

LEUVEN CENTRE FOR GLOBAL GOVERNANCE STUDIES (GGS) NEWSLETTER

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The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGS) is an interdisciplinary research centre of the Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Leuven (Belgium). It carries out and supports interdisciplinary research on topics related to globalization, governance processes and multilateralism. On a quarterly basis, this newsletter will inform you about the activities, publications and Members of the GGS.

1. Upcoming Events

- 30/04 International Conference on 'Managing Biosafety and Biodiversity in a Global World – EU, US, California and Comparative Perspectives'. Washington. [More info](#).
- 05/05 InBev-Baillet Latour 'EU-China Chair Research Forum'. Leuven. [More info and registration](#).
- 06/05 Lecture on 'Whither the Bretton Woods Institutions after the G-20 London Summit?' by Mr. Willy Kiekens (IMF Executive Director). Leuven. [More info](#).
- 08/05 Lecture on 'The European Union' by H.E. Ambassador Frans Baron van Daele. Leuven. [More info](#).
- 15/05 Lecture on 'Outward Direct Investment from China' (in Dutch) by Prof. Dr. Em. Danny Van Den Bulcke. Leuven. [More info](#).
- 18/05 International Conference on 'Federalism, the Rule of Law and the Role of the Judiciary: Comparative Political and Legal Analyses'. Leuven. [More info](#).
- 27/05 Lunch Seminar on 'Networks of subnational entities in governance for sustainable development: an assessment by Mr. Sander Happaerts. Leuven. [More info](#).
- 10/06 International Conference on 'Managing Biosafety and Biodiversity in a Global World – EU, US, California and Comparative Perspectives'. Brussels. [More info](#).
- 17/06 Lunch Seminar on 'Flanders in the UN Commission on Sustainable Development: using a multi-level route to UN decision-making' by Ms. Karoline Van den Brande. Leuven. [More info](#).
- 17/06 Transatlantic Seminar on 'the UN Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court'. Leuven. Invitation only. More info follows later.
- 18/06 International Seminar on 'Integration processes between the European Union and Latin America: Chronicles of a death foretold?'. Brussels. More info follows later.
- 29/06 Lunch Seminar on 'Inter-Institutional Cooperation in Peace Operations' by Mr. Alexandru Balas. Leuven. More info follows later.
- 30/06 Lecture on 'Corporate Governance: Cause of Solution for the International Financial Crisis?' by Prof. Dr. Herman Daems (Chairman, Gimv). Leuven. [More info](#)
- 23/09 Lunch Seminar on 'The relevance of networks: cities in global environmental governance' by Ms. Sofie Bouteligier. Leuven. [More info](#)

For an update on upcoming and an overview of past events [click here](#).

2. GGS Working Papers and Policy Briefs

Working Paper No. 25: 'The Evolution of European Space Governance: Policy, Legal and Institutional Implications' by F. Mazurelle, J. Wouters and W. Thiebaut.

Working Paper No. 24: 'The International Prosecutor: Arrest and Detention' by C. Reyngaert.

Working Paper No. 23: 'Does networked globalization need networked governance? An inquiry into the applicability of the network metaphor to global environmental governance' by S. Bouteligier.

Working Paper No. 22: 'Global cities and global environmental NGOs: emerging transnational urban networks?' by S. Bouteligier.

Working Paper No. 21: 'International Organizations as Law-Makers' by J. Wouters and P. De Man.

Working Paper No. 20: 'International Legal Aspects of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Reconciling International Economic Law and the Law of State Immunities with a New Role of the State' by Bart De Meester.

Working Paper No. 19: 'Analysing the Position of the European Union in the United Nations System - An Interdisciplinary Conceptual Framework' by J. Wouters, H. Bruyninckx, S. Keukeleire, S. Basu and S. Schunz.

Click here for an overview of [Working Papers](#) and [Policy Briefs](#).

3. Publications

GGS Members published numerous books and articles on different topics relating to global governance. Recent books include:

J. Wouters, E. Drieskens and S. Biscop (eds.), *Belgium in the United Nations Security Council: Reflections on the 2007-2008 Membership*, Antwerpen: Intersentia, forthcoming.

P. Develtere, *De vrije markt van ontwikkelingssamenwerking*, Leuven: Davidsfonds Uitgeverij, 2009, 320 pp.

B. Kerremans, *De Verenigde Staten van Amerika doorgelicht. Een analyse van het Amerikaanse politieke systeem*, Antwerpen – Oxford: Intersentia, 2009, 501 pp.

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4. Inbev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair



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Visit to China

From 16 to 20 March 2009 a small delegation of the GGS has travelled to China in the framework of the Inbev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair.



Prof. Jan Wouters, Prof. Hans Bruyninckx and Ms. Anouk De Weerd at the kick-off meeting at Tsinghua University (Beijing)

Professor Jan Wouters, Director of the Centre, together with his colleague Professor Hans Bruyninckx, Senior Member of the Centre and Professor in International Environmental Politics, and Ms. Anouk De Weerd, the Centre's EU-China Coordinator, have visited several **universities and research institutes in Beijing and Shanghai** including Tsinghua University, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China University of Political Science and Law, Fudan University, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China-Europe International Business School and the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies.

The aim was to establish contacts with excellent China research centres to set up joint collaboration with regard to both research and education on EU-China topics related to the focus areas of the Centre. Next to successful meetings with expert academics, both Professor Jan Wouters and Professor Hans Bruyninckx also had the opportunity to teach several guest lectures for Chinese bachelor, master and PhD students. The highlight of the Centre's recent China mission was the kick off meeting of the **joint project** between the Tsinghua School of Law and the GGS on 'Comparative Perspectives on the Rule of Law and its Relation to International Law. Chinese and European Perspectives'. In addition the delegation also had fruitful meetings with Mr Serge Abou, Head of Mission at the European Mission in China, and his colleagues, and Mr Marc Pecsteen, Belgian Consul-General in Shanghai.

