

NETWORKS & EVENTS

During the course of 2011, The T.M.C. Asser Instituut provided a full programme of events designed to enhance the knowledge and networks of the community it serves in The Hague, The Netherlands and beyond. These events have been responsible for bringing together various communities (leading legal scholars, faculties, students, policy makers, practitioners and other professionals) and delivering rich content to these specific interest groups on-time and to specification, whilst providing participants with the opportunity to convene, share, discuss and explore current and new knowledge and developments relevant to their specific interest areas.

Broader networks include Asser's participation and involvement with The Hague Institute for Global Justice (THIGJ), The Hague Academic Coalition (HAC), The Netherlands Association for International Law (NVIR), The International Centre for Counter Terrorism, The Hague (ICCT), and more.

In 2011, we conceived and delivered some 50 Lectures, Conferences, Seminars and Round Tables to more than 2,000 registered attendees, often in partnership with other organisations.

Overview of events:

- **CLEER**
- **Sports law**
- **IHL/ICL**
- **HILAC**
- **CEPIL**
- **Supranational Lectures Series Season Autumn/Winter 2011**
- **ICCT**
- **Moot Courts**
- **Other**
- **Lectures and Conferences by Asser staff members**

CLEER

18 February 2011. CLEER Guest Lecture "The stabilization and association Process (Relations between EU and Western Balkans)", Stockholm

17 March 2011. CLEER Public Lecture "Is the EU a Human Rights Organisation?" by Prof. dr. Allan Rosas, Judge at the European Court of Justice, The Hague

On 17 March, Prof. Allan Rosas, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union, delivered the first Annual CLEER Lecture. Prof. Martin Kuijter, Senior Counsel at the Ministry of Security and Justice, responded to Rosas' central question 'Is the EU a human rights organisation'. A lively discussion among the 100 participants was moderated by Dr. Wybe Douma. The Embassy of Finland, co-organiser of the lecture, hosted a reception at which Ambassador Korhonen expressed his satisfaction with the success of the event.

16 - 18 March 2011. NGO Forum on International Justice, The Hague

From 16 to 18 March 2011, Justice Without Frontiers Lebanon organized a training for 20 Lebanese NGOs about International Criminal Justice. The training provided participants with information about international criminal law and the role of the relevant international institutions with a seat in The Hague. The training organized by T.M.C. Asser Instituut for 25 Lebanese NGOs for Justice without Frontiers (Lebanon) and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

27 May 2011. CLEER Conference “The European Union’s Shaping of the International Legal Order”, Brussels

On 27 May 2011 the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) organized a seminar in Brussels. In a series of conferences, CLEER explores the mutual influence between the EU and the international legal order. The first event held in November 2009, looked at the influence of the international legal order on the EU, whereas the second conference, held in November 2010, examined the influence of international organizations on the EU. Building on the success of these events the May 2011 CLEER conference will be dedicated to the study of the interaction between the European and the international legal order from an opposing perspective, focusing on exploring the influence of the EU legal order on the development and functioning of international law.

28 June 2011. Conference “The EU as a Polity in International Law”, The Hague

The purpose of this conference was to discuss whether the Lisbon Treaty has overcome this dilemma by constructing the EU as a democratic polity without turning the Union into a state. If so, what are the consequences for the place of the EU as a polity in international law and for its role in international relations? From the outset, the process of European integration has been faced with a conceptual problem concerning the end goal or finalité politique of the project. Were the EU and its predecessors meant to form a confederation, which had to establish itself as a Europe of Nation-States, or should the member states ultimately merge into a United States of Europe? This dilemma, which has been described already by Immanuel Kant in his 1795 essay Perpetual Peace, has led to a perennial stalemate in the debate about the nature and goal of the Union. The organisers of this event were T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Carnegie Stichting/Peace Palace Library, Euroknow and CLEER.

13-14 October 2011. CLEER Conference “The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?”, Copenhagen

The conference brought together academics and practitioners to critically reflect on the future of the European Union in shaping emerging new regimes of governance regulating economic, environmental, and security aspects of global life. This event was organized by the Centre for European Constitutionalization at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen; the European Research in Copenhagen Initiative (EURECO) and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Stud-ies, with the support of the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER).

