

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. GGS is a K.U.Leuven Centre of Excellence. On a quarterly basis, this newsletter informs you about GGS activities, publications and Members.

Highlights



In the Spring of 2011, the Centre has **relocated** to the historic **Huis de Dorlodot** in Deberiotstraat 34. The Dorlodot building was completed in **1905** and **served as the residence of canon and Professor Henry de Dorlodot**, who taught at various positions at the Catholic University of Leuven. We cordially invite you to come visit the centre. The Centre also signed a **Global Academic Partner Institution** agreement with **UNIDO** for a **global study on knowledge management** and needs in private sector development and kicked off a project funded by the **European Commission** on **EU-Korea relations** in **September** jointly with **Seoul National University**.

## 1. Upcoming Events

- 07/11 Lecture on 'The Collapse of the Soviet Union. A Retrospective after Twenty Years' by Prof. Dr. Mark Kramer (Director of the Cold War Studies Project, Harvard University). Leuven. [More info](#)
- 08/11 - International Workshop on 'Inequality in Global Governance: Causes and Consequences of  
09/11 Unequal Representation and Decision-making in Global Governance Institutions'. Leuven. [Programme](#) [Logistical info](#) [Registration](#)
- 15/11 Lecture on 'REDD, REDD+, REALU, CDM: an overview of the prominent role of forests in climate policy' in the context of the UN International Year of Forests - by Dr. Bruno Verbist. Leuven. [More info](#)
- 15/11 Evening Lecture on 'The 2012 shift in the Chinese leadership: what's next?' by Dr. Kerry Brown (Chatham House). Leuven.
- 23/11 Seminar on 'India's Economy in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities' by Ashok Sajjanhar (Indian ambassador to Sweden). Leuven
- 30/11 International Seminar on 'EU-China Relations and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis: Which Roles for the PRC, Which Answers from the EU?' Leuven.
- 13/12 Lecture on 'Biodiversity of old-growth forests' in the context of the UN International Year of Forests - by Prof. Martin Hermy. Leuven. [More info](#)
- 26/4/2012 International Conference on Strategic Challenges in the EU-Brazil Relationship. Brussels. More  
27/4/2012 info follows soon.

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

## Past Events

On Tuesday 15 March 2011, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies hosted a lecture on Belgian foreign policy given by His Excellence Mr. Steven Vanackere, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During his lecture, Minister Vanackere used Fareed Zakaria's *The Post-American World* (2008) to explore the main guidelines underwriting the Belgian diplomatic strategy. In his opinion, within a multipolar world, Belgian foreign policy should first establish its key interests and priorities - namely the European Union and Africa. Secondly, it should commit to international institutions and mechanisms, which itself implies a preference for a 'community' approach in the EU.



Thirdly, it should continue to engage in relations with other countries - including those that do not share completely our core values – as well as seek new alliances. Fourthly, it should address problems through a variety of structures, including amongst other things, diplomacy, development and defense. The fifth guideline Minister Vanackere recommended was to respond to international challenges proportionately. Finally, Belgian foreign policy should continue to develop in a sustainable way, and function under a strong consensus in order to ensure its legitimacy.

The lecture was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Filip Abraham and concluded by a summary of the main points by the Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters. It was followed by a Q&A session moderated by Professor Dr. Patrick Develtere.

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

Policy Brief No. 18: [‘The Responsibility to Protect and Regional Organisations: Where Does the EU Stand?’](#) by J. Wouters, Ph. De Man and M. Vincent.

Policy Brief No. 17: [‘Strategic Autonomy in EU Space Policy: A Conceptual and Practical Analysis’](#) by J. Wouters and R. Hansen

Policy Brief No. 16: [‘EU - India Relations’](#) by I. Goddeeris.

