

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 (K.U.Leuven, Belgium). It carries out and supports interdisciplinary research on topics related to globalisation, governance processes and multilateralism. On a quarterly basis, this newsletter informs you about GGS activities, publications and Members.

Highlights



The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies is happy to present its [second annual report](#). In barely two years time our Centre has grown exponentially. With **50 members** we now host researchers from **law, economics, political science, history, philosophy and Asian studies**. The sustained growth of members, projects and activities indicates that our raison d'être, to work across the boundaries of disciplines in order to make high-quality, innovative and policy-relevant contributions to the study of globalisation, governance processes and multilateralism, is appealing to a great number of colleagues.



Radhika Coomaraswamy (Sri Lanka) is currently the Special Representative to the UN Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict. She holds the office of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. She is well known as an advocate of **human rights**, particularly the rights of **children and women in conflict situations**. Her personal activism has resulted in the increasing awareness among the members of the UN Security Council of the issue of sexual violence as a weapon of war. K.U.Leuven is awarding her an [honorary doctorate](#) as a special expression of appreciation and recognition for the important role she plays, both in her

home country as well as internationally, in defending the rights of women and children. She was nominated by **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters**, Faculty of Law and Director of GGS.



The Centre would like to thank **Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis** for his stimulating lectures and fruitful debates in the area of WTO law during his stay in Leuven as an **International Francqui Professor**. More info in Section 7: More GGS News.



The Centre would equally like to express its gratitude to **Prof. Dr. Kenneth Abbott** who during his stay as a Global Law Professor gave several highly enriching lectures on private forms of transnational governance and global governance.

1. Upcoming Events

01/02

Lunch Seminar on 'Children and Armed Conflict: International Concerns and Interventions' by Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative Children in Armed Conflict. Brussels. [More info.](#)

01/02

Lecture and Debate on 'Child Soldiers: Understanding Root Causes and Fighting Impunity' by Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative Children in Armed Conflict. Brussels. [More info.](#)

02/02

Patron's Feast K.U.Leuven. Honorary Doctorate Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy. [More info.](#)

03/02

Lunch Seminar on 'Energy and Security: the Securitisation of a Vital Resource'. Leuven. [More info.](#)

03/02 – 05/02

International Workshop EU-GRASP on 'Traditional and New Security Issues'. Leuven. By invitation only. [More info.](#)

10/02

ILA NSA Committee Meeting on 'Non-State Actors in International Law'. Leuven. By invitation only. [More info.](#)

12/02

International Forum on 'EU-Korea Relations and the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement'. Leuven. More info follows

18/02	soon. Lunch Seminar on 'China's Elite Politics: From the 16th to the 18th Party Congress' by Dr. Bo Zhiyue (East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore). Leuven. More info.
22/02	International Workshop on 'Implementing the European Space Policy: A Coherent European Procurement Law and Policy for the Space Sector – Towards a Third Way' (SP4ESP project). Leuven. By invitation only. More info.
25/02	Annual Conference of the Chair "Leo Tindemans". Antwerp. More info.
03/03	International Workshop co-organised with ELSA on 'The Financial and Economic Crisis: What Role for the WTO?', featuring, inter alia, Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis and Mr. Juan Marchetti (WTO Services Division). Leuven. More info follows soon.
05/03	6 th Annual Inter-University Attraction Pole Meeting (closed) on 'Democratic Governance and Theory of Collective Action Sub-Network on Foreign Direct Investment and Human Development'. Leuven. More info.
08/03	Lecture on 'UN-EU Relations' by Ms. Patrice O'Brian, UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs. Brussels. More info follows soon.
10/03	Workshop (in Dutch) on 'Vakantie op de maan? Ethische vragen bij duurzame menselijke activiteit in de ruimte'. Leuven. More info follows soon.
25/03 – 26/03	Working Group 1 meeting (closed) on 'The EU in the Human Rights Council' for COST Action IS0702 The Role of the EU in UN Human Rights Reform'. Leuven. More info will follow soon.
21/04	International Symposium on 'Global Governance and Global Civil Society: Answers to War?' (with the participation of Ambassador Hans Corell). More info will follow soon.
06/05 - 07/05	International Conference on 'China, the European Union and the Restructuring of Global Governance'. Brussels. Programme. More info.
23/08 - 03/09	2nd Euro-Asia Summer School on 'East-Asia and the European Union in Global Governance. Comparative Perspectives'. Tokyo, Leuven. More info will follow soon.

