

## 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 globalization, 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 has recently been recognized as a '**K.U.Leuven Centre of Excellence**'. As from November 2010, the Centre will host a **7-year research programme on 'Global Governance and Democratic Government'**. This research programme, conducted jointly with the Centre for Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy at K.U.Leuven, is aimed at the construction of a new paradigm for democratic global governance (see *infra* 7, Projects).

### 1. Upcoming Events

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| 13/10 | Seminar on 'Kosovo: The ICJ Opinion, What Next?' by Prof. Stefan Talmon (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford, St Anne's College, Global Law School Professor at K.U.Leuven). Leuven. <a href="#">More info</a> .   |
| 14/10 | Lecture on 'Membership of International Organizations and other Forms of Participation' by Prof. Stefan Talmon (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford, St Anne's College, Global Law School Professor at K.U.Leuven). Leuven, Sint-Michielsstraat 6, room MTC1 01.03, 2 pm - 4 pm.   |
| 15/10 | Kick-off meeting research project 'The Governance of Space. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Air-Space Distinction' (Impuls Humanities, K.U.Leuven). Leuven. By invitation only.  |
| 21/10 | Seminar on 'Comparing G20 countries in terms of their economic and social development indicators'. Leuven. <a href="#">More info</a> .   |
| 21/10 | Lecture on 'International Organizations as Law-Makers (with particular Emphasis on Security Council Law-Making and Law-Changing Activities) by Prof. Stefan Talmon (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford, St Anne's College, Global Law School Professor at K.U.Leuven). Leuven, Sint-Michielsstraat 6, room MTC1 01.03, 2 pm - 4 pm. |
| 22/10 | PhD Defense Simon Schunz on 'European Union foreign policy and its effects - a longitudinal study of the EU's influence on the United Nations climate change regime (1991-2009)'. Leuven. <a href="#">More info</a> .  |
| 27/10 | Doctoral Seminar Fernando Gonzalez Rojas on 'Mexico's Experience in the WTO Dispute Settlement System'. Leuven. More info will follow soon.  |
| 29/10 | Clinics on EU Law - The EU in International Relations: 'The European External Action service' by Dr. Barbara Eggers (Legal Service, European Commission). Brussels. <a href="#">More info</a> .  |

8/11	Lunch seminar on 'Western and Eastern European perceptions of India' by Dr. Jakub Zajączkowski, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw. By invitation only. More info will follow soon.
17/11	Visit and lecture by H.E. Dr. J. Bhagwati, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and European Union. More info will follow soon.
19/11	Clinics on EU Law - The EU in International Relations: 'The EU treaty-making process after Lisbon in practice' by Prof. Jenő Czuczai (Legal Service, Council of the European Union). Brussels. <a href="#">More info</a> .
10/12	Clinics on EU Law - The EU in International Relations: 'EU practice and litigation in the World Trade Organization post Lisbon' by Dr. Christoph Hermes (Legal Service, European Commission). Brussels. <a href="#">More info</a> .
02/02 – 03/02	FWO Research Community / ILA Committee Meeting on 'Non-State Actors in International Law'. Leuven. More info will follow soon.
10/03 – 11/03	COST / Human Rights and International Legal Discourse Meeting on 'Human Rights Challenges for Multinational Corporations working and investing in Conflict Zones'. Leuven. More info will follow soon.
25/03	Clinics on EU Law - The EU in International Relations: 'Application of international law in CSDP operations after the Lisbon Treaty' by Dr. Frederik Naert (Legal Service, Council of the European Union). Brussels. <a href="#">More info</a> .

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

## Past Events



**From left to right: Mr. Michael Humphreys, Prof. Dr. Sophie Vanhoonaeker, Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Prof. Dr. Frank Hoffmeister and Mr. Rudi Delarue.**

On 9 July 2010, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) and the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS) co-organized a conference on the '**External Action and Representation of the European Union: Implementing the Lisbon Treaty**'.

The conference featured three different panels, each dedicated to specific subsets of EU external action after Lisbon. The first panel, chaired by **Prof. Dr. Christophe Hillion**, focused on 'The EEAS in its Institutional Context' and featured several distinguished experts drawn from the European Institutions' legal services and leading think tanks. The second panel (see photo), chaired by **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters**, looked into 'The Representation of the EU "on the Ground"', with a particular focus on the perceptions of other international organizations and third countries. The third and final panel, chaired by **Prof. Dr. Ramses Wessel** (see photo), focused on the implications of the Lisbon Treaty on external action and representation of Member States and featured several distinguished officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of EU Member States.



**From left to right: Prof. Dr. Ramses Wessel and H.E. Ambassador Dirk Wouters.**

## 2. GGS Working Papers, Policy Briefs and Global Governance Opinions

Working Paper No. 52: 'The International Financial Crisis, Global Financial Governance and the European Union' by J. Wouters, S. Sterkx and T. Corthaut.

Working Paper No. 51: 'Sovereign-Wealth Funds and (Un)ethical Investment Using "Due Dilligence" As a Yardstick to Avoid Contributing to Human Rights Violations Committed by Companies in the

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Working Paper No. 50: 'The Framework of EU External Competences for Developing the External Dimensions of EU Asylum and Migration Policy' by G. De Baere.

Working Paper No. 49: 'Challenging other Acts of the United Nations' by J. Wouters and P. Schmitt.

Policy Brief No. 14: 'The Elements Of Fair And Equitable Treatment In International Investment Law' by S. L. Escarcena.

Policy Brief No. 13: 'EU-Korea Relations and the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement' by W. Moon, J. Wouters, T. Corthaut, S. Sterkx and S. Ujupan.

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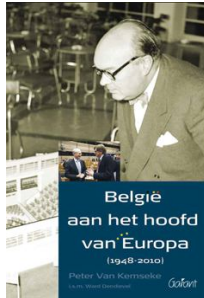
Global Governance Opinion October 2010: 'The 2011 Review of the UN Human Rights Council: Ten Recommendations' by J. Wouters and S. Basu.

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

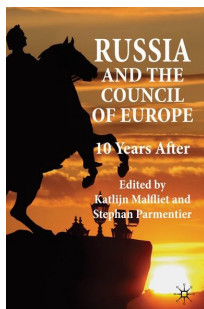
### 3. Publications

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

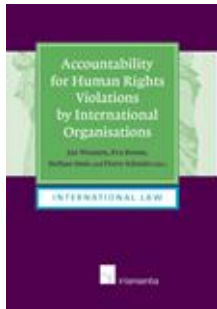
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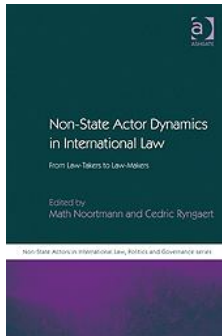
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## Upcoming Events

21/10 Seminar on 'Comparing G20 countries in terms of their economic and social development indicators'. Leuven. [More info](#).

## Past Events



**From left to right: Mr. Thomas Roe, H.E. Ambassador Bertrand de Combrugghe, Mr. Janos Tisovszky and Mrs. Shada Islam.**

In the framework of the **Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* on Global Governance**, the **Inbev Baillet Latour Chair EU-China** and the **Leuven India Focus**, the Centre and the **Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs** co-organized an International Workshop on '**EU, Asia and Global Governance - What Role for ASEM?**', which also constituted one of the official preparatory events for the October 2010 ASEM summit. In a first panel session, a number of international scholars discussed 'The Role of Emerging Powers in the Asia-Europe Meetings (ASEM)', with discussions of the roles of China and India in the ASEM process. The second panel, chaired by **H.E. Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrugghe**, then focused on issues of 'Global Governance on the ASEM Agenda', with discussions on the reform of the United Nations and regional integration in Asia.