Policy Brief No. 15: [‘China, India and Global Environmental Governance: the Case of the Climate Change’](#) by S. Schunz and D. Belis

Working Paper No. 75: [‘The Democratic Legitimacy of the Contemporary Global Climate Governance Architecture’](#) by S. Schunz and H. Bruyninckx

Working Paper No. 74: [‘The Emerging Relationship between the European Parliament, the High Representative and the External Action Service’](#) by K. Raube

Working Paper No. 73: [‘T.M.C. Asser and Public and Private International Law: The Life and Legacy of ‘A Practical Legal Statesman’](#)” by G. De Baere and A. Mills

Working Paper No. 72: [‘A Responsible Lender? The European Investment Bank’s Environmental, Social and Human Rights Accountability’](#) by N. Hachez and J. Wouters

Working Paper No. 71: [‘The OECD and the G20: an ever closer Relationship?’](#) by J. Wouters and S. Van Kerckhoven

Working Paper No. 70: [‘The Influence of General Principles of Law’](#) by J. Wouters, D. Coppens and D. Geraets

Working Paper No. 69: '[The EU's Internal and External Regulatory Actions After the Outbreak of the 2008 Financial Crisis](#)' by J. Wouters and S. Van Kerckhoven

Working Paper No. 68: '[Coherence in EU Foreign Policy: What Kind of Polity?](#)' by C. Portela and K. Raube

Working Paper No. 67: '[Human Rights Norms for Business: The missing Piece of the Ruggie Jigsaw - The Case of Institutional Investors](#)' by R. Sullivan and N. Hachez

Working Paper No. 66: '[Making the Transition: EU-China Cooperation on Renewable Energy and Carbon Capture and Storage](#)' by S. de Jong and J. Wouters

Working Paper No. 65: '[European Energy Security Governance: Key-Challenges and Opportunities in EU-Russia Energy Relations](#)' by S. de Jong and J. Wouters

Working Paper No. 64: '[Central Asia and the EU's Drive Towards Energy Diversification](#)' by S. de Jong and J. Wouters

Working Paper No. 63: '[Interferences with Property under European Human Rights Law](#)' by S. López Escarcena.

Working Paper No. 62: '[The EU, EEAS and Union Delegations and International Diplomatic Law: New Horizons](#)' by J. Wouters and S. Duquet

Working Paper No. 61: '[A Glimpse at the Democratic Legitimacy of Private Standards - Democratic Legitimacy as Public Accountability: The Case of GLOBALG.A.P.](#)' by N. Hachez and J. Wouters.

Working Paper No. 60: '[Are you talking to us? - How Subnational Governments respond to Global Sustainable Development Governance](#)' by S. Happaerts

Global Governance Opinion July 2011: '[Globalization, Governance and the G20](#)' by J. Wouters and D. Geraets

Global Governance Opinion February 2011: '[Enhancing EU-China Cooperation in Education and Research](#)' by J. Wouters and M. Burnay

Global Governance Opinion February 2011: '[Enhancing EU-China Space Cooperation](#)' by J. Wouters, R. Hansen and M. Burnay

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### 3. Publications

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

#### Books



Reymans, L. (ed) (2011) Global Activism Reader (London: Continuum)



Delreux, T. (2010) The EU as an International Environmental Negotiator (London: Ashgate).



Swinnen, J. and Vogel, D. (ed.) (2011) 'Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation: The Shifting Roles of the EU, the US and California' (Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing)



Vos, L., Goddeeris, I. (2011) 'Een geschiedenis van Polen: de strijd van de witte adelaar.' (Leuven: Acco)



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#### 4. Inbev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair



#### Past Events



In the past months the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies organized **the Spring Seminar Series on "China and the Rule of Law"**. Its aim was to study some of the main dimensions of Chinese law its relation to the development of the Rule of Law in China more broadly.

The **bi-monthly meetings** brought together students, doctoral researchers and experts from the Brussels-based international community.

The topics covered were "The WTO Membership and the Rule of Law in China" (Prof. Xiaojie Lu, Tsinghua University School of law, Global Law School Visiting Professor K.U.Leuven), "Will Chinese Legal Culture Constrain its Corporate Governance Laws?" (Dr. Qingxiu Bu, Queen's University Belfast), "CSR in a Comparative European/Chinese Perspective: Prospects for Internalisation of International and National Legal Standards in China?" (Dr. Karin Buhmann, University of Copenhagen), "Is China Turning Away from Law, Prof. Dr. Benjamin Van Rooij, University of Amsterdam), "Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law in China" (Prof. Dr. Yuwen Li, Erasmus University Rotterdam).

## Upcoming Events

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- 30/11 International Seminar on 'EU-China Relations and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis: Which Roles for the PRC, Which Answers from the EU?' Leuven

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 at [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.