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

2. GGS Working Papers and Policy Briefs

Policy Brief No. 12: 'European Union Foreign Policy and Global Climate Change: Towards a Comprehensive European Climate Diplomacy?' by S. Schunz, S. Happaerts and K. Van den Brande.

Working Paper No. 35: 'EU Peacebuilding in Georgia: Limits and Achievements' by M. Merlingen and R. Ostrauskaitė.

Working Paper No. 34: 'International and European Trusteeship and the Administration of war-torn Territories: Lessons from the Balkans' by T.B. Knudsen and C.A. Nielsen.

Working Paper No. 33: 'EU Peacebuilding: Concepts, Players and Instruments' by S. Duke and A. Courtier.

Working Paper No. 32: 'The Global Financial Crisis and Government Support for Banks: What Role for the GATS?' by B. De Meester.

Working Paper No. 31: 'Restoring Justice' in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Report of a Population Based Survey' by M. Valinas, S. Parmentier and E. Weitekamp.

Working Paper No. 30: 'The EU in Multilateral Security Governance: The Case of the Russian-Ukrainian Gas Dispute' by S. de Jong, J. Wouters and S. Sterkx.

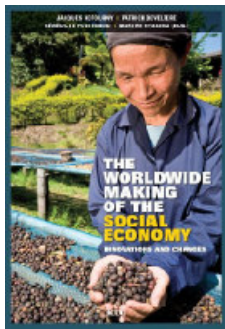
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3. Publications

GGG 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

18/02

Lunch Seminar on 'China's Elite Politics: From the 16th to the 18th Party Congress' by Dr. Bo Zhiyue (East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore). Leuven. [More info](#).

06/05 - 07/05

International Conference on 'China, the European Union and the Restructuring of Global Governance'. Brussels. Call for papers. [Programme](#). [More info](#).

23/08-
03/09

2nd Euro-Asia Summer School on 'East-Asia and the European Union in Global Governance. Comparative Perspectives'. Tokyo, Leuven. More info follows soon.

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chairs at K.U.Leuven and UCL, the Institute for European Studies at FUSL-UCL and the Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation will be jointly organising an international conference on '**China, the European Union and the Restructuring of Global Governance**'. The Conference will be held on 6-7 May 2010 in the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels. For more information or registration [click here](#).

In cooperation with the EU Studies Institute in Tokyo, Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and Seoul National University in Korea, the Chair will be hosting the 'Euro-Asia Summer School 2010' on '**East Asia and the European Union in Global Governance**'. This Summer School will bring together a broad range of senior experts on Asia, the European Union and global governance to teach and interact with students from all over the world during a two-week stay in Japan and Belgium, from 23 August until 3 September 2010.

More information about upcoming events, past events, education and research projects of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair at K.U.Leuven can be found on www.euchinachair.eu.

Past Events



Prof. Dr. Jonathan Spence

The InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair at K.U.Leuven and UCL jointly organised a high-level Inaugural Conference on '**China and the European Union in Global Multilateral Governance**' to celebrate both Chairs' official inauguration on Friday 9 October 2009 at K.U.Leuven. Keynote speakers at the conference included Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene (Minister of State, Member of the European Parliament and Former Prime Minister of Belgium), H.E. Ambassador Song Zhe (Chinese Mission to the EU), Mr. David O'Sullivan (Director-General for Trade, European Commission) and Prof. Dr. Jonathan Spence (Yale University). For the conference report [click here](#).