27 October 2011. CLEER Guest Lecture “Experiences of the Hungarian EU Presidency: a legal assessment”, The Hague

CLEER and the Embassy of the Hungary Republic The Hague co-organized this lecture by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai, Legal Service, Council of the European Union. The role of every Presidency in office in the successful working of the Council of the EU is crucial, although, beyond any doubt, it is changing over the time, and, of course, in the context of the changes to the founding Treaties. This changing character of the Presidency role is especially significant after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, since it has substantially changed the Presidency functions. Hungary, which delivered her

first EU Presidency, after the 2004 accession to the EU, in the first half of 2011, being in trio-presidency with Spain and Belgium, also had to face all the challenges (including the legal ones), brought about by the Lisbon Treaty in this respect.

Sports Law

14 February 2011. Conference “European Social Dialogue in Professional Basketball”, Brussels

A conference on European Social Dialogue in Professional Basketball, co-organized by Euroleague Basketball and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, attracted 60 guests from around the continent to Brussels, Belgium. Those in attendance - representatives from clubs, leagues and other stakeholders - initiated a discussion aimed at establishing a framework to standardize and consolidate the relationships between employers and employees in European professional basketball. The event marked the first time in recent history that so many different entities within European basketball were present and openly discussing such important aspects of the sport.

17 February 2011. Tenth Asser International Sports Law Seminar “Have Sportsmen and Sportswomen from other EU member states the right to participate in the National Championships of your country?”, The Hague

According to the White Paper on Sport (2007), some Member States and sports organisations signaled their preoccupations with the situation of competitions involving individual sportspersons and leading to the conferment of National Championship titles. On cultural grounds, they are of the opinion that the conferment of such titles should be reserved for nationals of the Member States within which the competition takes place. Having regard to the growing number of questions and complaints addressed to the Commission by European citizens, informing it of restrictions on access to sports activities and/or sports competitions in certain Member states and in various sports, in 2009 the Commission launched a study to analyse all aspects of this complex issue. Very recently the final report on the “Study on Equal Treatment of Non-Nationals in Individual Sports Competitions” was submitted to the Commission by a research team consisting of representatives of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, and the Law Faculties of Edge Hill University, United Kingdom and the University of Leiden. In this seminar, the findings of the Study were presented for further discussion.

30 September 2011: International Sports Law Meeting (Interuniversity kick off of research programme)

IHL/ICL

21 January 2011. IHL Conference “On the Front-Line of Accountability – War Reporting and Related Contemporary Issues in International Humanitarian and Criminal Law”, The Hague

Organized as part of the launch activities of the Inter-Faculty Research Platform on International Criminal and Humanitarian Law initiated by the University of Amsterdam, the TMC Asser Instituut, Leiden University and the Free University Amsterdam, this conference examined interrelated issues pertaining to the multi-layered relationship between the media – specifically war correspondents – and the existing legal framework of international humanitarian (IHL) and international criminal law

(ICL).

30 August 2011. 4TH Annual International Conference “Nuclear Dilemmas: Present and Future”, The Hague

Together with the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organized this one-day conference on nuclear dilemmas at the Peace Palace in The Hague. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uri Rosenthal and Kanat Saudabayev, Secretary of State of Kazakhstan gave a keynote speech before 250 participants. Uri Rosenthal noted that *"the conference co-organized by Kazakhstan and the Netherlands was a symbol of the intense and close relations between the two countries, especially in such important issues as nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament"*. The conference addressed the following problematic: Disarmament challenges in a changing world; Non-proliferation and strengthening the enforcement regime; Nuclear renaissance: need for a new safety & security pillar?

28 & 29 January. Conference “Common Civility. International Criminal Law as a Cultural Hybrid”, The Hague

The object of the conference on Common Civility was to contribute to further development of ICL by the exchange of thoughts between legal scholars, practitioners and social scientists. It focused on the crucial point all kinds of international and internationalised tribunals have in common: Their effectiveness and thus their ability to carry out their task, i.e. to end impunity for the worst crimes known to humanity, depend to a great extent on the functionality of their procedural law. This finding led to an increasing debate on how to guarantee a fair and efficient trial by safeguarding the observance

HILAC

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7 November. HILAC Conference “Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict: Testing the Adequacy of International Law”, The Hague

On 7 November, the day after the official United Nations ‘International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict’, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in cooperation with the two other pillars of HILAC (the Hague Initiative for Law and Armed Conflict), the (Amsterdam Center for International Law of the) University of Amsterdam and the Netherlands Red Cross organized a conference with the title ‘Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict: Testing the Adequacy of International Law’.