5. GGS Members

Prof. Dr. Johan Swinnen has been awarded with a 2008-2009 Belgian Francqui Chair at Ghent University. On 10 February 2009, he gave an inaugural lecture on 'Liberalization with endogenous institutions: are there lessons for Africa from the reform experiences in China or in Eastern Europe?' [More info.](#)

In February 2009, **Prof. Stephan Parmentier** has received a fellowship from the Flemish Academic Centre, part of the Royal Academy for Science and the Arts in Brussels. The fellowship is intended to coordinate a "research cluster" on the general theme of "*Transitional Justice, Rule of Law and Institutional Design. A comparative study of the role of extra-judicial bodies in revising the normative structure of post-authoritarian societies*" for a period of five months (February – June 2009). [More info.](#)

In February 2009, **Dr. Edith Drieskens** joined the Conflict and Diplomatic Studies Programme of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael. At Clingendael, she will continue her research on the Security Council, comparing, for instance, the regional actorness of the EU with the OAS and AU. [More info.](#)

In the course of 2009, **Ms. Karen Fogg** will join the GGS as a Senior Fellow. Karen Fogg currently acts as Head of Unit with the European Commission – United Nations, Treaties Office. Before, she was Secretary-General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). In the EU Commission, Karen Fogg was Head of Delegation in Bucharest (1993-1998) and in Ankara (1998-

2002). Through its Senior Fellows, the GGS hopes to create a wider community of experts, involving in particular practitioners who work locally or internationally on global governance issues generally, and on specific themes of the Centre in particular. In the near future, the GGS and Ms. Karen Fogg will collaborate on joint publications, activities and projects.

In addition, the GGS International Advisory Board has recently been expanded with four distinguished new members.



Thomas Leysen is Chief Executive Officer of Umicore since May 2000 and Chairman of the Board of Corelio, Belgium's largest newspaper-publishing group, President of the Federation of Belgian Enterprises, member of the Board of CMB (Compagnie Maritime Belge) and member of the Supervisory Board of Bank Metzler in Frankfurt.



Bert De Graeve is Chief Executive Officer of Bekaert since May 2006. Bert De Graeve has extensive experience in China and holds many prominent positions in Belgian – China organizations which includes member of the International Business Leaders' Advisory Council for the Mayor of Shanghai (IBLAC), President of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce and member of the Advisory Board of the Conference Board China Center for Economics and Business in Beijing. In addition he is a member of GUBERNA, senior member of the Conference Board New York and member of the Board of the Concours Reine Elisabeth.



Jan Egeland is Former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. Mr. Egeland has gained 25 years of active experience in humanitarian, human rights and peace work through the United Nations, the Norwegian Government, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other non governmental and academic institutions. He is currently Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross and director of the Norwegian institute of International Affairs.



Juan Méndez is president of the International Centre for Transitional Justice. From 2004-2007, Mr. Méndez was appointed the United Nations special adviser on the prevention of genocide. Mr. Méndez is a member of the boards of directors of the Center for Justice and International Law, Global Rights, and the Open Society Justice initiative. He is on the board of advisors of the Social Science Research Council's Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, and the advisory council of the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights. He is the recipient of several human rights awards, the most recent being the inaugural Monsignor Oscar A. Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights, presented by the University of Dayton in April 2000, and the Jeanne and Joseph Sullivan Award of the Heartland Alliance in May 2003.

For a complete overview of the composition of the International Advisory Board, click [here](#).

6. More GGS News

In the Autumn of 2008, the University of Leuven established the **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on 'The European Union, Foreign Policy and Global Governance'**. Its principal objective is to pool the substantial scientific resources for the study of the European Union as an international actor available at five different research institutes and centres of the University of Leuven. The GGS is a key partner in this joint undertaking. [More info](#).

In February 2009, the **Hercules Foundation** granted GGS the project 'An interdisciplinary database on international political, legal and economic development'. The database will enable research into the relation between economic globalisation and (international) political development, and is relevant to various academic disciplines, among which law, economics and political science. The project will run until 2014.

In the fall semester of 2009 the Centre will organise a high-level interdisciplinary seminar series on 'China and the World Trade Organization'. This weekly seminar will take place in the framework of the prestigious **International Francqui Chair** that has been granted to **Professor Petros C. Mavroidis** (Columbia University/Université de Neuchatel).

The European Commission has granted **FP7-funding** (7th Framework Programme) for a one-year study on 'Implementing the **European Space Policy**: A Coherent European Procurement Law and Policy for the Space Sector – Towards a Third Way (SP4ESP)' to a consortium of which the GGS is a key partner. The consortium is further composed of the Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Cologne (co-ordinator) and Charles University of Prague. The study's main objective is to develop a new approach for the procurement of joint ESA/EU space programmes.

7. Vacancy Notice

In the framework of the **FP7-project** on 'Implementing the European Space Policy: A Coherent European Procurement Law and Policy for the Space Sector – Towards a Third Way (SP4ESP)', the GGS will soon be attracting **one junior (legal) researcher** for a period of 12 months. More news will follow later.

For the year 2009, the Centre is seeking to hire one or more highly motivated (unpaid) research interns with a strong interest in the areas of trade and sustainable development and the European Union and Global Multilateral Governance. We are offering an unpaid **research internship** for a period of 3 months at a reputable university near the EU headquarters. [More info.](#)

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