

Events 2013

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Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)

22 February, CLEER-ICCT Conference: ‘The External Dimension of EU Counter-terrorism Policy’

The Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the ICCT-The Hague invited academics, legal and policy experts, policy makers, and stakeholders to Brussels on 22 February 2013 where they discussed some ten years of EU external action in countering terrorism.

19 April, CLEER Workshop on ‘EU environmental norms and third countries: the EU as a global role model?’

The workshop was the second event in CLEER’s research project ‘Commercial power Europe: advancing societal and environmental goals through trade relations’, implemented with the support of the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union. Academics, legal and policy experts, policy-makers, stakeholders and practitioners discussed the modalities of the EU employing trade and other instruments to promote sustainable development including protection of the environment. The collection of the presented papers was published in the CLEER Working Papers series.

CLEER Presidency lecture series

The Presidency lecture series, initiated in 2011, complements the events organised by Asser/CLEER. It focuses on a specific segment of EU external actions: the role of the incumbent EU Council presidencies in coordination and leadership in regional and global issues.

The Presidency lecture series has, to date, reviewed the experiences of the Hungarian (2011), Polish (2012), Danish (2012), Cyprus (2013) and Irish (2013) presidencies of the EU Council in the area of EU external relations. Representatives of ambassadorial rank provided clear insights to the major challenges and achievements in representation, negotiation and coordination at the helm of the EU Council.

The lecture series has been particularly successful in engaging the diplomatic contingent of EU countries posted in The Hague, giving them the opportunity to share their experiences with the broad networks of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and CLEER.

16 May, 'Experiences from the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU in the area of EU external relations'

6 November, 'Experiences of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of external relations'

6 December, Conference: 'Human security as a tool for a comprehensive approach to human rights and security linkages in EU Foreign policy'

This conference was the first event of CLEER's current project on 'Human Security: a new framework for enhanced human rights in the EU's foreign security and migration policies' which is being implemented with the support of the Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union. The project runs from 1 September 2013 until 31 August 2014 and aims at facilitating academic interaction in closely interrelated areas of EU external conduct, creating synergies between and raising awareness of global security concerns. The project will, specifically, integrate elements of EU external action in security, development and migration policies, through the paradigm of human security.

Asser International Sports Law Centre (AISLC)

6 February, Lunch & Learn 'Lance Armstrong Case'

Speaker: Herman Ram, *CEO Anti-Doping Authority Netherlands, the National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) for the Netherlands*

6 March, Roundtable discussion 'Online sportwedenschappen - perspectieven & uitdagingen voor de Nederlandse sport'

8 May, Lunch & Learn 'FIFA and DRC update'

Speaker: Frans de Weger, *legal counsel FBO, FIFA DRC Database*

27 May, Japanese Delegation of Lawyers visited Asser International Sports Law Centre

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Asser International Sports Law Centre, welcomed a delegation of lawyers representing the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations. They had been appointed to a "good governance in sports law research project", a special committee developed to focus on establishing the area of sports law in Japan. They came to Europe, and visited the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, to gain more knowledge in the area of sports law and sports governance, specifically.

During the visit, the leader of this "good governance in sports research project," Takuya Yamazaki, provided a presentation on the current state of sports law in Japan. Several members of the Asser International Sports Law Centre, including Dr. David McArdle, and Dr. Ben Van Rompuy as well as other key figures in the local sports law community gave presentations on sports law and governance related topics.

3 July, Lunch & Learn ‘The CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration, Selected questions and first experiences with its 2013 edition’

Speaker: Antonio Rigozzi, *University of Neuchâtel Law School*; Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, *Geneva*

25 September, Lunch & Learn ‘Self-Regulation or Regulation? What Can European Sports Learn from Jerry Sandusky?’

Speaker: David McArdle, *Stirling Law School/T.M.C. Asser Instituut*

13 November, Lunch & Learn 'The acquisition of economic rights of a football player' -The origins and scope of Third Party Investments in European football-

Speaker: Roberto Branco Martins, *lecturer international sports law University of Amsterdam, lawyer at the Amsterdam Bar, director and co-founder of Pro Agent and the European Football Agents Association (EFAA).*

11 December, Lunch & Learn ‘WADA Code 2015 – The Key Changes’

Speaker: Antonio Rigozzi, *University of Neuchâtel Law School*; Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, *Geneva*

International Humanitarian Law/International Criminal Law

10-11 January, Conference ‘The Boundaries of the Battlefield: A Critical Look at the Legal Paradigms and Rules in Countering Terrorism’

Conference organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague, in cooperation with the International Humanitarian and Criminal Law Platform, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Municipality of The Hague and The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The conference addressed issues related to uses of force and how these may affect and define the geographic and temporal scope and limitations of the laws of armed conflict in relation to counterterrorism. Besides this main theme, which operates within the armed conflict paradigm, the conference also discussed and assessed the law-enforcement paradigm.

28 June, Second PhD Day IHCL Platform

On 28 June 2013, the IHCL Platform organised its second PhD Day. The IHCL Platform is a research initiative on international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Its members are the University of Amsterdam, the VU University Amsterdam, Leiden University and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

12 November, Launch International Crimes Database

www.internationalcrimesdatabase.org

On 12 November 2013, a new database on international crimes, the International Crimes Database (ICD), was launched at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague.

