



COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE RULE OF LAW AND ITS RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW: CHINESE AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

WORKSHOP 28 JUNE 2010
Meeting Room International House
Faculty of Law, Tiensestraat 41, Leuven

Programme

10:00 **Welcome** by Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, K.U.Leuven

Part 1. Comparing Chinese and European Rule of Law Traditions

10:10 **Rule of law as a product of European modern history and thinking**
Prof. Dr. René Foqué and Mr. Philippe Gérard, K.U.Leuven

10:40 Discussion

11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

11:20 **Rule of law in a Chinese context**
Dr. Nie Xin, Tsinghua University

11:50 Discussion

12:20 Lunch

Part 2. Relation of the Rule of Law to International and European Law

14:00 **International constitutionalism and the rule of law**
Prof. Dr. Li Zhaojie, Tsinghua University

14:30 Discussion

14:50 **What components of rule of law can be put to use at the international level?**

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, K.U.Leuven

15:10 Discussion

15:30 Coffee and Tea Break

15:50 **What influence does WTO membership have on the rule of law in China?**

Prof. Dr. Lu Xiaojie, Tsinghua University

16:20 Discussion

16:40 **Rule of law in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights**

Prof. Dr. Paul Lemmens and Dr. Frederic Vanneste

17:10 Discussion

Part 3. Bringing the National and International Perspectives Together

17:30 **Vertical versus horizontal legal orders: is it possible to transpose the rule of law to the international level?**

Prof. René Foqué and Mr. Philippe Gérard, K.U.Leuven

18:00 **Comments from a Chinese perspective**

Prof. Li Zhaojie, Tsinghua University

18:20 **Political skepticism about the rule of law**

Prof. Hans Bruyninckx, K.U.Leuven

18:40 Drinks

19:30 Dinner