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Kindly Invite You to the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Symposium:

Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights in Europe and the World in Times of Contestation

Leuven, 20-21 September 2018
College van Premonstret, Meeting Room (03.43)
Naamsestraat 61 Leuven

The Doctoral Symposium consists of one day and a half of presentations by, and discussions with, PhD researchers, in interaction with senior academic experts, and a half day (Friday afternoon) public session with presentations and discussions between invited senior scholars and practitioners from the EU institutions. Symposium Directors are Prof. Dr. Enzo Cannizzaro (University of Rome – La Sapienza), Prof. Dr. Christine Kaddous (University of Geneva), Prof. Dr. Ramses Wessel (University of Twente) and Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters (KU Leuven).

Theme

The European Union's (EU) commitment to the pursuit of a 'principled' foreign policy is well-grounded in the provisions of the EU Treaties. The implementation of this commitment, however, has been found wanting in numerous instances, making scholars frequently question the way and the extent to which values and ideals, such as the promotion of the rule of law and human rights, clash with material interests in EU external relations. Faced with a hardening international environment and domestic crises, the EU appears to be adjusting some of its rhetoric and action: the 2016 Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy, for example, speaks of the 'principled pragmatism' which should guide the EU's external action in the years ahead. The Symposium will address, in addition to the EU's acts and omissions abroad concerning the trinity of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, problems and challenges regarding the EU's internal capacity on safeguarding democracy, human rights and the rule of law within its own Member States, and relating to its promotion of these values and principles on the international stage. It will also examine how current contestation of the European project and of a rules-based and cooperative international order may affect the EU's ability to promote and uphold its core values, both within and beyond its borders. The nature and impact of this multifaceted legitimacy crisis will thus be taken into account, looking into the constraints and opportunities this may hold for the EU as a global actor and the challenges the EU faces in regaining the trust of European citizens.

Programme

Thursday 20 September 2018 – Day 1 of the Symposium

9.00 Registration and Coffee/Tea

9:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks by Prof. Dr. **Jan Wouters**, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Full Professor of International Law and Organizations, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies – Institute for International Law, KU Leuven

Panel 1: The EU's Values in the Neighbourhood (10:00 – 12:00)

(In)Compatible Partners? The EU's and Human Rights NGOs' Framing of Human Rights Issues in Eastern Partnership Countries

By **Laura Luciani**, U Ghent

Promoting Human Rights in the Breakaway Regions of the European Eastern Neighbourhood: What Role for the European Union

By **Linda Hamid**, European Court of Human Rights / Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

The (In)Effectiveness of the EU's Enlargement Policy and Its Impact on the Rule of Law in (Future) Member States

By **Lisa Louwerse**, Haagse Hogeschool

12.00-13.30 Lunch Break

Panel 2: Fundamental Rights Law in the EU (13:30 – 15:30)

The External Control of the EU Law System of Complete Legal Remedies: Effective Judicial Protection under the Lens of Practical Efficiency, Beyond Dogmatic Assertions of Constitutional Principles

By **Athanase Popov**, European Commission

A 'Soft' Proportionality Test to Review National Legislation Implementing Memoranda of Understanding: a Genuine Improvement or a Trojan Horse for Protecting Fundamental Rights under the Law of the Financial Crisis?

By **Giuliano Vosa**, LUISS University

Soft Law, European Governance and Effectivity of Fundamental Rights: Which Justiciability of Fundamental Rights in Terms of Migration ?

By **Roila Mavrouli**, University of Luxembourg

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

Panel 3: EU Action in Development Cooperation (16:00 – 18:00)

Parity in Name Alone? The EU's Engagement with Partner Countries' Stakeholders on Sustainable Development Chapters in Trade Agreements

By **Diana Potjomkina**, United Nations University (UNUCRIS)

Stakeholder Participation in the EU's External Forest Governance: Mapping Variation in the Voluntary Partnership Agreements

By **Elke Verhaeghe**, U Ghent

The EU as a Democratizing Developmentalist? An Analysis of the Substance of the EU's Democracy Assistance based on the EU Calls for Proposals for Non-Democratic Developing Countries since 2014

By **Nathan Vandeputte**, U Ghent

Friday 21 September 2018 – Day 2 of the Symposium

Panel 4: The Waning Normative Appeal of the Union (10:00 – 12:00)

The Normative Power of the EU CFSP between Rhetoric and Reality: Assessing the Impact and Enforcement of the EU Common Position on Arms Export Ten Years after its Entry into Force

By **Chiara Bonaiuti**, Newcastle University

Guardianship of Unaccompanied Migrant Minors: Assessment of the Extent to which Spanish Law Reflects the EU Migration Regime and International Standards on Children's Rights

By **Patrizia Rinaldi**, Comillas Pontifical University

EU's Views on the Potential Accountability of Domestic Companies for Business Exploitation of Workers, within the Framework of Contemporary EU Governance and Human Rights Theories

By **Riccardo Vecellio Segate**, Utrecht University

From the European Arrest Warrant to the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders between Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau: a Human Rights Perspective

By **Yin Yanhong**, University of Luxembourg

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break: 12:00-13.30 Lunch Break

Panel 5: Democratic Principles in the EU (13:30 – 15:00)

Introducing the Multilevel Party Field: The Organisation of Dutch and Flemish Political Parties in an EU Context

By **Gilles Pittoors**, U Ghent (GASPAR)

EU's Schrodinger's Cat: Is (still) there a Democracy Divide within the Economic and Monetary Union?

By **Giovanni Zaccaroni**, University of Luxembourg

Constitutional Amendment Processes

By **Jan-Baptist Lemaire**, KU Leuven

Final Panel with Practitioners and Senior Academics (15:00 – 16:30)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ramses Wessel

With the Participation of:

Prof. Dr. Frank Hoffmeister (VU Brussels, European Commission)

Prof. Dr. Christine Kaddous

Prof. Dr. Pieter Jan Kuijper (University of Amsterdam)

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters