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ESIL Interest Group 'The EU as a Global Actor'

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ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

09/2021-08/2022

18/11/2021

The Law and Practice of EU Diplomacy in Regional and Global Organisations – Jean Monnet Doctoral Workshop

Jean Monnet Doctoral Workshop organised by EUDIPLo and the IG "the EU as a Global Actor" (Geneva) and the University of Geneva (online event). The doctoral workshop included panels on the EU's participation in international organisations; EU and migration; human rights and gender; the environment and climate change; and public health. The workshop included discussants and chairs from the ESIL IG EUGLOBAL, invited academics and experts from international organizations.

28/01/2022

AI in the EU and Access to Justice

Expert Panel Discussion organised jointly with the Department of Legal Studies, Central European University and the Europa Institute of Leiden University

The fundamental question this panel discussed is how the use of AI by the EU administration affects individuals' access to justice. Do the current rules, models, and procedures set up in the EU legal system to ensure individuals

can meaningfully object to and challenge public power still work in the face of automation?

After an introduction by Mathias Möschel (Central European University) and Melanie Fink (Leiden University/Central European University – IG EUGLOBAL co-convenor), the presentations focused on two central themes. The first concerned rights and fundamental principles particularly affected by the use of AI. The second theme related to accountability for and effective remedies against administrative decisions that rely on AI technology.

Speakers were:

- Cameran Ashraf (Central European University/Wikimedia Foundation)
- Sofia Ranchordás (University of Groningen/LUISS Guido Carli)
- Madalina Busuioc (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Tamás Molnár (EU Fundamental Rights Agency – IG EUGLOBAL co-convenor)

A report on the event can be found here:

<https://www.leidenlawblog.nl/articles/ai-in-the-eu-and-access-to-justice-a-panel-discussion>

17-18/03/2022 **Enhancing the Rule of Law in the EU's External Action**

IG EUGLOBAL event organised together with the ESIL IG International Rule of Law and the University of Granada.

The conference aimed to scrutinize the mechanisms for guaranteeing respect for the Rule of Law embedded in the European legal system and its operation in practice, particularly in the field of external relations. The full programme is available at <http://acexde2022.dipri.org/index.php/full-programme>

Panels included:

- The Definition of a European Rule of Law; Between Strategic Autonomy and Sovereignty
- Comparing the Internal and External Notions of the Rule of Law
- Sanctions and the Rule of Law
- Rule of Law in the Relations with Neighbouring/Candidate Countries
- Conditionality in EU's external action
- Keynote ESIL Lecture, 'Enhancing the Rule of Law in Europe and in the World: Mission Impossible?' (Jan Wouters, Director of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, RECONNECT Coordinator)

30/03/2022

The EU as an actor shaping global security law: blueprint of international regulation, guardian of global security, or something else?

IG EUGLOBAL organised a pre-conference event at the 2022 ESIL Research Forum (Glasgow) on 'International Law and Global Security: Regulating an Illusion?'. The hybrid workshop examined the role and relevance of the EU's normative action in the global security legal discourse.

07/07/2022

EU External Relations Law: Recent Developments

Event organised by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and University of Salamanca in co-operation with the ESIL IG on "the EU as a Global Actor." The Seminar on EU External Relations Law explored the most salient issues in the case law of the Court of Justice and the General Court on EU external relations over the last year. Speakers included academics and legal experts from the EU institutions (Council, Commission, Parliament, EEAS). The event included a presentation of the book EU External Relations Law. The Cases in Context (Graham Butler and Ramses A Wessel (eds) - Hart Publishing, 2022).

Programme available here:

https://campus.usal.es/~derechointernacionalpublico/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/7_July_2022_Leuven_Salamanca.pdf

1-3/09/2022

ESIL Annual Conference 2022, Utrecht, In/Ex-clusiveness of International Law

Agora 6:

EU Exceptionalism and the In/Ex-clusiveness of International Law

Chair P. Cebulak (University of Amsterdam)

Speakers:

- Prof Katja Ziegler (University of Leicester): EU "Exceptionalism" and the Paradox of Inclusiveness of International Law
- Dr Jed Odermatt (City, University of London – IG EUGLOBAL co-convenor): EU Exceptionalism in International Dispute Settlement
- Teresa Cabrita (University of Amsterdam / KU Leuven): EU Exceptionalism and the Codification of International Disaster Law

The speakers pursued a two-fold aim. First, taking an outside view on the EU's exceptionalism with its both inclusionary and exclusionary tendencies, the Agora explored how international law responds to this

ambiguity and accommodates the EU as a global normative actor in its framework. Second, and more broadly, this panel also aimed to bring together two academic disciplines that have increasingly drifted apart, namely EU law and international law.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2022/2023

09/2022-08/2023

03/2023 **Event on the role of the EU and EU law with respect to the war in Ukraine**

Event planned in The Hague with invited speakers and speakers chosen on the basis of a Call for Papers. Possible output in the form of a special issue in a peer-reviewed academic journal.

08-09/2023 **2023 ESIL Annual Conference, Aix-en-Provence, “Is international law fair?”**

IG Side Event