

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

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| 30/06 | Lecture on 'Corporate Governance: Cause or Solution for the International Financial Crisis?' by Prof. Dr. Herman Daems (Chairman, Gimv). Leuven. More Info . |
| 02/07-03/07 | Seminar in the framework of the International Prosecutor Project. Leuven. <i>By invitation only</i> . More info . |
| 20/08-22/08 | International Workshop on 'Firm and Product Heterogeneity in International Trade'. Brussels. Call for papers . |
| 23/09 | Lunch Seminar on 'The relevance of networks: cities in global environmental governance' by Ms. Sofie Bouteligier. Leuven. More info . |
| 09/10 | Inaugural conference of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair on 'China and the European Union in Global Multilateral Governance'. Leuven. More info will follow soon. |

From 19 October until 6 November **Global Law School** Visiting Professor **Ken Abbott** (*infra*) will give one **advanced doctoral seminar on rational choice institutionalism** and **four public lectures**. Two lectures will focus on new trends in global governance with specific reference to new governance alliances between states, market institutions and civil society. One lecture will introduce rational choice institutionalism theory for the study of international law. A final lecture will focus on governing new global challenges with a specific focus on Global Health Governance.

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

2. GGS Working Papers and Policy Briefs

Working Paper No. 29: 'In Search of a Balanced Relationship: Public and Private Food Safety Standards and International Trade Law' by J. Wouters, A. Marx and N. Hachez.

Working Paper No. 28: 'WTO Disciplines on Export Credit Support for Agricultural Products in the Wake of the US – Cotton Case and the Doha Round Negotiations' by D. Coppens.

Working Paper No. 27: 'Safeguarding the Rights of Suspects and Accused Persons in International Criminal Proceedings' by M. Fedorova, S. Verhoeven and J. Wouters.

Working Paper No. 26: 'The Creation of a Global Criminal Justice System: The European Union and the

International Criminal Court' by J. Wouters and S. Basu.

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. Ryngaert.

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.

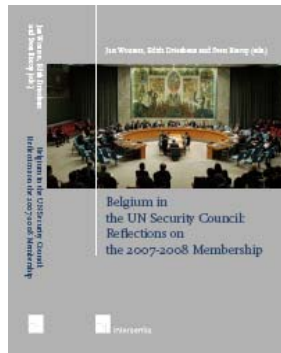
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3. Publications

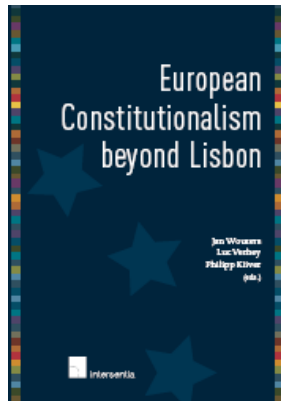
GGs Members published numerous books and articles on different topics relating to global governance. Recent publications include:

Books

Latest Additions



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4. Inbev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair



Upcoming Events

09/10 Inaugural conference of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair on 'China and the European Union in Global Multilateral Governance'. Leuven. More info will follow soon.

The InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair has organised its first **China Research Forum** on 5 May 2009. This Forum intended to bring together junior and senior scholars from the K.U.Leuven Association who conduct research on China. Moreover the organisers aimed to create a better understanding of the on-going research on China that is conducted within the university and university colleges, as well as to provide a platform for China researchers to share experiences and create synergies. In total 10 junior researchers from both within the university and university colleges presented their research on China ranging from topics such as urban governance in China to the Chinese competition law and language issues in Flemish-Chinese trade relations. Senior scholars were invited to share their insights and experiences on China research with the junior participants during the closing session of the Forum. The networking moment at the end of the Forum provided a unique opportunity for both junior and senior scholar to interact and exchange ideas on the different China related research projects that were presented earlier that day.

From 2 to 15 August Seoul National University (South-Korea), Hitotsubashi/Keio University (Japan), Pompeu Fabra University (Spain) and the University of Leuven will jointly organise a **Euro-Asian Summer School on 'Regional Integration in Comparative Perspectives'**. This year's summer programme will be hosted by Pompeu Fabra University and Seoul National University. During the first week lectures and workshops on the economic and political aspects of European integration will be organised in Barcelona. During the second week in Seoul students will learn more about the principles of regional integration in Asia, drawing lessons from the EU experience. Students will have the opportunity to compare European and Asian integration models and address specific problems of regional integration in Europe and Asia from a comparative perspective. The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies has selected six students with backgrounds in law, economics, political science and history to participate in this year's summer programme.

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and its colleagues from the Département des sciences politiques et sociales (UCL) will celebrate the **official inauguration** of both their **InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chairs** on Friday **9 October 2009**. This inaugural conference on 'China and the European Union in Global Multilateral Governance' will be hosted in Leuven. Several distinguished academic experts and policy makers will be invited to contribute to the topic of the conference. More information on the programme content will be made available on our website soon.