## Upcoming Events

- 22/11 Debate on 'The Speculative City. Cases from Kinshasa and Mumbai' by Arjun Appadurai (New York University) Leuven [More info](#)
- 23/11 Seminar on 'India's Economy in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities' by Ashok Sajjanhar (Indian ambassador to Sweden). Leuven  
Discussion on 'The EU-India Free Trade Agreement Negotiations'. Leuven. More info follows soon.
- 06/12 Debate on 'Cities, Poverty and Religion. Cases from Africa and India'. Leuven

More information about upcoming events, past events, education and research projects of the Leuven India Focus can be found at [www.indiafocus.eu](http://www.indiafocus.eu)

## 6. Members

The Centre would like to congratulate Tom Ruys with the 2011 Francis Lieber Prize, Axel Marx, Montserrat Gonzalez Garibay and Sofie Bouteligier with their PhD defense, Haye Hazenberg with a junior FWO grant as well as welcome Dr. Ria Laenen and Prof. Dr. Letizia Paoli as a new senior member.



**Tom Ruys** his Phd Thesis **“"Armed attack" and Article 51 of the UN Charter: evolutions in customary law and practice”** has been **awarded the 2011 Francis Lieber Prize**. The Francis Liber Prize recognises an exceptional published work in the field of the law of armed conflict by a younger scholar. Dr. Ruys' thesis had also been published as a book with Cambridge University Press.



**Stephan Parmentier** has been appointed **Chairman of the Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award** for the period 2011-2013. The Award is for academic publications (**doctoral dissertations and master theses**) in the area of human rights, with a view to draw more attention to this field of study in academic education and research. It is named **in honour of the former Dutch Minister of State, UN High Commissioner for Minorities** and UN Rapporteur on human rights in Iraq, **Mr. Max van der Stoel**, and carries a total amount of **5.000 euro**. Nominations for this award can be submitted by all faculties linked to universities in The Netherlands and the Flemish Community, as well as the T.M.C. Asser Institute (as a member of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research).



**Axel Marx** completed his PhD on **'Global Governance and Certification. Assessing the Impact of Non-State Market Governance'** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June under the supervision of Prof. Em. Dr. A. Martens. Dr. Marx was also invited to lecture on comparative case methods at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp on 17 June 2011, gave a public lecture on 'Possibilities and Limits of Forest Certification' in the framework of a lecture series for the UN International Year of Forests in Leuven on 17 May 2011, a **keynote lecture** on **'Global Governance and the Certification Revolution'** during the Symposium on Market integration and Certification of Flemish Agency for International Co-operation on 24 March 2011 in Brussels and an invited presentation on forest certification at EDANA Outlook 2011 in Budapest on 30 September.



**Nicolas Hachez** joined the **'Global Governance and Democratic Government'** research program as the new **senior researcher**. Nicolas obtained his Belgian law degree magna cum laude from the universities of Namur (2001) and Louvain-la-Neuve (2004), as well as **LL.M. degree from New York University School of Law** (2007), as a Fulbright and BAEF Fellow. Prior to joining the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies for his PhD research, Nicolas worked for two years as an associate attorney in the Brussels Office of an international law firm. Nicolas' **research interests** include the **private regulatory phenomena** in global governance (in particular the **Corporate Social Responsibility Movement**), as well as the related issues involving **legitimacy, participation and democracy in international law-making**. He will be able to fruitfully apply these interests to the project in the coming years.



**Simon Schunz** was offered a **new position** in **DG Research of the European Commission**. He took up his new position on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We would like to **thank Simon for his excellent work**, and wish him all the best in his new position.

## 7. Projects

The Centre is currently conducting a research project for UNIDO on knowledge management and needs in private sector development. The project is embedded in a programme, funded by the Spanish MDG Achievement Fund, for the establishment of a knowledge management system for private sector development. The study focuses on 12 countries, including Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Panama, Peru, Serbia, Turkey and Vietnam.

In September the Centre started a project on EU-Korea relations jointly with Seoul National University. The project is funded by the European External Action Service of the European Commission. A central objective of this project is to investigate and promote additional opportunities for regulatory cooperation, learning, and emulation between the European Union and Korea in the areas of security, economy, political development, environmental policy and cooperation in regional and international organizations.

## 8. Vacancy Notice

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