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Introduction

Campus Brussels was set up in 2010 as an inter-faculty hub for UM staff, researchers, students, and alumni. The Campus has three core functions in line with UM's missions: Teaching and Training Centre (support to education), Research Community Hub (support to research), and UM Embassy (support to knowledge transfer, alumni relations, and the promotion of UM's international profile as the university's 'EU liaison office').

Campus Brussels serves as an ideal hub to strengthen UM's research activities by encouraging academic projects, bringing people together, stimulating debate, and showcasing UM's expertise.

Being based in the capital of the European Union, the Campus adds value especially to UM's research on European topics. These range from the study of Europe itself, such as European law, politics, and culture, to global issues and societal challenges relevant to Europe and its future, including sustainability, (public) health, or digital transformations, all issues that are due to receive a significant part of the European Union's research and innovation budget for 2021-27.

Examining these issues and tackling related challenges will require a multi- and inter-disciplinary effort that draws on UM's wealth of expertise across all faculties, both SSH- and STEM-oriented. It will also need strong international partnerships that capitalise on our entire knowledge ecosystem, from curiosity-driven research carried out at the university to more market-oriented collaborations with regional and industrial partners, many of which are spearheaded by Brightlands, UM's innovation hub run in partnership with public and private organisations. Campus Brussels will also play its part by supporting UM's research community and strategic ambitions from the European Union capital.

UM researchers have been making impressive use of Campus Brussels. They use it as a convenient and welcoming hub to prepare research bids, to discuss work in progress, and to disseminate and promote research findings to a European and international audience. In recent years, the Campus Brussels premises (located by Montgomery metro, just two stops from Schuman and the EU institutions, and six stops from the Gare Centrale) and its accompanying services have provided organisational support and network-building opportunities to around 200 research events,

many of which made possible thanks to funding from the Limburg University Fund/SWOL, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the Dutch Research Council (NWO), and the European Union.

This Campus Brussels 10-year anniversary offers an excellent opportunity to look back at all that has been achieved by the UM community, its faculties, and researchers. With this compendium, we seek to highlight some of the research results and best practices that have been facilitated by Campus Brussels in recent years, to contribute to the further valorisation of UM's excellent research, and to inspire our researchers to embrace the opportunities provided by Campus Brussels and its team.

As we look back, we recognise the commitment and contribution of previous UM Campus Brussels Directors Prof. Dr. Christine Neuhold (2018-20) and Vivianne Heijnen (2010-18). Together with the Campus Brussels team, they laid the foundations of the vibrant Campus Brussels we have today. In the same spirit, we would like to thank UM Faculties and the UM Executive Board and, in particular, UM President Prof. Dr. Martin Paul, for their continued support and enthusiasm for Campus

Brussels as a key feature of UM's profile as The European University of the Netherlands.

Of course, this compendium is not exhaustive, but an illustration of the type of events held in recent years. As such, it summarises and presents the outcome of a selection of research-related activities from 2016 to 2020. It also provides a useful bibliography of academic output – journal articles, book chapters, special issues, edited volumes, monographs, reports, workshop proceedings etc.

We hope that you will enjoy reading about the events featured in the compendium and that, in turn, they will inspire you to organise an event of your own. You might also want to follow up on the selection of articles by seeking out their deliverables via the UM Library, and perhaps even downloading an academic article or two to give them greater impact.

Do get in touch with us: campusbrussels@maastrichtuniversity.nl so we can help you organise your own research activity at Campus Brussels!

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1.

The Law and Politics of Confidential EU Negotiations

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12 February 2016

What did this event revolve around?

Why does the European Union (EU) negotiate its external negotiations in secret? To what extent is secrecy necessary in the context of EU negotiations and what are the consequences in terms of democratic accountability? This workshop aimed to advance the understanding of the 'necessity' of secrecy for attaining candour and efficiency in negotiations as well as the arising consequences of the alleged trade-off between democratic accountability and efficiency. Secrecy in negotiations is said to be important due to the so-called 'limit position' of the negotiators, which is concealed, and the protected space that secrecy offers from external pressures and opinions in order for negotiators to discuss in candour. In turn, such aspects of secrecy are defended as necessary for the overall efficiency of negotiations.