CEPIL

7 October 2011: PhD Meeting Private International Law

On 7 October 2011 the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organized a PhD candidates' meeting with the theme: *'Europeanization of Private International Law'*. The primary purpose of the event was to provide PhD candidates with similar academic interests the opportunity to meet and learn about each other's research.

SCL Lecture Series

25 January 2011. SCL Lectures Series: Presentation of the Book "Essays on International Criminal Justice" by Prof. dr. Héctor Olásolo (Hart Publishers, 2012)

Followed by a debate on the challenges faced by Pre-Trial Chamber I in the first proceedings ever before the International Criminal Court.

Speakers: Judge Sylvia Steiner, President of the ICC Pre-Trial Division; Member of ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I from 2003 to 2012.

Judge Akua Kuenheyia, Member of the ICC Appeals Chamber; Member of ICC Pre-Trial Chamber from 2003 to 2009.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Prof. dr. Héctor Olásolo, Professor of International Criminal Law and Procedure, Utrecht University, Chairman of the Iberoamerican Institute of the Hague for Peace, Human Rights and International Justice, Legal Officer at ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I from 2004 to 2010.

7 September 2011. SCL Lectures Series "Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal"

Batya Friedman - Professor at the Information School of the University of Washington

21 September 2011. SCL Lectures Series "African support to the ICC"

Evelyn Ankumah - Founding Executive Director of Africa Legal Aid

27 September 2011. SCL Lectures Series Book Launch "International Humanitarian Law and Terrorism"

Andrea Bianchi - Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
& *Yasmin Naqvi - Legal Officer, ICTY*

5 October 2011. SCL Lectures Series "Fighting Impunity in Uganda: Prospects for ICC and domestic prosecutions"

Freda Apio - Coordinator of the Uganda Coalition for the ICC

19 October 2011. SCL Lectures Series "ICC: The Role of the President of the Assembly of States Parties"

H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser - President of the Assembly of States Parties, ICC

2 November 2011. SCL Lectures Series “Child Soldiers and the Lubanga case”

Olivia Struyven - Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor, ICC

9 November 2011. SCL Lectures Series “Procedural Justice? Victim Participation in International Criminal Proceedings”

Brianne McGonigle Leyh - Researcher, Utrecht University

16 November 2011. SCL Lectures Series “Drifting into the Arena of the Unwell: The Righteous Dysfunction of International Criminal Law”

Niamh Hayes - PhD candidate, Irish Centre for Human Rights

23 November 2011. SCL Lectures Series UN Convention Against Torture: Committee Against Torture Attempts to Define Effective Rights to a Remedy and Reparation”

Carla Ferstman - Director of REDRESS

30 November 2011. SCL Lectures Series “Ensuring fair international trials: Prospects and challenges”

Joeri Maas - Chef de Cabinet, STL

& Xavier-Jean Keita - Principal Counsel, ICC

7 December 2011. SCL Lectures Series “Male captus bene detentus? Surrendering suspects to the International Criminal Court”

Christophe Paulussen - Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

14 December 2011. SCL Lectures Series “A Defence Counsel at the ICC : Life, Loves and Grumbles”

David Hooper - Defence Counsel, ICC

ICCT

21 February 2011: Expert Meeting Joint Investigation Teams: “Added Value, Opportunities and Obstacles in the Struggle against Terrorism”

28 February 2011 : ICCT study Legitimacy and Effect of Counter-terrorism Strategies versus Human Rights

22 March 2011: Expert Meeting ICCT Extradition & Diplomatic Assurances

30 March 2011 : Expert meeting ICCT Terrorists on Trial

15 June 2011: Lecture: by Prof. Michael Scharf Case Western Reserve University School of Law The definition of Terrorism and the STL's Appellate Judgment

30 June 2011: Tim Mc Cormack Guest Lecture

21-26 August 2011: ICCT Summer School Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World

26 August 2011: Panel Discussion: The Consequences of the Norway Attacks for (Counter)-Terrorism Strategies

3 November 2011: Ethical Issues in Counter-Terrorism - Seminar & Book Launch

23 November 2011: Seminar Terrorists on Trial: The Lockerbie Case

8-9 December 2011: Conference on Rehabilitation and Reintegration

13 December 2011: Seminar Terrorists on Trial: The Case of Zarema Muzhakhtoyeva

16 December 2011: Political Transition and Stability on the Borders of the Union: Morocco and North Africa

Moot Courts

4-5 February 2011. Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2011, The Hague

On 4 and 5 February, the 34th Dutch qualifying round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition took place at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague. Utrecht University won a place in the Jessup International Competition which took place on 20-26 March in Washington DC.

Participating teams :

- Universiteit van Amsterdam. Teamcoach: Dov Jacobs
- Universiteit Leiden. Teamcoach: Freya Baetens
- Universiteit van Maastricht. Teamcoach: Phyllis Livaha & Tabe Dwinger
- Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam. Teamcoach: Jeroen Temperman
- Universiteit van Tilburg. Teamcoach: Nicola Jagers
- Universiteit Utrecht. Teamcoach: Olivier Ribbelink

Subsidizers of the 2011 competition were :

- Gemeente Den Haag
- Röling Foundation
- Stichting Fonds voor de Geld- en Effectenhandel
- BarentsKrans
- Asser Press

Other

9 December 2011: 100 years Nobel Peace Prize Tobias Asser

2011 marked the 100th anniversary of the receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize by the Dutch lawyer, Mr. Tobias Asser. Asser was the first, and until now the only, Dutch citizen to be honoured with this prestigious prize. This achievement was commemorated during a special conference held in the Peace Palace, The Hague on 9 December, 2011. The aim of the conference was to reflect on Asser's legal and political heritage and at the same time to address the lessons to be learned from Asser in dealing with contemporary global challenges.

14 October. Research Seminar: "Judicial creativity at the international criminal tribunals"

On 14 November 2011, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague organized a Research Seminar in the framework of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research. The chosen topic was 'Judicial Creativity at the International Criminal Tribunals', and was built on the research reflected in the book of the same title, edited by Shane Darcy and Joseph Powderly (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Lectures and Conferences by Asser staff members

In 2010 members of the Asser Research staff have once again facilitated university needs by contribution to both undergraduate and graduate LLM degree programmes as well as delivering single lectures in the following Universities and institutions:

University of Groningen, University of Utrecht, University of Leuven, University of Amsterdam, University of Nijmegen, University of Twente, Hague University of Applied Science, Wuhan University China and Lex Sportiva Instituta, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Steven Blockmans

- 21 January 2011, "Beyond conferral: policy reach of the EEAS", RELEX Working Group, 'Ever-Closer in Brussels, Ever-Closer in the World? EU External Action After the Lisbon Treaty', European University Institute, Florence
- 4 February 2011, "EU-Neighbours relations after the Lisbon Treaty", Conference on "EU External Relations Law One Year Post-Lisbon", University of Bristol
- 18 February 2011, "Tough Love: relations between the EU and the Western Balkans", MA course on EU External Relations, University of Stockholm
- 2 March 2011, "Conclusion of International Agreements", Guest lecture, MA course on EU External Relations, University of Leuven
- 30 March 2011, "Legal approximation techniques in the area of EU transport policy", Training course for Serbian civil servants, College d'Europe, Bruges
- 15 April 2011, "The European External Action Service: facilitating or complicating EU diplomacy?", Advanced Issues on European Law, "The First Year of the Treaty of Lisbon: Consolidation and Enlargement", Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik
- 12 May 2011, "The relationship between domestic federalisation processes and EU law", Conference on "Federalism and the European Union", Antwerp University and University of Leuven, Leuven
- 20 May 2011, "Aiming for consistency in EU external assistance towards neighbouring countries: legal and bureaucratic constraints", 17th Annual Conference of the Hungarian Political Science Association "Structures and Futures of Europe", Central European University, Budapest
- 23 May 2011, "CFSP and CSDP", Guest lecture, MA course on EU External Relations, Maastricht University
- 27 May 2011, "The EU's Influence in Shaping the Prime Subjects of International Law", CLEER Conference "The European Union's Shaping of the International Legal Order", University Foundation, Brussels
- 20 June 2011, "External Norm Promotion Post-Lisbon", SIEPS Research Workshop on "The Implications of the New EU Treaties on the Institutions and Policies of the Union's External Action", Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Stockholm