The ICD website, hosted and maintained by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague and supported by the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague, offers a comprehensive database on international crimes adjudicated by national, as well as international and internationalised courts.

Supranational Criminal Law (SCL) Lectures

Together with our partners the Grotius Centre (Leiden University Campus The Hague) and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), the Section of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organises the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series. The Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series is a weekly lecture series (every Wednesday at 7 pm) which spotlights aspects of international criminal law of current interest. The series runs for two seasons each year (Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer).

30 January, 'Palestine and international (criminal) law: progress and challenges?'

Speaker: Shawan Jabarin, *General Director Al-Haq*

6 February, 'When Judges Violate the Rome Statute: Regulation 55 and the Legal Recharacterization of Facts at the ICC'

Speaker: Dov Jacobs, *Assistant Professor in International Law, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University*

11 February, 'Rome Statute Plus or Minus? Assessing the Proposal for an African Regional Court to Prosecute International Crimes'

Speaker: Charles C. Jalloh, *Assistant Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, former Legal Advisor to the Office of the Principal Defender at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and formerly court-appointed interim defence counsel to former-President Charles Taylor.*

26 September, 'The Role of the Ombudsperson for the Security Council Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and the Effectiveness of her Office'

Speaker: Kimberly Prost, *Ombudsperson for the Security Council Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee*

9 October, 'The Crime of Aggression: Who's Fooling Whom? The History and Current Status of the Crime of Aggression Before the ICC'

Speaker: Donald M. Ferencz, *Visiting Professor, Middlesex University School of Law, London Convenor, The Global Institute for the Prevention of Aggression, Director, Planethood Foundation*

13 November, 'The Importance of Narratives in International Criminal Processes: A Focus on the Bemba-Banyamulenge Case before the ICC'

Speaker: Dr. Felix Mukwiza Ndahinda, *Assistant Professor, International Victimology Institute, Tilburg University*

3 December, 'International criminal law and the legal framework for peace in Colombia'

Speakers: Judge Sylvia H. Steiner, *International Criminal Court* and Prof. dr. Héctor Olasolo, *Chair in International Law (El Rosario University, Colombia) and Chairman of the Ibero-American Institute of The Hague (IIH)*

18 December, 'Trials in absentia and international criminal justice - from Nuremberg to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon'

Speaker: Michel Raffray, *Former Investigative Judge, Trial Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor, Special Tribunal for Lebanon*

HILAC Law and Armed Conflict Lecture Series

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.

9 January, ‘The Law of War and Military Operations in the Courtroom: Thoughts from the Gotovina Case’

Professor Laurie Blank, Director of the International Humanitarian Law Clinic at Emory University School of Law, spoke about the linkages between international criminal accountability and the conduct of military operations, especially with respect to the recent ICTY Gotovina case.

29 January, ‘The Changing and Unchanging Law of War’

Professor Emeritus Yoram Dinstein addressed the ways in which law in general, and international humanitarian law in particular, adapts to changing realities.

15 October, ‘Armed Conflict and International Law: In Search of the Human Face’

Special book launch evening in its Law and Armed Conflict Lecture Series.

Speakers: Prof. Marcel Brus, Prof. Terry Gill, Dr. Brigit Toebes, Dr. Mariëlle Matthee, Jeroen van den Boogaard LL.M., Rogier Bartels LL.M.

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

30 August, Roundtable discussion on the ‘exodus’ of European Foreign Fighters to Syria

This roundtable, organised in cooperation with The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague, looked at the ‘exodus’ of European Foreign Fighters to Syria, a truly international problem and the reason why the Netherlands, for example, has increased the national terrorism threat level to ‘substantial’.

Other

9 January, Lunch lecture ‘Principles of EU environmental law in primary legislation and in the ECJ practical interpretation’

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Gyula Bándi, *Pázmány Péter Catholic University, guest researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut*

18 January, 4th Hague Prize Colloquium on International Law in honour of Professor Dr. Paul Lagarde

Organised in cooperation with The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law, in honour of Professor Dr. Paul Lagarde.

24 April, International Teleconference Bridge on ‘Legal Aspects of Fight against Corruption: Russian and European Experience’

Within the framework of the 300 years Netherlands-Russia relations, on 24 April 2013 the T.M.C. Asser Instituut convened an online seminar entitled “Legal aspects of fight against corruption: Russian and European experience” together with Kazan University (Russia) and Maastricht University. Speakers from the three universities discussed various aspects of the fight against corruption in Russia, the Netherlands and the European Union. The speakers and other participants at the three venues could all see and hear each other through teleconferencing equipment. From the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Wybe Douma, Leendert Erkelens and Steffen van der Velde presented papers.

6 September, Conference ‘Criminal law protection of the European Union’s financial interests: a shared constitutional responsibility of the EU and its Member States?’

This conference offered the first opportunity to academia together with representatives of the EU Member States and EU institutions to evaluate the legislative proposal of the European Commission with regard to establishing the European Public Prosecutor Office.