This workshop aimed to offer much needed theoretical clarity on the challenges that arise due to the conflict between on the one hand, secrecy as necessary for negotiations, and on the other hand, openness as necessary for public debate of issues being negotiated. In addition, the workshop questioned whether EU oversight institutions, such as the European Parliament and the European Ombudsman, challenge unnecessary secrecy practices or otherwise contribute to public debate on salient issues affected by negotiations in secret, such as fundamental rights. In this respect, speakers focused on EU practice of negotiations, particularly on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

What did this event result in?

A special issue in "Politics & Governance" was published, which can be found here. At the same time, the event provided the basic contacts that enabled CERiM to bring the European Ombudsman to Maastricht for a Jean Monnet Lecture on 9 February 2017.

Related research output

Abazi, V., & Adriaensen, J. (Eds.). (2017). EU Institutional Politics of Secrecy and Transparency in Foreign Affairs [Special issue]. *Politics and Governance*, 5(3). Available at: <https://www.cogitatiopress.com/politicsandgovernance/issue/view/72>



Parliamentary Cooperation and Diplomacy in Europe and beyond: Theories, Practices and Comparisons 2.

Organiser

Kolja Raube

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As part of a joint effort of Maastricht University, KU Leuven, and Sabanci University

Date

18-19 February 2016



What did this event revolve around?

This conference was organised in the framework of the Jean Monnet Network 'Interparliamentary Cooperation in the EU's external action – Parliamentary Scrutiny and Diplomacy in the EU and beyond' (PACO). It analysed parliamentary cooperation and diplomacy both at the European Union (EU) level and within other European and international organisations. The ambition was to cover the numerous dimensions of parliamentary cooperation and diplomacy in Europe and beyond. First, inter-parliamentary cooperation in European organisation and EU, as well as parliamentary cooperation in other regional and international organisations; secondly, parliamentary diplomacy, between the EU and third countries as well as the parliamentary diplomacy of other parliaments in other regions of the world.

What did this event result in?

By focusing on these above dimensions, the conference shed light and helped to explain the workings of parliamentary cooperation in other regional organisations around the world, as well as the practice of parliamentary diplomacy of the other actors outside the EU.

The conference also provided a comprehensive overview of the different theoretical accounts and the realities in the field, channels, fora and policy fields of inter-parliamentary cooperation and diplomacy.

Related research output

The major publication coming out of the PACO project was the following book: Raube, K., Müftüler-Baç, M., & Wouters, J. (Eds.). (2019). *Parliamentary Cooperation and Diplomacy in EU External Relations*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781786438850>



3. Society for Risk Analysis-Europe: Benelux Inaugural Meeting



Organiser

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Date
14 March 2016



What did this event revolve around?

The complex and ambiguous nature of many emerging risks combined with declining levels of trust in science and government suggest that disagreements can arise over how to best cope with systemic risks and who will be responsible when things go wrong. In this category, the amount of social trust in organised or formalised decision-making will be one of the major risks factor that may emerge in the next few years. Given this scope, the meeting brought together individuals and organisations interested in risk assessment, risk management and risk communication in Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

What did this event result in?

This first meeting gathered about 40 participants mainly from academia, government and industry with an active participation during plenaries and three parallel sessions.

One theme that emerged was the need to look more thoroughly into the notion of Uncertainty from legal, psychological and governance perspectives. Conventional risk analysis has sometimes neglected the concept, which is an issue. Equally, the tendency to 'hype' uncertainties is a challenge to balanced decisions about risks. Another crucial outcome of the meeting is the recognition that education plays a role and that introducing students to cognitive research outcome can help improve the quality of decisions.

4. Increasing Innovation Potential by European-African cooperation

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Organiser

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Date
21 March 2016



Maastricht University



What did this event revolve around?