- 5 September 2011, “EU Development Policy to 2020: managing policy linkages in a new institutional setting”, UACES Conference “Exchanging Ideas on Europe”, Robinson College, Cambridge
- 16 September 2011, “EU Support for Justice Sector Reform in the Western Balkans”, COST GGS Conference, “Promoting the (international) rule of law in states in transition: the practice of the EU”, Brussels
- 27 September 2011, “CSDP and the leadership structure: potential impact of the EEAS”, 7th High Level Course Konrad Adenauer, European Security and Defence College, Brussels
- 13 October 2011, “EU Support for Peace and Status Processes”, EURECO-GGS-CLEER Conference on “The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?”, University of Copenhagen
- 10 November 2011, “The EU as a global justice provider: conflict prevention and peace diplomacy”, Hague Academic Coalition Annual Conference on “From Peace to Justice: Diplomacy of Reconciliation. Rethinking International ethics and leadership in the spirit of Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)”, The Hague
- 2 December 2011, “The limits of EU enlargement conditionality”, IDM Annual Conference, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Hotel Rogner, Tirana

Wybe Douma

- 11 February - 4 March, Guest lectures “European Environmental Law”, Groningen
- 28 April, Lecture / interview on The EU response to the financial crisis
- April-June, Training judicial academy Serbia (IPA), Serbia
- 5 May, Presenting findings in the project Application of the Precautionary Principle in EU Chemicals Regulation to stakeholders, Brussels
- 12 May, Conference “Handeln oder abwarten? Der Nexus Migration und Klimawandel in der Diskussion”, Nurnberg
- 17 May, Guest Lecture on the Harmonisation of national law through EU environmental law
- 19-20 May, "European Environmental Law Forum Kick-off Symposium: Key Challenges and Developments of Environmental Law", Leipzig
- 29 May, “The inside looking out: EU regulatory impact on the international legal order”, Seminar Centre for the Law of the EU and External Relations (CLEER)
- 27 May, “The inside looking out: EU regulatory impact on the international legal order”, Seminar Center for the Law of the EU and External Relations (CLEER), Brussels
- 9 Jun, Course EU Law
- 13-17 June, Training-of-Trainers, EU substantive law, Mavrovo
- 25 August-7 September, "Montesquieu Instituut Summer Conference
- 6 September, Expert meeting “Europa, Europa”
- 21 September, Symposium on Environmental Refugees and Peace
- 21-29 September, In company training Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management on Treaty Law
- 27 October, CLEER Guest Lecture 'Experiences of the Hungarian EU Presidency: a legal assessment' by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai, Legal Service, Council of the European Union.
- 13-14 October CLEER Conference “The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?”, Copenhagen
- 17-19 October "Kiev Training programme Legal Implications of Better Regulation", Kiev

- 19-21 October, "Understanding Responsibilities and Knowledge in Environmental Risk Regulation", Nordic Environmental Law, Governance and Science Network Workshop, Lund, Sweden

Karen Jones

- 24 August, Sports Law Panel, International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) Conference, Amsterdam
- 12-14 September, "United States Sports Law Model", Sports Law & Policy Certificate Program, Leuven, Belgium
- 27-30 September, "United States Sports Law Model and What is Sports Law?", XVII International Sports Law Congress, IASL, Moscow, Russia
- 30 November, Inter-University Cooperative (IRIS), The Hague

Vesna Lazic

- 25 January, 'Commission's Proposal to Amend the Arbitration Exception in the EC Brussels Jurisdiction Regulation: Reasons to abandon it', presentation at the Conference 'Nieuwste ontwikkelingen in Europees Internationaal Procesrecht: implicaties voor de internationale procespraktijk', T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague
- 14-25 March, 'Regulation (EC) on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations (Rome I)' and 'International Commercial Arbitration: Supervision and Support by National Courts', Training of Judiciary Serbia MATRA: The Right to Judicial Protection: Administration of Justice in Cross-border Disputes, Novi Sad, Serbia
- 17 June, 'Is there the need to Amend the Arbitration Exception in the EC Jurisdiction Regulation', Conference organised by the Zagreb and Rijeka Law Faculty (Centre of Excellence), Opatija, Croatia
- 23 September, 'Revising the *Lis pendens* rule in the EC Brussels Jurisdiction Regulation', Conference on private international law organised by the Skopje Law Faculty, Skopje, Macedonia
- 24 October – 4 November, 'Regulation (EC) on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations (Rome I) and 'International Commercial Arbitration: Supervision and Support by National Courts') Training of Judiciary Serbia MATRA: The Right to Judicial Protection: Administration of Justice in Cross-border Disputes, Belgrade, Serbia