In the fall semester of 2009 the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair will organise a **high-level weekly seminar on 'China in the World Trade Organization'** in cooperation with International Francqui Chairholder **Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis** (Université de Neuchâtel/Columbia University). The lectures will investigate the experience of China as a WTO member so far and aim to provide a forum for a comprehensive discussion on the Chinese participation in the WTO. The seminar will only be open to a limited number of PhD students, researchers and invited policy makers. It will be offered as a doctoral course for all PhD students of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

5. GGS Members



In May 2009, **Dr. Tom Delreux** received the prize for 'Best 2007 EUSA (European Union Studies Association) Conference Paper' for his paper 'The EU as a Negotiator in Multilateral Chemicals Negotiations: Multiple Principals, Different Agents'. This paper, which is also published in [Journal of European Public Policy](#), examines if - and under which conditions - the European Union succeeds in speaking with a single voice in international environmental negotiations. Therefore, it analyses the relations between the European negotiator and the

member states from a principal-agent perspective. Dr. Tom Delreux was also awarded a post-doc fellowship from the FWO (Fund for Scientific Research) in June 2009.



In April 2009, Prof. Dr. Idesbald Goddeeris has been awarded a grant by the Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Lot 15 India (EMECW15). He will stay as a visiting fellow at the University of Delhi in August and September 2009.



On 12 May 2009, Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, director of GGS, was invited to address the high-level BEPA (Bureau of European Policy Advisers of European Commission President Barroso) [conference](#) on Global Governance. He spoke about "[the EU, the international financial crisis and global governance](#)".

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies welcomes three new junior members. **Miguel Sousa Ferro** works with Professor Jan Wouters on the existence of a sovereign right to nuclear weapons, in particular in light of recent UNSC Resolutions relating to North Korea. **Wouter Goedertier** and **Kim Christiaens** work with Professor Idesbald Goddeeris on a research project on 'The Transnationality of Belgian East-West and North-South Movements in the 1980s and on North-South and East-West social movements in Belgium in the period 1950s-1980s, with special attention to the development of global civil society, transnational identity formation and networks.

6. Projects

In April/May 2009, two studies for the European Institutions were completed. The Centre successfully completed and presented a study, commissioned by the **European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights**, on "**Business and Human Rights in EU External Relations – Making the EU a Leader at Home and Internationally**" during the Parliament's [public hearing on business and human rights](#). This briefing paper (i) takes stock of the current global debate, (ii) reviews and analyses the current state of the political process at EU level, (iii) evaluates EU external policies with respect to business and human rights, and (iv) formulates policy recommendations in this respect. A full version is available [online](#).

In that same period, the **European Commission Directorate General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs** accepted the final report for the "**Study for the Assessment of the EU's Role in International Maritime Organisations**". The study aims to create a transparent overview of how the interests of the EU and its Member States are best represented in selected international maritime organisations and, where possible, to suggest mechanisms to ensure that the EU has a single voice on the international stage. The study analyses the impact of identified shortcomings on the coherence of the EU's position in international arenas with regard to key contemporary maritime issues, and suggests possible ways of improving the situation. See: Wouters, J., De Jong, S., Marx, A., and De Man, Ph., (2009), *supra*.

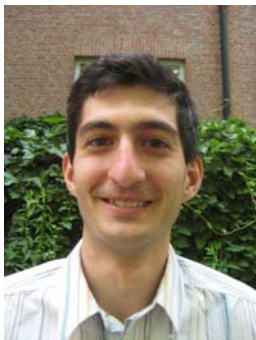
The European Commission has granted **FP7-funding** (7th Framework Programme) for a one-year study on 'Implementing the **European Space Policy: A Coherent European Procurement Law and Policy for the Space Sector – Towards a Third Way (SP4ESP)**' to a consortium of which the GGS is a key partner. The 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.

The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (HiIL), a research institute, has awarded a grant to the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva), the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the University of Twente for a project on “**New International Law**”: **Mapping the Action and Testing Concepts of Accountability and Effectiveness (“NIL Project”)**. The “NIL project” is resolutely empirical and multidisciplinary. Phase 1 will infiltrate and describe “informal international public policy-making” (“new international law”) focused on Geneva and Brussels activity. This “mapping” will unearth what is actually happening and how. Phase 2 will identify and explain similarities and differences in design of this “new international law”. This “testing” phase will apply existing concepts of accountability and effectiveness. Phase 3 will offer reform suggestions. The Centre will post a **vacancy for a junior researcher** for this project in the near future.

7. More GGS News



From 19 October until 6 November the Centre will welcome **Prof. Dr. Ken Abbott** as a Global Law School Visiting Professor. Ken Abbott is Professor of Law at Arizona State University and Professor of Global Studies, School of Global Studies also at Arizona State University. A leading scholar in international law, Kenneth Abbott's teaching and research focus on the interdisciplinary study of international law and international relations, including public and private institutions, environmental issues, development policy, global health, and international trade and economic law.