The project 'Increasing innovation potential by European-African cooperation' (innXchange) aimed at strengthening entrepreneurial training and encouraging entrepreneurial thinking through the development of partnerships between academic institutions and commercial research organisations from Africa and Europe. The goal of the project was to create a set of guidelines that serve as guide for academic and industry researchers on how to:

- Identify research problems with real-world relevance
- Identify innovative solutions to those problems
- Evaluate the potential of ideas in terms of technical innovation
- Evaluate the potential of the ideas in terms of market demand and commercialisation
- Consider the relevance of intellectual property rights
- Convert an innovation into a commercial product.

The purpose of this study was to gain new insights into innovation systems by comparing state-of-the-art of existing approaches of innovation creation and innovation management in healthcare and ICT.

The project innXchange was funded by ERA-NET ERAfrica. The ERAfrica project received funding from the European Union (EU)'s Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technology, and Development and Demonstration, under grant agreement No. 266603. This work was also supported by The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO);

The Department of Science and Technology, South –Africa; The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Kenya; and the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research. Project partners included the University of Pretoria, South Africa; Strathmore University, Kenya; and Hochschule Furtwangen University, Germany. This meeting brought together the international partners of the consortium to take stock of the progress and plan future actions. In addition, high-level policy meetings were organised in Africa and Europe in 2016 and 2017. The organisers published a research article thus far. A second one will be published soon.

What did these events result in?

Thanks to the good collaboration nurtured in meetings such as this one, partners exchanged staff after the successful completion of the project, and they are still collaborating and submitting grant applications.

Related research output

Schee Genannt Halfmann, S., Evangelatos, N., Kweyu, E., Devilliers, C., Steinhausen, K., Van Der Merwe, A., & Brand, A. (2018). The Creation and Management of Innovations in Healthcare and ICT: The European and African Experience. *Public Health Genomics*, 21(5-6), 197-206. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000499853>



5.

Casebook Judicial Review of Administrative Action

Organisers

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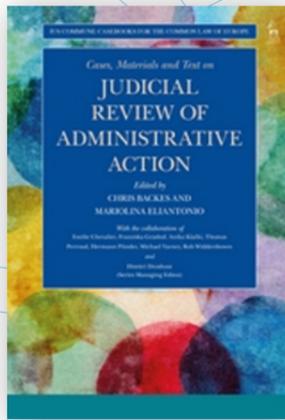
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Date

07-08 April & 10-11 October 2016, 25-26 April & 10 July 2017



What did this event revolve around?

The authors of the casebook chapters met several times at Campus Brussels. In addition to Mariolina Eliantonio and Chris Backes, this included:

- Thomas Perroud (Pantheon-Assass University)
- Franziska Grashof (formerly Maastricht University)
- Mike Varney (University of Hull)
- Hermann Pünder (Buccerius Law School Hamburg)
- Anika Klafki (Jena University)
- Emilie Chevalier (Limoges University)
- Rob Widdershoven (Utrecht University)
- Jacques Ziller (Pavia University)
- Jean-Bernard Auby (formerly Sciences-Po Paris)

During these meetings, participants discussed the various draft chapters in preparation for a book. The project was funded under an Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Project action.

What did this event result in?

The meetings resulted in the publication of this book which provides a thorough comparative overview of judicial review in various legal jurisdictions. The project also built further collaborations between the chapter authors.

Related research output

Backes, C. W., & Eliantonio, M. (2019). *Cases, materials and text on judicial review of administrative action*. *Ius Commune Casebooks for the Common Law of Europe*. Available at: <https://www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/cases-materials-and-text-on-judicial-review-of-administrative-action-9781509921485/>



Opening the Parliamentary “Black Box” – The internal Politics of National Parliaments in the Shaping of EU Affairs

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Organisers

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Date

13 May 2016

What did this event revolve around?

This workshop sought contributors that helped to open further the ‘black box’ of parliaments. The focus was on the role of different actors – committees, parties, political groups, secretariats – and especially on their interaction with one another in shaping European Union (EU) affairs. In addition, it focused on comparative studies on the role National Parliaments play within EU-related activities as opposed to those within the legislative process on the national level and focused to stimulate the academic debate among those working on parliamentary affairs across the various levels in the EU.

