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CLEER Presidency Lecture series:

“The experience of the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations”

25 February, The Hague



On 25 February, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Centre for the Law of the EU External Relations (CLEER), in cooperation with the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in The Netherlands, organised a conference on the experience of the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations. The conference, which saw the participation of many important personalities of the diplomatic services and of academia, was chaired by Luca Pantaleo, Senior Researcher in EU law and former Programme Coordinator of CLEER. The speakers were H.E. Mr.

Pierre-Louis Lorenz, Ambassador of Luxembourg to the Netherlands and Prof. Arjen Meij Visiting Research Fellow at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Guest Professor of the University of Luxembourg and former judge of the General Court of the EU and of the Netherlands Supreme Court.

Book Launch

Foreign Policy Objectives in European Constitutional Law

by Joris Larik

21 April 2016, The Hague

The Centre for Law of EU External Relations at the T.M.C. Asser Institute, in collaboration with Leiden University College (LUC) and The Hague Institute for Global Justice, organised the book launch for Dr. Joris Larik's new monograph 'Foreign Policy Objectives in European Constitutional Law', which had just been published by Oxford University Press.

The book launch featured opening remarks by Prof. Kutsal Yesilkagit, Dean of the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs at Leiden University, followed by a panel of academics and practitioners to discuss some of the book's main themes and findings. Closing remarks have been provided by Dr. Abi Williams, President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice.



Presenting the first comprehensive account of foreign policy objectives as a growing part of European constitutional law, the book confronts the trend of enshrining international ambitions in the highest laws of states and the European Union. Closely examining the provisions of foreign policy objectives, it differentiates their legal force and functions, situating them into the overall legal order of the state, the EU, and the composite 'European constitutional space'. Larik argues that the codification of foreign policy objectives suggests a progression in the evolution of the role of the constitution: from limiting public authority to guiding it towards certain goals, both at home and in the wider world.



Summer School

3rd CLEER Summer School on EU External Relations Law

27 June - 1 July, Brussels

CLEER, in collaboration with the Maastricht University, organised the 3rd Summer School on EU External Relation Law, hosted in the Brussels Campus of the Maastricht University from Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July. The Summer School saw the enthusiastic participation of almost 20 student and young professionals from all over Europe. They had the chance to enjoy the contributions from many high-qualified professors and practitioners of different field of EU External Relations Law.

CLEER Papers

Tiptoeing to TTIP: What Kind of Agreement for What Kind of Partnership?

Luca Pantaleo, Wybe Douma and Tamara Takács
(eds.)

International Rulings and the EU Legal Order: Autonomy as Legitimacy?

Christina Eckes

Civil Society Meetings in European Union Trade Agreements: Features, Purposes, and Evaluation

Jan Orbie, Deborah Martens and Lore Van den Putte

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