

Joint Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), T.M.C. Asser Institute and Multidisciplinary International Network on Sanctions (MINOS) Conference: The European Union as a Sanctioning Actor: Legal and Institutional Developments

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Programme

09.15-09.30 Opening: E. Kassoti (T.M.C. Asser Institute, CLEER)

09.30-10.45 Panel 1: The Sanctions Practice of the Council

Chair: Peter van Elsuwege (Ghent University, CLEER, MINOS)

- Francesca Finelli (Luxembourg School of Business), Celia Challet (Ghent University), *Legal Strategies to Prevent Asset Lifting: Toward the Immobilisation of Russian Private Wealth in the EU?*
- Yuliya Miadzvetskaya (Université libre de Bruxelles), *The Council's Compliance with Judgments Annuling Restrictive Measures*
- Johannes Schaeffer (Berlin School of Economics and Law), *The EU on its Way to QMV-Based Sanctions?*

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Panel 2: EU Sanctions beyond the CFSP

Chair: Andrea Ott (Maastricht University, CLEER)

- Chloé Briere (Université libre de Bruxelles), *Targeting without conviction or criminal investigations: blurred boundaries between EU sanctions and criminal law*

- Kornel Olsthoorn (Houthoff), *Beyond unanimity: the legality of unilateral sanctions and CCP-based measures as alternatives to CFSP restrictive measures*
- Robert Richter (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg), *“Economic Emergency” Sanctions under Art. 122 TFEU and the case for CFSP institutional reform*
- Lukas Schaupp (EUI), Viktor Szép (University of Groningen), *Sanctions by Other Means? Banning Russian Gas between CFSP and CCP*

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-14.45 Panel 3: Sanctions: Investment and Arbitration

Chair: Eleftheria Neframi (University of Luxembourg, CLEER)

- Alexandros Bakos (Hamad Bin Khalifa University), *EU Sanctions and the Structural Securitisation of Investment Arbitration*
- Mark Konstantinidis (University of Luxembourg), *Sanctions and arbitration in EU law: Surfing the cross-currents*
- Peter Matuska (Comenius University), *EU Sanctions, BITs with Russia, and the Limits of Termination: The Case of Slovakia*

14.45-15.00 Coffee Break

15.00-16.30 Panel 4: Enforcement of Sanctions

Chair: Ramses Wessel (University of Groningen, CLEER)

- Petr Bartoš (K&L Gates), *Allocation of the Evidentiary Burden in Sanctions-Affected Civil Disputes*
- Sofia Minichova (Risk Analyst, Modulr), Douglas D'sa (Onboarding & Monitoring Specialist, Flow Traders), *A Regime Without a Centre: Institutional Lacunae in EU Restrictive Measures and the Challenge of Virtual Assets*

- Elisa Ruozzi (University of Turin), *Access to Ports as an EU Legal Tool: The Role of Maritime Certification in the Sanctioning Process*
- Gabija Grigaitė – Daugirdė (Vilnius University), Rūta Bajarūnaitė (Lithuanian Ministry for Foreign Affairs), *The enforcement challenges of EU sanctions: verification of an export licence from the perspective of a frontline state*

16.30-16.45 Closing Remarks: Sara Poli (University of Pisa, MINOS)

16.45 Reception