What did these events result in?

The insights gathered during this event contributed to two publications. One in the *Journal of European Public Policy* and another in the *Journal of Legislative Studies*.

Related research outputs

Auel, K., & Neuhold, C. (2017). *Multi-arena players in the making? Conceptualizing the role of national parliaments since the Lisbon Treaty*. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 24(10), 1547–1561. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2016.1228694>



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7.

The Cultural Open Method of Coordination: a New Boost for Cultural Policies in Europe?



Organiser

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Date
20 June 2016



Related research outputs

Psychogiopoulou, E. (2017). The cultural open method of coordination: A new boost for cultural policies in Europe? *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law*, 24(2), 264–288.
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What did this event revolve around?

What is the role of culture in the European Union (EU)'s law and policies? In what ways have cultural issues been framed at the level of the EU, and in the pursuit of what objectives? The contributors explored key features of the EU's cultural action and policies, examining their strengths and weaknesses at a time of unprecedented challenges – the recent economic crisis, globalisation and digitalisation, changes in cultural production, distribution and consumption. The aim was to provide those attending with a better understanding of the EU's contribution to cultural governance.

This was an event funded by the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstrations Activities 2007-2013. The workshop on the cultural Open Method of Coordination (OMC) was organised in the framework of Dr Evangelia Psychogiopoulou's Marie Curie fellowship at Maastricht University.

What did this event result in?

Two subsequent publications benefitted from the discussions held during the workshop.



Psychogiopoulou, E. (2017). The 'cultural' open method of coordination: Is it up to the job? *International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics*, 13(3), 229–248.
https://doi.org/10.1386/macp.13.3.229_1



Organisers

Kiran Patel
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Sophie Vanhoonacker
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In cooperation with:

Wolfgang Wessels
Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cologne

Jürgen Mittag
Jean Monnet Professor, German Sport University Cologne

Date
18 November 2016



The Lisbon Summit and European Narratives

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What did this event revolve around?

This interdisciplinary workshop assessed the way the Lisbon Treaty negotiations were perceived at the time and how they are remembered today. It discussed the place of the Lisbon summit in the wider history of EU summitry and linked it to the broader question of the role of summits in narratives of European integration.

The workshop was an event organised in the framework of the Erasmus+ Centre of Excellence 'From History to Memory Culture: Narratives of the European Council Summits' (HOMER). It was attended by 21 students of the universities of Maastricht, Cologne and the German Sport University. In preparation of the workshop, the students worked with a broad variety of sources including newspaper articles, archival material, memoirs, interviews etc.

What did this event result in?

The participating students learned to combine insights from history and political science in their analysis of memories of the European Union. The insights gathered during this event and two other (earlier) workshops on the Hague Summit (1969) and the Maastricht summit (1991) also contributed to a publication in the *Journal of European Integration History*.



Related research outputs

Patel, K. K., Sianos, A., & Vanhoonacker - Kormoss, S. (2018). Does the EU Have a Past? Narratives of European Integration History and the Union's Public Awareness Deficit. *Journal of European Integration History*, 24(1), 143-166.
<https://doi.org/10.5771/0947-9511-2018-1-143>



9.

Germs, Bioterrorism and Chemical Attacks: Internal and External EU Security Perspectives

Organisers

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Anniek de Ruijter

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Francesca Galli

Assistant Professor in European Union Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Date

21-22 November 2016

What did this event revolve around?

This academic workshop brought together academics and policy experts in the field of public health and security policy with the purpose of discussing innovative research and establishing closer contacts. The workshop highlighted actual and potential synergies between (1) health and security issues, (2) internal and external challenges, and (3) legal and policy perspectives.

The workshop included discussions on Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases as Security Threats as well as Bioterrorism and Chemical Attacks. Topics in the first session included naturally occurring disease outbreaks as threats to both internal and external security, such as the 2013 regulatory framework adopted as after the outbreak of Swine flu in 2009.

The second session focused on policy initiatives around Bioterrorism and Chemical Attacks, such as the 2003

European Security Strategy, adopted following the attacks on 11 September 2001, which identifies terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) as two of the most significant threats.

What did this event result in?

This workshop stimulated a cross-fertilization of ideas on knowledge, research, and policy challenges between policy makers and academics from a variety of scientific disciplines and approaches.

The insights gathered at the event resulted in a special issue of the European Journal of Risk Regulation.



Related research output

Dijkstra, H., & De Ruijter, A. (Eds.). (2017). Special Issue on the EU Public-Health-Security Nexus [Special issue]. *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 8(4). Available at: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-journal-of-risk-regulation/issue/5DFF6F88EC17CB3130E83349DE6F65D4>



10.

Selection of research events organised in 2017

Transnational Migration, Citizenship and the Circulation of Rights and Responsibilities: The external dimension of EU social security coordination

Organisers

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Zvezda Vankova

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Herwig Verschueren

Professor of Social Law, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp

Date

16 February 2017



What did this event result in?

The discussions during this seminar revealed two things. First, any attempt to consider how a common approach can be pursued requires a proper mapping and analysis of the existing regime. It is necessary to know how, and to what extent, the Member States and the EU regulate social security in external relations, to find out whether common elements can be identified in the Member States and EU's approach and to consider which specific problems they encounter. Second, the debates at the seminar revealed a consensus that the topic under consideration should not be limited to coordination stricto sensu, in the sense of building bridges between the social security system of the Member States and those of third countries, and promoting (administrative) cooperation between social security institutions in EU Member States and third countries. The insights gathered during the event contributed to the publication of a special issue in the European Journal of Social Security.

What did this event revolve around?

Transnational Migration, Citizenship and the Circulation of Rights and Responsibilities (TRANSMIC) is a project funded under European Union's Marie Curie Actions — Initial Training Networks funding scheme. It aims to contribute to the understanding of transnational migration, in particular by looking at the conditions for and effects of transnational migration, possibilities for the mobility of migrants' rights to be enhanced, and the links between migration, citizenship, and migration and development.

Related research output

van der Mei, A.-P., Melin, P., Vankova, Z., & Verschueren, H. (Eds.). (2018). Special Issue on The External Dimension of EU Social Security Coordination [Special issue]. *European Journal of Social Security*, 20(2). Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ejs/20/2>



11.

Second Annual PhD Colloquium on International Economic Law

Organiser

Denise Prévost
Associate Professor of International Economic Law,
Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Date

25-26 April 2017

What did this event revolve around?

This event was the second in a series of PhD colloquia on international economic law, following the successful first such event organised by Dr Alexia Herwig at the University of Antwerp in 2016.

The objective of this series of events was to bring together the PhD researchers that work in the field of international trade and investment law at the participating universities, the Universities of Antwerp, Amsterdam, Leiden, Leuven and Maastricht, for two days of presentations, feedback and intensive discussions. These aim to bring new insights, inspiration, motivation and shared experiences, to enrich the PhD projects of the participating researchers.

The event included a keynote speech by Lothar Ehring, Senior Expert at the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission, on the very topical issue of border tax adjustments under international trade law.

What did this event result in?

This event extended the networks of the participating researchers and provided these researchers with in-depth feedback from their peers and from senior colleagues regarding relevant issues in their PhD projects.



Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty - Open Research Area Workshop

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Organiser

Christine Neuhold
Professor of EU Democratic Governance,
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
Maastricht University

Date

30 May 2017



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ments in EU affairs in practice. The project comprised in-depth research on the parliamentary scrutiny of EU legislative processes, parliamentary involvement in non-legislative EU policy processes, inter-parliamentary co-operation and contracts to EU institutions as well as on parliamentary infrastructure in EU affairs.

The project also resulted in two significant collective publications:

- National Parliaments in the EU: The Performance of Multilevel Democracy in Europe (Special Issue of West European Politics, published in 2015)
- Palgrave Handbook on National Parliaments and the European Union (published in 2014)

What did these events result in?