In June 2009, **Alexandru Balas** joined GGS as a visiting scholar. Balas is a PhD candidate in Political Science at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). He received a BA in Political Science from University of Bucharest (2004) and a MA in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (2006) from Sabanci University. His research is in the field of conflict resolution with a specific interest on international organisations and peace operations. His PhD dissertation will explain cooperation between international organisations (UN, EU, NATO, AU, OSCE and ECOWAS) in the context of peace operations. He is building a dataset for inter-institutional cooperation (IGO-IGO Cooperation) and will look into several case studies: EU-OSCE cooperation in the “frozen” conflicts of Moldova-Transdnestr, Georgia-South Ossetia and UN-AU-EU-NATO cooperation in the conflict of Darfur, Sudan. In order to gain a better understanding of the motivation for IGO-IGO cooperation, he will also conduct interviews with EU and NATO officials in Brussels. He hopes that his summer in Leuven will be fruitful for his research projects but also for strengthening the academic ties between the Department of Political Science and its affiliated research centers at UIUC, and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies. He is looking forward to working together and exchanging ideas with the Members of the Centre and with the larger academic community of Leuven.



Minister of State and Member of the International Advisory Board of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies Mark Eyskens published a column in the leading Belgian weekly magazine KNACK on the 'Labour Pains of Globalistan'. A full version of the column is available as a [Global Governance Opinion](#).



Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters (Director GGS) and Mr. Christopher Davis (US Mission to the EU) at the *Transatlantic Seminar*.

On 17 June 2009, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the Research Group on Human Rights and International Justice organised the **Eighth Annual Transatlantic Dialogue**, in cooperation with Northwestern University School of Law. The [Transatlantic Seminar](#) was titled: "The UN Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court: New EU-US Perspectives". Invited panellists and participants (including representatives from the organising universities and research centres, the European Commission, Council of the European Union, European Parliament, International Criminal Court, US Mission to the EU, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Human Rights Watch and other civil society organisations) debated on the European Union's and the United States' approaches to the Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court, with the aim of identifying areas where the EU and US can potentially cooperate and/or forge a partnership to strengthen both bodies. The main conclusions and policy implications will be elaborated in a GGS policy brief on the subject.

On 10 June 2009, the Centre, together with the LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance (University of Leuven) and the Centre on Institutions and Governance (UCBerkeley), organised a successful international conference on **Handling Global Challenges Managing Biosafety and Biodiversity in a Global World - EU, US, California and Comparative Perspectives**. The conference brought together a network of academics, policy makers, policy analysts and stakeholder representatives. Dr. Jos Delbeke, Deputy Director-General DG Environment of the European Commission, gave an inspiring key-note lecture on the European Union in Global Environmental Governance. The conference and project were funded by the European Commission (DG External Relations). More information on the project is available on the project website: www.transatlantic.be.



Prof. Dr. Daniel Halberstam



Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene

On 18 May 2009, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, the Inbev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair and the Leuven Centre for a Common Law of Europe successfully co-organised the **International Conference on 'Federalism, the Rule of Law and the Role of the Judiciary: Comparative Political and Legal Analyses'**. The conference addressed the controversies regarding the role of the central judiciary in federal systems, in particular its involvement in horizontal and vertical power struggles, the lack of independence for it to serve as an umpire of federalism, and its capacity to assess whether the power balance of federalism has been breached. Central to the conference was the **Eighth Annual Walter van Gerven Lecture by Prof. Dr. Daniel Halberstam** (see photo), Eric Stein Collegiate Professor of Law and Director of the European Legal Studies Programme at the University of Michigan. The lecture provided a critical guide to key concepts of federalism, uncovering the common framework underlying federalism in Europe and America, and sketching out some of the consequences of federal theory. The list of speakers further included highly distinguished scholars who considered the conference theme relating to a broad spectrum of federal systems, in particular the European Union, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Federative Republic of Brazil, and the Republic of India. **Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene** (see photo), former Belgian Prime Minister, former Vice-President of the Convention on the Future of Europe, and Member of the European Parliament, concluded the conference with a **key-note address on 'Federalism as a Political Art'**.

The Centre will collaborate together with the Higher Institute of Labour Studies (lead coordinator) in a new **VLIR (Flemish Interuniversity Council) research platform** on the support for development co-operation in Flanders. The project will run for 4 years and the Centre will primarily focus on the emergence, development and support of new governance instruments such as certification in Flanders.

The **GLOBUS project on Social Justice and Human Rights in the Era of Globalisation** has been identified by Ecorys, an external consultancy agency appointed by the European Commission, as **one of the 8 good practices** in the totality of all international exchanges of the European Union with Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States over the past years. The GLOBUS project ran between 2002 and 2006 and was intended to foster student and staff exchanges between Europe and Canada, with joint funding from the European Commission and the Human Resources Department Canada. It consisted of three main parts: (a) an intensive four-week summer course on social justice and human rights with students and staff from the participating institutions; (b) an academic stay for students of one to two semesters in one of the Canadian partner institutions, including an internship in a practice-related organisation; and (c) a final student paper. Over the four project years it was possible to allow up to 35 European students to spend some time in Canada. The European co-ordinators of the project were Senior Member Stephan Parmentier (K.U.Leuven) and Elmar Weitekamp (University of Tuebingen and K.U.Leuven) and the Canadian co-ordinator was Jim Mulvale (University of Regina). [More info](#).

8. Vacancy Notice

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 a **research internship** for a period of 3 months at a

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