



### Upcoming conferences

- November 2010, The Hague:  
*The influence of international organizations on the European Union's legal order*
- May 2011, Brussels:  
*The inside looking out: EU regulatory impact on the international legal order*

### Members of the board

Dr. Steven Blockmans has joined the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies as an associate research fellow

### Faculty liaisons

- Dr. Christina Eckes  
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## EU external action and representation

On 9 July 2010, CLEER, in co-organisation with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, held a conference at the University Foundation in Brussels on the recent changes in the external action and representation of the European Union.

The conference could not be timelier, as only one day earlier the European Parliament had approved the package agreed to in the so-called 'Madrid quadrilogue', thereby ending –by and large– the political wrangling. The topical nature of the conference was reflected in the high level of attendance and the debates triggered by the insightful comments of a remarkable line-up of speakers representing the legal services of the Council, Commission and EP, as well as several Member States' ministries of foreign affairs, including that of the EU Presidency.

Renowned academic experts offered their analysis and constructive criticism on the two structural reforms brought about by the Treaty of Lisbon with regard to the external policy of the EU: (i) the rapprochement of the pre-Lisbon structures driving the previously called 'Community model' and the 'intergovernmental model', most tangibly embodied by Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission; and (ii) the creation of a European External Action Service (EEAS).

The inclusion of the latter in Article 27(3) TEU and mention that it should comprise officials from 'relevant departments' of the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council, as well as diplomats from the Member States, carried the obvious implication that the organisation and structures for external relations of EU institutions and Member States alike would be influenced by the emergence of the EEAS. In particular, the potential disappearance of most of the Commission's DG Relex meant that many questions pertaining to the management, programming and implementation of external action and representation would be on the table. Indeed, what will effectively be the policy realm of the EEAS? Will the EEAS become a genuine diplomatic service of the Union? Will it allow the EU to assert itself in a more efficient, coherent an effective manner on the international stage? Will the creation of the EEAS upset the Union's so-called 'institutional balance'?

These and many more questions were discussed at length at the CLEER-GGS-SIEPS conference on 9 July under the Chatham House Rule. The closing speech was delivered by Dr Luuk van Middelaar, member of the cabinet of the President of the European Council. The event was financially supported by the European Commission.





## Visiting researchers

Nicole Betz (Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg) spent a three-month research stay at CLEER, hosted by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. On 22 June, she delivered a lecture on the law-making activities of EU international cooperation bodies and the judicial review applicable thereto.

*CLEER welcomes the submission of applications for research stays on the email address below.*

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## New CLEER publications

### CLEER Legal Briefs

- CLEER Legal Brief, 4 May 2010, 'The Lisbon Treaty stipulations on Development Cooperation and the Council Decision of 25 March 2010 (Draft) establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service', by Simon Duke and Steven Blockmans

### CLEER Working Papers

- CLEER Working Papers 2010/4: 'Trade remedies under Turkish law', by Müslüm Yılmaz
- CLEER Working Papers 2010/5: 'EULEX Kosovo – Mandate, structure and implementation: essential clarifications for an unprecedented EU mission', by Martina Spornbauer

*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 Books

- S. Blockmans, J. Wouters & T. Ruys (eds.), *The European Union and Peacebuilding: Policy and Legal Aspects* (The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Press 2010), 516 pp., in cooperation with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

## Funding

For the second year running, the European Commission (DG Education and Culture), has awarded a grant to CLEER under its Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning programme for the organisation of two international conferences.

*CLEER reaches out to other academic institutions to cooperate in national and European tenders for research funding and welcomes any initiatives in this respect.*

**Below:** Participants at the CLEER-GGS-SIEPS conference on 9 July 2010.

