits. A broad range of topics were covered, from the building blocks of EU CFSP/CSDP competences and the Treaty of Lisbon, to Trade, Enlargement, Development, Environment and the role of the European External Action Service (EEAS).

Current crises and foreign policy issues including Ukraine, relations with Russia in the context of energy security and the EU's response to irregular migration and human trafficking were discussed, offering crucial insight into the pertinence of EU external relations law in addressing ongoing challenges.

## Using Human Security as a legal framework to analyse the Common European Asylum System

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4 July, The Hague



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



On the 4th of July, the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, convened the second conference relating to its research project "Human Security:

a new framework for enhanced human rights in the EU's foreign security and migration policies". This expert conference went beyond traditional approaches to refugee protection in the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) and triggered an inter-disciplinary debate on the prospects of incorporating "Human Security" in the application of the EU asylum acquis and border control policies.

The conference brought together unique contributions from practitioners and academics in the field who, respectively, took stock of recent developments in both EU asylum legislation, jurisprudence and practice, whilst outlining the conceptual benefits and challenges of a Human Security approach to asylum protection. In this manner, the following reflections were of particular interest: the added value of Human Security, its ability to enhance Human Rights and its normative association with the right to dignity (Claudio Matera); the development of the CEAS and recommendations for the future in light of Fundamental Rights and Human Security concerns (Myrthe Wijnkoop); operational aspects of EU external border management in the context of Human Security notions (Jorrit Rijpma); the risks and opportunities of a Human Security reading of the "Dublin system" (Violeta Moreno-Lax); the role of EASO in implementing the asylum acquis and the potential role of Human Security in the functions of EASO (Robert Visser); Human Rights and Human Security tensions in the EU reception conditions directives (Lieneke Slingenberg); Humanitarian operations in the Strait of Sicily (Paolo Cuttitta); and an assessment of Member States and EU initiatives in the management of asylum seekers in the South Mediterranean (Paula Garcia Andrade).

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## Upcoming event: The European External Action Service and the new institutional balance in EU external action: reconciling autonomy and cooperation

25-26 September 2014



**VNiVERSiDAD  
D SALAMANCA**  
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This international conference has been organized in cooperation with CLEER, in the framework of the research project on 'The establishment of the European External Action Service: legal and institutional implications', funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

The speakers include:

- Ramses A. Wessel, University of Twente. Member of the Governing Board of CLEER
- Christophe Hillion, University of Leiden and Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies. Member of the Governing Board of CLEER.
- Soledad Rodríguez Sánchez-Tabernero, University of Salamanca
- Ricardo Gosalbo Bono, Director, Legal Service, Council of the European Union.
- Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow & Head of the EU Foreign Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels. Member of the Governing Board of CLEER.
- Francisco Acosta Soto, Deputy Head of Division-COLAC Chair, Americas Department-Regional Affairs Division, European External Action Service.
- Fabien Terpan, Sciences Po Grenoble-CESICE.
- Salvador Rueda Rabanal, Diplomatic Adviser, Head of Cabinet of the Spanish Permanent

Representative to the EU.

- Alejandro Alvargonzález San Martín, Secretary General for Defence Policy, Spanish Ministry of Defence.
- Mark Furness, German Development Institute.
- Juan Santos Vara, University of Salamanca.
- Erwan Fouéré, Centre for European Policy Studies and former European Union Special Representative.
- Asier Garrido Muñoz, University of Salamanca.

Registration for this event is free of charge. To register, please complete the following online form: <http://www.europedirectusal.es/eeas-conference>

For further information and a detailed programme, please consult the website here.



## Next event in CLEER Presidency lecture series: The experience of the Hellenic Presidency in the conduct of EU external relations

**18 September 2014**

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the next event in CLEER's now traditional series of events. HE Teresa Angelatou, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the Netherlands will present the results and experience of her country's recent Presidency at the helm of the EU Council. The event will be held at the T.M.C Asser Instituut. Participation is free, please register by sending an email to [conferencemanager@asser.nl](mailto:conferencemanager@asser.nl).

## New CLEER Publications

### CLEER Working Papers 2014/1

'EEAS 2.0: Recommendations for the amendment of Council Decision 2010/427/EU establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service' by Steven Blockmans & Christophe Hillion (eds.)



### CLEER Working Papers 2014/2

'External Dimension of the EU Counter-Terrorism Policy' by Ester Herlin-Karnell & Claudio Matera (eds.)

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