

# Inter-university Research Activities 2015



## Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)

The Centre for the Law of EU External Relations ([CLEER](#)) has launched a research programme centred on the analysis of the reception of international law in the EU's legal order, the projection of EU law on the international plane and issues of coherence and consistency in EU external policy-making and implementation. International experts from academia and practice will further the debate on these issues in workshops, seminars and conferences before disseminating their findings in working papers made available to a global public via the website of CLEER and SSRN.

As such, CLEER's ambition is to stimulate excellence in research, reflection and teaching in EU external relations studies in higher education institutions within and outside the EU and to promote innovative solutions to practical challenges to the external dimension of the EU's legal order.

In 2015, CLEER organised a conference, 2 workshops, 2 Presidency Lectures, and published 2 new issues of its CLEER working paper series:

### **CLEER Paper 2015/1**

"ENP's Value Conditionality from Enlargements to Post-Crimea"

Dimitry Kochenov and Elena Basheska

### **CLEER Paper 2015/2**

"Apples and Oranges? Comparing the European Union Delegations to National Embassies"

Pia Kerres and Ramses A. Wessel

### **Events:**

- 2015 - December 11: EC-CLEER Conference on 'The institutional balance in the practice of the external relations of the European Union'
- 2015 - September 29: CLEER Presidency Lecture: 'The experience of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations'
- 2015 - June 22-23: 1st CLEER Graduate Workshop on 'Selected Issues of EU External Relations Law'
- 2015 - March 25: CLEER Presidency Lecture: 'The experience of the Italian Presidency of the EU Council in the field of external relations'
- 2015 - February 19-20: Joint Workshop organised by the *European University Institute*, the *ESIL Interest Group on The EU as a Global Actor* and the *Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)*

## The International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (IHCL) Platform

The [International Humanitarian and Criminal Law \(IHCL\) Platform](#) was established in 2010 and it currently consists of representatives from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut (which coordinates the Platform), the University of Amsterdam (in particular the Amsterdam Center for International Law), the VU University Amsterdam, Leiden University (in particular the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies), Groningen University, the Netherlands Defence Academy, Tilburg University and Maastricht University. The latter two joined the Platform on 22 June 2015.

The objective of the IHCL Platform is “to establish an academic network fostering research in the area of international criminal law and humanitarian law, providing an academic platform for discussion of relevant contemporary issues and legal questions for which there is, as yet, no fixed jurisprudential position”.

This important goal is realised through the Platform’s activities. In 2015, the IHCL Platform (co-) organised four events, namely:

- 4 December 2015: Livestreamed Launch Event ‘*The 1949 Geneva Conventions: A Commentary*’
- 22 October 2015: Book launch “*The War on Terror’ and the Framework of International Law*’
- 22 June 2015: Fourth IHCL Platform PhD Day
- 28 January 2015: launch of the Report *Unacceptable Risk: Use of explosive weapons in populated areas through the lens of three cases before the ICTY*
- 22 January 2015: Lunch lecture on dilemmas in asymmetrical warfare