

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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**P R O G R A M M E**  
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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 (University of Twente, NL)**

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*

From the Constitutional Convention to the Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy: Realizing Europe's Global "Tennis Court Oath"  
*Joris Larik, Leiden University and The Hague Institute for Global Justice*

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. Christine Kaddous (University of Geneva)**

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

*Przemysław 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. Ramses A. Wessel (University of Twente, NL)**

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 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*

Between European and International Law – The Constitutional Implications of the European Union's Contribution to the International Legal Order

*Franciszek Strzyżkowski, University of Łódź*

18:55 Discussion

19:30 End of the workshop