**Mr. Julio Arias, European Commission, DG RELEX at the seminar on 'East-Asian-EU Relations in a Changing World Order'.**

At the end of August, the Centre hosted a group of 24 Japanese, Korean and Belgian students for the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Euro-Asia Summer School**, which the Centre co-organized with the **European Union Studies Institute at Hitotsubashi University, Keio University and Tsuda College**, in cooperation with **Pompeu Fabra University and Seoul National University**. The students, who had first spent a week at our partner university in Tokyo, were introduced by senior member of the Centre to a number of hot topics of global governance such as climate change, human rights or migration and their impact on the EU and South-East Asia. The students also travelled to Brussels for a visit to the European Commission and the workshop on ASEM mentioned *supra*. At the end of the week they had the opportunity to directly exchange views with key Commission officials from DG RELEX, DG TRADE and DG ENTR at a closing seminar on 'East-Asian-EU Relations in a Changing World Order'.

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](http://www.euchinachair.eu).

## 5. Leuven India Focus



The Leuven India Focus aims at developing, broadening and deepening knowledge and expertise on India and South Asia by organizing conferences, lectures and seminars and stimulating interdisciplinary research. The Leuven India Focus regularly invites scholars and experts from India, Europe and elsewhere to teach and debate on vital issues facing Indian society and the neighbouring region. Through this and other exchanges, it aspires to foster research on India and to cultivate academic networks and partnerships. More information about upcoming events, past events, education and research projects of the Leuven India Focus can be found [here](#).

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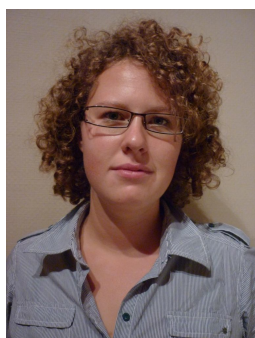
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## 6. GGS Members

The Centre would like to welcome three new Junior Members.



**Dylan Geraets** joined the Centre and the Institute for International Law as an **assistant in international law** on 1 October 2010. Dylan studied law at Maastricht University where he obtained his LL.B in European Law in 2008. In 2009 he obtained his LL.M in **International Law** at the same university. During his second master at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MSc, 2010) he performed an internship at the Economic Affairs department of the Permanent Representation of The Netherlands in Geneva. Prior to joining the Centre, he served as an intern for the Trade Policy department of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs in The Hague.



On 18 October 2010, **Sanderijn Duquet** (Master of Laws, Ghent University and LL.M. International Legal Studies, American University, Washington College of Law) joins the Centre as a doctoral researcher. Sanderijn shall work on the inter-university project '**Democratic Governance and Reflexive Theory of Collective Action**', in which she explores the impact of foreign direct investment on human development. She will also be involved in the project on '**New International Law: Mapping the Action and Testing Concepts of Accountability and Effectiveness**'. Her interests include general public international law, international environmental law, law of international organizations and human rights law.



**Katrien Meuwissen** joined the Centre and the Institute for International Law on 1 September 2010 as **assistant in international law**. Katrien studied law at the K.U.Leuven (BA 2007, MA 2009), with a specialization in **public, international and European law**. Prior to joining the Centre, Katrien specialized a year in European policy and politics (MEPP: K.U.Leuven and University of Geneva) and in the framework of two internships at the Belgian Permanent Mission in Geneva, she attended the 10th and 13th session of the UN Human Rights Council.

In addition, GGS Members have been appointed to several new positions.



On 1 October 2010, **Prof. Dr. Steven Blockmans** became **Special Visiting Professor** at **K.U.Leuven School of Law**. He will be co-teaching the courses on the law of international organizations and Humanitarian and Security Law from a European Perspective.



The Centre would like to congratulate **Dr. Dominic Coppens** with the recent defence of his PhD titled **'WTO disciplines on subsidies and countervailing measures: Finding a balance between 'policy space' and 'policy constraints'?** From October onwards, Dominic will continue to work for the Centre in the capacity of post-doctoral researcher at the Institute for International Law, K.U.Leuven. He spends the Fall Semester of 2010 as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School, New York.