Claudio Matera

- 22 March, Expert Meeting ICCT "Extradition & Diplomatic Assurances", The Hague
- 30 March, Expert meeting ICCT "Terrorists on Trial", The Hague
- 29 May-25 June, Summer Law Program in The Hague, International Criminal Law, Terrorism in the 21st Century, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague
- 15 June, "The definition of terrorism and the STL's Appellate Judgment", Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- 30 June, Tim Mc Cormack Guest Lecture , The Hague
- 21-26 August, "ICCT Summer School Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World", The Hague
- 26 August, Panel Discussion: "The Consequences of the Norway Attacks for (Counter)-Terrorism Strategies", T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- 26-27 September, Kiev Training programme “Legal Implications of Better Regulation”, Kick off Workshop
- 13-14 October, CLEER Conference “The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?”, Copenhagen
- 21 November-2 December, MTEC Legislation, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague

Karolien Pieters

- April 2011, Study Visit of delegation of the Vietnamese Competition Authority (VCA), department Consumer Protection, The Hague
- May 2011, Training Judicial Academy Macedonia: Direct effect and Supremacy of EU Law, together with S. Blockmans, Ohrid
- November 2011, Training Judicial Academy Macedonia: The EU internal market and EU Competition Law, together with W. Douma, Skopje
- November 2011, Training Judicial Academy Macedonia: Preliminary Procedure and Direct Actions, together with A. Lazowski, Skopje
- 28-29 Augustus 2011, "Vietnam III Training Course on Investigation Skills in Merger Cases for the Vietnamese Competition Authority", with D. Hesseling and B. Vroomen, members of the Dutch Competition Authority
- 13-14 October 2011, Attendance of "CLEER Conference The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?", Copenhagen

Olivier Ribbelink

- 20 January, Commentaar Griekse radio over Griekse interventie ICJ Case Germany v Italy
- 21 February, Lecture Int Inst Air & Space Law, University of Leiden, on Unidroit Space Assets Protocol
- 19-27 March, Washington DC+O15
- 30 March, "Expert meeting ICCT Terrorists on Trial", The Hague
- 10 May, Commemoration, "The National", Abu Dhabi
- 8 June, Symposium Embassy Colombia (in coop with WCRI, American University) on Expediting Proceedings ICC
- 10 June, Inauguration HIGL, The Hague
- 15 June, comm. Reformatorisch Dagblad, on Mladic Trial & intent genocide
- 31 August, Lecture Summer Course Space Policy and Law, European Centre Space Law (ESA), Rijeka, Croatia
- 26 September, comm. BNR Newsradio
- 30 September, Lecture on ICJ for JOVD - The Hague
- 10 November, (Closed) Round Table on Nuclear Safety and Security, Utrecht
- 14 November, Research Day NL Research School Human Rights, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague
- 9 December, Conference 100 Years T.M.C. Asser Nobel Peace Prize, The Hague
- 13 December, Interview (by Skype) for TV program "Porta" in Macedonia on Judgment ICJ case FYROM v Greece

Michiel de Rooij

- 29 November and 15 December, Lectures on “International Alimentation”, LBIO, Rotterdam

Prof. Dr. Rob Siekmann

- 10 June 2011, "Inaugural lecture on “What is Sports Law? A Reassessment of Content and Terminology”, delivered upon the acceptance as Extraordinary Professor of International And European Sports Law at the School of Law of Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 24-25 June 2011, "Opening address on “What s Sports law? A Reassessment of Content and Terminology” at 12. Interuniversitäre Tagung Sportrecht [12th Interuniversity Sports Law Conference], Nuremberg-Erlangen, Germany
- 24 October 2011, “Reinforcement of active citizenship through participation in a team, organization of amateur sport based on non-profit clubs and volunteering in the EU (particularly in The Netherlands)”, Workshop on EU Economic and Social Dimensions of Sport organized in co-operation with the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan Armenia
- 31 October-11 November 2011, “International and European Sports Law: Capita Selecta”, at the School of Law of Shandong University of Finance and Economics, Jinan, China
- 7 and 9 November 2011, Presentation of Guest lecture on “The Concept of the Specificity of Sport in EU Law and beyond”, School of Law, Shandong University, and Shandong Sport University, Jinan, China