From left to right: Mr. Huang Rengang, Mr. Miguel Rodriguez Mendoza and Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis

Professor Jan Wouters and Professor Petros C. Mavroidis, International Francqui Chair at K.U.Leuven (Autumn 2009), organised a series of expert seminars on **'China in the WTO: An Early Harvest'**, at K.U.Leuven from 28 September to 7 December 2009. The seminars, which dealt with the experience of China as a Member of the World Trade Organization so far, constituted a class of excellence within the framework of the International Francqui Chair and the Centre's InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair. For the event report [click here](#).



From left to right: Prof. Dr. Thomas Weiss, Prof. Dr. Michael Smith, Prof. Dr. Douglas Cassel, Mr. Jan Egeland, Ambassador Hugo Paemen, Mr. Christopher Murray

On 3 and 4 December 2009, the Centre organised a **Transatlantic Strategy Forum**, with the support of the European Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations and the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts. The two-day forum titled **'The European Union, the United States and Global Governance: Major Trends and Challenges'** combined plenary sessions with five parallel workshops. Keynote addresses were given by – among other – Dr. Ronald Asmus (Executive Director, GMF Transatlantic Center), Prof. Thomas Weiss (Director, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, CUNY), Prof. Michael Smith (Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics, University of Loughborough), Mr. Christopher Murray (Chargé d'Affaires, US Mission to the EU) and Mr. Jan Egeland (Director, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs). The workshops focused on peace and security, human rights and rule of law, energy and climate change, migration, and trade and political economy. A detailed report of both plenary sessions and workshops (including papers and presentations) will follow soon. The overall purpose of the Transatlantic Strategy Forum was to contribute to **the construction of a shared transatlantic vision of the strategic challenges that will confront the United States and the European Union** in the coming years, and to identify potential transatlantic responses to these challenges with a global dimension. [More info](#).



Mr. Jan Egeland

5. GGS Members

The Centre welcomes six new Senior Members and one Junior Member



Dr. Tom Ruys joined GGS as a Senior Member after the defence of his **PhD thesis** titled **'The Intangible 'Armed Attack': Evolutions in Customary Practice pertaining to the Right of States to Self-defence and the Quest for a Definition of 'Armed Attack'**. His thesis will be published by Cambridge University Press towards the end of 2010 under the title of **'Self-defence and armed attack: customary law and practice'**. Tom has been working as a Brussels based lawyer on European and Competition Law since 1 October 2009 and is currently acting Lecturer on Public International Law and Humanitarian and Security Law at K.U.Leuven.



Prof. Dr. Filip De Beule is Assistant Professor of International Business at the Lessius University College, Antwerp, Belgium. He received his PhD from the University of Antwerp on **Belgian subsidiary management in the People's Republic of China: Strategic evolution, host country impact and policy**. Prof. Dr. De Beule is board member of the European International Business Academy, where he serves as national representative for Belgium. He is an affiliate researcher at the LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance at the K.U.Leuven, where he focuses his research on **multinational companies and emerging economies**.



Prof. Dr. Geert De Baere is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the K.U.Leuven. In the autumn of 2005, he was a visiting research fellow at the **European Legal Studies Center at Columbia Law School, New York City**. From January 2007 until December 2009, he worked as a legal secretary (référéndaire) in the chambers of Advocate General Sharpston at the **Court of Justice of the European Union**, while being a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Antwerp. His research interests include the **legal organisation of the external relations of the European Union**, the relationship between **EU law and international law**, the **legal organisation of the international**



community, comparative constitutional law, and the philosophy of EU law and international law.

Prof. Dr. Helder De Schutter is an Assistant Professor in Social and Political Philosophy. His research interests include **contemporary moral and political philosophy, in 18th century political thought, and in continental philosophy of language**. He currently writes on the **normative ideals guiding language policy, nationalism, federalism and global justice**. In 2006 he was awarded the **'European Philosophy from Kant to the Present Prize'**, issued by the University of Kentucky. In the same year, he was also a visiting researcher at Princeton University. In 2008-2009, he was a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Oxford (Nuffield College).