On 1 September **Dr. Tom Delreux** has been appointed **Associate Professor** at the **'Institut de sciences politiques Louvain-Europe'** and the **'Institut d'études européennes'** at the **UCLouvain** (Louvain-la-Neuve), where he teaches courses on European Union politics and institutions. The Centre would like to thank Tom for his outstanding contributions throughout his time at K.U.Leuven. Dr. Delreux will continue to cooperate with Centre as an Associate Fellow.



**Philip De Man** has been awarded the 2010 **Isabella H. Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award and Prize for Best Paper by a Young Author** for his paper on 'The commercial exploitation of outer space and celestial bodies - A functional solution to the natural resource challenge' which he presented at the 61st International Astronautical Congress, Prague, Czech Republic, 27 September - 1 October 2010. Also, from 1 October onwards, Philip has become a **research fellow** of the **Research Foundation - Flanders** who will support his PhD research titled 'Natural resources in outer space and on celestial bodies: a critical appraisal of the fundamentals of international space law in the light of modern spacefaring'.



On 29 September, International Advisory Board Member **Juan Méndez** was appointed the **United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture**. Mr. Méndez is president emeritus of the International Center for Transitional Justice (2004–2009) and currently a visiting Professor at the American University Washington College of Law. He served as United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide from 2004 to 2007 after a distinguished career in human rights advocacy and jurisprudence, including as president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.



On 3 July **Prof. Dr. Stephan Parmentier** was appointed **Secretary-General** of the **International Society of Criminology** for the next three years. In his role as Secretary-General he will play an active role in the preparation for the 16th [World Congress of the International Society for Criminology](#) held in Kobe, Japan.



On 1 September, **Prof. Dr. Geert Van Calster** has been appointed **Visiting Lecturer** at **King's College, London**, and visiting professor at **Monash University, Melbourne**. At King's, he will be co-teaching the course on EU environmental law, focusing on energy policy and climate mitigation. Prof. Van Calster's return to Monash will be for the (Australian) Winter Term 2011. He will teach the foundation course on EU Law, as well as an elective course on international environmental law and governance.



In June, **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the **Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS)** for a three-year term. ACUNS is a professional association of educational and research institutions, scholars, teachers, and practitioners active in the work and study of multilateral relations, global governance, and international cooperation. Since September, Prof. Wouters is also **Visiting Professor** in the Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy (LL.M. IELPO) at the **University of Barcelona**

### **K.U.Leuven Centre of Excellence – ‘Global Governance and Democratic Government’ (2010-2017)**

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies has recently been recognized as a **‘K.U.Leuven Centre of Excellence’**. As from November 2010, the Centre will host a **7-year research programme on ‘Global Governance and Democratic Government’**. This research programme, conducted jointly with the Centre for Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy at K.U.Leuven, is aimed at the construction of a new paradigm for democratic global governance.

On the theoretical level, the main objective is to identify the necessary conceptual building blocks of a democratic global governance architecture: what are the basic normative assumptions of democratic government, and which democratic principles should remain effective on the transnational level? On the empirical level, the programme will involve an investigation into four key areas of global governance and selected cases: (i) **global environmental governance**: the elaboration and implementation of a post-2012 climate change regime, (ii) **global peace and security governance**: the functioning and legitimacy of the UN Security Council and its relationship to regional security actors, (iii) **global economic governance**: the functioning and legitimacy of G20 and the World Trade Organization, and (iv) **global human rights governance**: corporate social responsibility and the role, responsibilities and regulatory initiatives of business enterprises.

The research programme will be managed by an interdisciplinary group of K.U.Leuven promoters: **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters** (main promoter/international law), **Prof. Dr. Geert Van Calster** (international law), **Prof. Dr. Hans Bruyninckx** (international relations), **Prof. Dr. Christophe Crombez** (political economy), **Prof. Dr. Antoon Braeckman** (political philosophy), **Prof. Dr. Tim Heysse** (political philosophy) and **Prof. Dr. Helder De Schutter** (political philosophy).