Tamara Takacs

- 27 October, CLEER guest lecture 'Experiences of the Hungarian EU Presidency: a legal assessment' by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai, T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- 13-14 October, CLEER Conference “The Legal Dimension of Global Governance: What Role for the EU?”, Copenhagen
- 17-19 October, "Kiev Training programme Legal Implications of Better Regulation", Kiev
- 7-18 November, MTEC Administration of Justice, T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- 21 November - 2 December, MTEC Legislation, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

Jan Anne Vos

- 21, 22 September; 3 November, “International Maritime Convention Law in Theory and Practice”, In company Training, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management
- 19 October, “Relationship of international law and the domestic legal order”, Training in International Criminal Law for Judges and Prosecutors from Rwanda, T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- 1 November - 6 December, “Public International Law at the Time of the Liberation of Libya”, Colleges Inleiding Internationaal Recht, Nijmegen
- 10 November, “Perspectives on the Charter: From Hammarskjöld to Annan”, HAC Commemorative Conference on Peace Diplomacy, Global Justice and International Agency: Rethinking Human Security and Ethics in the Spirit of Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961), Peace Palace
- 14 November, “ Relationship between international law and the domestic legal order: recent trends”, 5-day Course on International Law, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- 15 December, “International Criminal Law: Corruption, Money Laundering, Financing of Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime”, Training Academy of Judges and Prosecutors, Macedonia

Social Media network

In 2011 we joined the social media platform Twitter, where we now have a total of 612 followers. We also continued to expand our network on LinkedIn to 81 members.

Asser Websites

The following sites are part of the Asser Portal (www.asser.nl):

- T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- T.M.C. Asser Press (www.asserpress.nl)
- Nederlands Internationaal Privaatrecht On-line (www.nipr-online.eu)
- Private International Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Public International Law
- International Humanitarian Law / International Criminal Law (www.wihl.nl)
- European Law
- European Environmental Law (www.eel.nl)
- Asser International Sports Law Centre (www.sportslaw.nl)
- European Arrest Warrant Project (www.eurowarrant.net)
- Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (www.cleer.eu)
- Centre for European Private International Law (www.cepil.eu)
- Asser E-learning environment (www.asserversity.nl)

Information systems and databases

The following information systems/databases are regularly updated with the documentation and information collected by information and documentation specialists and trainees of the Institute.

- Decisions of the Court of Justice of the EU and the Court of First Instance of the EU and the EFTA Court
- EU-cases on European Environmental law
- EC-directives and framework decisions: implementation by the Netherlands
- Proposals for EC-directives and framework decisions
- EU-enlargement agreements
- EU-literature
- Dutch case law on Private International Law
- Dutch literature on Private International Law
- Dutch legislation on Private International Law
- Treaties on Private International Law

- Legal practice on Private International Law
- Treaties on Public International Law
- Dutch State Practice
- Dutch case law on Public International Law
- Dutch literature on Public International Law
- Terminology Public International Law
- International Humanitarian Law documents
- International Transport Treaties
- EU-doping rules
- Comparative database on the Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant

The information systems are being made available on CD-ROM (SDU: Register Officiële Publicaties / Europamaat) and/or the intranet and Internet of the institute.

Information projects and services

On a contractual basis information services have been provided to:

- Corvers Procurement Services
 1. EU legislation, policy documents and case law of the Court of Justice of the EC on procurement measures of the EU are delivered monthly to Corvers Procurement Services.
 2. Dutch case law on procurement issues is delivered weekly to Corvers Procurement Services.
- SDU

The cooperation with the SDU in the delivery of information on the implementation of EC-directives by the Netherlands and the case law of the Court of Justice of the EC for the purpose of the two CD-ROM publications *CD-JURIS Europa* and *Register Officiële Publicaties* and the online information system *Europamaat* was continued.

Hosting services

The Institute continued to host the following sites:

- Hague Justice Portal (www.haguejusticeportal.net)
- Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise (www.hfje.nl)
- Judicap (www.judicap.nl)
- NVIR (www.nvir.org)