Prof. Dr. Ching Lin Pang teaches at Université de Liège and K.U.Leuven. As a researcher she is affiliated with the research unit IMMRC (Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre), Social Sciences, K.U.Leuven. Her research focuses on **globalisation, migration and intercultural relations in EU and China**. She collaborates extensively with Chinese universities: Tsinghua University, Yunnan University, Hong Kong University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Prof. Dr. Dimitri Vanoverbeke is Professor of **Japanese studies** at the K.U. Leuven (Faculty of Arts) since 1998. He was trained at the graduate school of Tokyo University's law faculty (socio-legal studies) and was Associate Professor at Kyushu University (1995-1998). Recently, he has been awarded a guest professorship at Tokyo University's Social Science Institute. His research focuses on the **development of the judiciary in modern Japan; Japan's legal capacity building in Asia** and on the **development of the rule of law in Japan and in the wider Asian region**.



Hanne Cuyckens studied law at the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL). She then obtained a master in pluridisciplinary analysis of the European Construction from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and a Master of Arts in EU International Relations and Diplomacy studies from the College of Europe (Bruges). Her main research interests lay in **human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law.**

6. Projects

The **BOF-Tsinghua Fund** has awarded funding for a two-year project on **EU-China Climate Relations: Understanding the Strategic Interdependence and Interactions between ‘Lead Actor’ (EU) and ‘Emerging Climate Super Power’ (China)** to both the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University. The project has been established within the framework of the bilateral research cooperation between K.U.Leuven and Tsinghua University.

NAFOSTED-FWO has granted financial support for a two-year project on **Strengthening Vietnam-EU Collaboration in Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Implementation in Vietnam for the Period 2010-2020** to both the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the Institute of European Studies at the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences. The project has been awarded within the framework of the bilateral agreement Nafosted-FWO.

In January 2010, the Centre was awarded with a **one-year study contract** by the **Directorate-General for Environment of the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment**. The objective of the contract is to **support the Belgian federal government** in the formulation of **national and European positions on marine environmental policy**, in particular during the **Belgian Presidency of the European Union** (second half 2010).

7. More GGS News



The Centre is honoured to welcome **Prof. Dr. Chen Weizuo** from the School of Law, Tsinghua University, who will reside at the Centre as a Global Law School Visiting Professor from 14 February until 28 March 2010. Prof. Dr. Chen will give a series of guest lectures in the context of the MA course on **‘Chinese Law from a European Perspective’** (LL.M, Faculty of Law). He will also host a doctoral seminar on **‘The New Codification of Chinese Private International Law’** and will undertake research on **‘The Relationship between Chinese and European Private International Law’**.



The Centre is honoured to welcome **Dr. Sebastián López Escarcena** from the Faculty of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, at Santiago as a visiting scholar from 1 February until 30 April 2010. He is a lecturer and full-time researcher on public international law and international investment law. Dr. López Escarcena holds a scholarship from the **Coimbra Group** and during his visit will conduct research on **procedural property in international investment law** and will organise a **workshop on 'Deprivations of property in European human rights law'**.



The Centre was honoured to receive **Prof. Dr. Petros Mavroidis** (Columbia University/ Université de Neuchâtel) as International Francqui Professor at the Centre in Autumn 2009. Professor Mavroidis held an inaugural lecture on '**A Preference for Multilateralism? A Review of the WTO's Inability to Discipline Preferential Trade Agreements**', hosted a series of expert seminars on '**China in the WTO: An Early Harvest**' and participated in various seminars and conferences hosted by leading Universities across Belgium and the EU. A book publication on the basis of the Expert Seminar on 'China in the WTO' is forthcoming.



The Centre congratulates **Ingrid Rossi** on having completed her PhD on '**the Legal Status of Non-Governmental Organizations in International Law**'. The [thesis](#) surveys and examines, in various areas of International Law, the provisions applicable to NGOs in order to understand their international legal status and to determine whether, taken together, these provisions could be interpreted as implicitly granting NGOs the status of 'subjects' of International Law. We wish Ingrid all the best in her future career.

8. Vacancy Notice

For the year 2010, 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 reputable university near the EU headquarters. [More info.](#)

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