### **‘Space Procurement for the European Space Policy (SP4ESP)’**

In mid-summer, **SP4ESP**, an FP7 research project relating to **European Space Procurement** reached completion. As the end result of this one year project, researchers from the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, along with partners from the **Universität zu Köln** and the **Universita Karlova V Praze** presented a toolbox of elements, which, together, are to streamline the coexistence of the EU’s and ESA’s respective procurement systems and, more broadly, of their ambitions in space. After the drafting of the study report was complete, an intensive process of dissemination commenced, including presentations to the European Space Policy Expert Group (Brussels, 14 Sept 2010) and at the International Astronautical Congress (Prague, 27 Sept – 1 Oct 2010). Publication of the study report is forthcoming through Lit Verlag. On the part of GGS, **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters**, **Dr. Steven Sterkx** and **Rik Hansen** were closely involved in SP4ESP.

### **‘The Governance of Space. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Air-Space Distinction’**

In June of 2010, the K.U.Leuven Humanities group approved funding for an **interdisciplinary IMPULS research proposal** put forth by GGS along with partners from the Sciences and Engineering Group. This research project, starting on 1 October 2010, states as its goal to provide **interdisciplinary perspectives on the Air-Space distinction**. The programme centres on a PhD track in law, with Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters as promoter. Input from the Sciences and Engineering group will be solicited by way of close cooperation with co-promoters **Prof. Dr. Christoffel Waelkens** (Institute of Astronomy) and **Prof. Dr. Dirk Vandepitte** (Department of Mechanical Engineering) and by way of regular interdisciplinary workshops. The four-year programme will successively examine three case studies on areas where the Air-Space distinction is of particular relevance and from which it aims to derive the characteristics of a boundary criterion that is not only legally stable and scientifically correct, but also one that is tenable in practice. On the part of GGS, **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters** will be involved in the project as promoter; **Rik Hansen** will be a Doctoral Researcher.

## 'The Internationalisation of European Law and the Europeanisation of International Law'

The Centre has secured funding from the '**Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds**' of **K.U.Leuven** for a new research project on **the Internationalisation of European Law and the Europeanisation of International Law**. In the upcoming four years a team of 2 doctoral researchers will work closely together to study the impact the strengthened role the European Union seeks to play in international affairs has on the development and enforcement of international and EU law.

## 'The impact of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the domestic legal order'

In August 2010, the Centre has been awarded by the **Flemish Government** with a contract for a study on the impact of the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** on the domestic legal order. **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters** (Director) and **Prof. Dr. Stefan Sottiaux** (Institute for Constitutional Law, K.U.Leuven) will supervise this project.

## 8. More GGS News



The Centre is honoured to welcome **Prof. Dr. Stefan Talmon** from the **Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, St Anne's College** who will reside at the Centre as a Global Law School Visiting Professor from 11-22 October. Prof. Talmon will give a series of seminars and lectures on topics of public international law (see *supra*, 1, events).

## 9. Vacancy Notice

The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies is offering a **research opportunity** to highly qualified and motivated researchers with a Masters degree in International Relations/Political Science to conduct PhD research on: **Global Environmental Governance**. This opportunity is situated in the context of a 7-year research programme on '**Global Governance and Democratic Government**' (2010-2017). This research programme aims at the construction of a new paradigm for democratic global governance. Please visit [www.kuleuven.be/vacatures](http://www.kuleuven.be/vacatures) (see PhD Positions Humanities and Social Sciences Group) and apply online (**deadline: 10 October 2010**).

For Autumn 2010 and Spring of 2011, the Centre is seeking to hire one or more highly motivated (unpaid) research interns with a strong interest in the European Union and Global Multilateral Governance. We are offering a [research internship](#) for a period of 3 months.

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