

European Society of International Law
Interest Group The EU as a Global Actor
Riga, Latvia, 7 September 2016, 15:00-19:30
Special location: Constitutional Court ([Jura Alunāna street 1, Riga](#))

The Contribution of the European Union to the International Legal Order

La contribution de l'Union européenne à l'ordre juridique international

The coming of age of the EU as a global actor slowly turns the EU from a recipient into a contributor to the further development of international law. Since the Treaty of Lisbon in particular, the EU treaties reveal the EU's global ambitions in this area, which basically boil down to the idea that the EU should – at least partly – shift its focus from its own Member States to third states – thereby even limiting the possibilities for the Member States to contribute to international law-making.

The relationship between EU law and international law has been studied extensively. Yet, this workshop is not about the effects *of* international law, but rather about the effects *on* international law. So, where the question of the 'Europeanisation of international law' is usually understood as dealing with the way in which international law is 'Europeanised' when it becomes part of the EU legal order (leading to questions on the emergence of a distinct European system of international law or the consequences of this 'Europeanisation' for the unity and coherence of public international law), this workshop aims to assess the way in which international law is 'Europeanised' outside the EU.

Going back in time, 'Europe' has of course always played a large role in international law-making. The question whether international law is a European invention forms the source of extensive academic debates. These debates, however, focus on the role of European states in international law-making, whereas the present workshop aims to look at the role of the European Union. Over the years, this distinct level of governance and law-making not only obtained its own internal dynamic, but equally put its mark on the development of key areas of international law, such as international trade law and environmental law.

The key question leading the workshop is to which extent the European Union is able to have an effect on the development of international law, both in a doctrinal and a practical manner.

An additional (business) meeting of the IG is planned on Thursday 8 September from 18.00 to 19.00. Please feel free to join in to discuss future plans of the IG.

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PROGRAMME
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Participants are requested to read all papers in advance (see <https://euglobal.wordpress.com>) as all presentations are limited to one power point slide only, on the basis of which the main message is presented in max. 5 minutes.

15:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop on behalf of the IG coordinators
Ramses A. Wessel, University of Twente, The Netherlands

SESSION I: Chair Prof. Ramses A. Wessel

Flipping the Question: The Reception of EU Law in the International Legal Order
Ramses A. Wessel, University of Twente, The Netherlands

The Contribution of the Court of Justice of the European Union to the Development of International Law
Jed Odermatt, European University Institute

The EU and the Challenge of Informal International Law-Making: The CJEU's Contribution to the Doctrine of International Law-Making
Eva Kassotti, The Hague University

Europe's Global 'Tennis Court Oath': The Convention on the Future of Europe and the EU's Contributions to the International Legal Order
Joris Larik, Leiden University College The Hague

The Obligation of EU Member States to Respect EU Law in the Exercise of Their Treaty-Making Power
Stefano Saluzzo, University of Palermo

15:30 Discussion

16:15 Coffee/tea break

16:45 **SESSION II: Chair Prof. Piet Eeckhout**

EU migration law shaping international law in the field of expulsion of aliens: the Empire strikes back?
Tamás Molnar, Corvinus University of Budapest/Institute of International Studies, Budapest

The EU- Turkey Agreement about Refugees and its Impact on the Implementation of International Law: Turning a Blind- Eye to International Legal Norms in the Name of Securitization?

Themistoklis Tzimas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The Contribution of the EU Accession to the ECHR to Shared Responsibility in International Law

Przemyslaw Tacik, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Promoting Threat: The Effect of European Union Restrictive Measures on the Development of International Law's Enforcement, a Sociological Approach

Alexandra Hofer, Ghent University - Department of Public International Law, Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute (GRILI)

EU Legal Identity, Procedural Rights and International Sanctions: Transforming The Individual Into A Subject Of Collective Security Law?

Charlotte Beaucillon, Sorbonne Law School, Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University

The European Union's Human Rights Obligations towards Distant Strangers

Aravind Ganesh, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law

17:15 Discussion

18:00 Break

18:30 **SESSION III: Chair Prof. Christine Kaddous**

The Contribution of EU Competition Law to WTO Law and Dispute Settlement and the 'Scientification' of International Law

Marios Iacovides, University of Uppsala

The Europeanisation of Investment Arbitration

Blerina Xheraj, University of Geneva

The European Union and International Investment Law: How the New Kid on the Block is Already Making its Presence Felt

Jiries Saadeb, Fietta (Law Firm), London

The Contribution of Private Legal Initiatives in the European Union to International Law in the Area of Commercial Law

Johanna Hoekstra, University of Essex / Anglia Ruskin University

18:55 Discussion

19:30 End of the workshop