This event was crucial for the OPAL project, which was successful in receiving funding from the Open Research Area (ORA).

What did this event revolve around?

The workshop was organised to prepare a research bid to be submitted under the Open Research Area (ORA), which was crucial for the OPAL project, financed under the ORA and bringing together four universities.

Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty (OPAL) was a three-year project, which constituted a collaborative endeavour by the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Paris) and the Universities of Cambridge, Cologne and Maastricht. OPAL was the first major project to address the role of national parliaments in European integration after the Treaty of Lisbon and in light of the financial and Eurozone crises. It looked in particular at how the institutional reforms and new legal stipulations arising from the Lisbon Treaty impact on the role of national parlia-



Related research output

Publications under the OPAL project can be found on the website of the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

13.

The Regulation of Lobbying Activities for Good Governance

Organisers

Andreea Năstase

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Michelle Cini

Professor of European Politics and Head of School, School of Sociology Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol

Date

27 June 2017

What did this event revolve around?

Andreea Năstase conducted this research meeting together with Professor Michelle Cini from Bristol University in the framework of a joint research project. The purpose of this research meeting was to discuss the regulation of lobbying activities, which nowadays represents an internationally recognized standard for good governance.

What did this event result in?

This meeting led to developing of two research papers, which were presented at various conferences, as follows:

- The Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG) Annual Work Conference, 1-2 November 2018, the Hague
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) 48th Annual Conference, 3-5 September 2018, Bath, UK
- European Union Studies Association (EUSA) 15th Biennial Conference, May 4-6, 2017, Miami Florida

Andreea Năstase also wrote an article in an academic journal drawing partially on the work done together with Prof. Michelle Cini.

Related research output

Năstase, A. (2020). An ethics for the lobbying profession? The role of private associations in defining and codifying behavioural standards for lobbyists in the EU. *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 9(4), 495–519. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41309-020-00107-8>



Organisers

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Maja Brkan

Associate Professor in EU Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Francesca Galli

Assistant Professor in European Union Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Date

25 September 2017

What did this event revolve around?

This one-day international conference brought together scholars of international standing (including both senior and junior academics) with a background stemming from different institutions (including practitioners and policy makers) and countries. It was followed by a policy event organised under the auspices of the Maastricht European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity.

The conference was designed to bring together specialists of European studies from different policy fields, with the purpose to reflect upon the theme of surveillance. The purpose was to also initiate an interdisciplinary discussion on a topic that is relevant for more scientific fields but still the debate has been fragmented. In particular, the conference addressed how surveillance affects and is perceived from three main stakeholders involved in the process of surveillance: surveillance authorities, data

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The Surveillance Triangle: Authorities, Data Subjects and Means



subjects and companies. The conference also addressed the issues related to the means of surveillance and whether these means indeed achieve the objective of preventing serious crimes such as terrorist attacks.

This conference was financially supported by the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), the Centre for European Research in Maastricht (CERiM), the Limburg University Fund (SWOL), and The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS).

What did this event result in?

Thanks to the interdisciplinary approach adopted, with not only lawyers but also a number of scholars from the field of political science as well as philosophy, each panel conveyed different academic approaches and methodologies to address the fragmented debate around the topic of surveillance. An extended summary of the conference is available on the CERiM website.



15.

Unintended Consequences: Measuring the Economic Impact of Introducing an SPC Exemption

What did this event revolve around?

This workshop discussed the implications of the proposed changes into supplementary protection certificates for pharmaceutical products (so-called SPC exemptions). The event included participation from policy makers, academics and industry colleagues.

What did this event result in?

The insights gathered during the workshop contributed to an academic publication.



Organisers

Anselm Kamperman Sanders

Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Meir Pugatch

Professor of Valorisation, Entrepreneurship and Management, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Date

23 October 2017



Related research output

Pugatch, M., Torstensson, D., & Laufer, M. (2017). Unintended Consequences: How Introducing a Manufacturing and Export Exemption to Supplementary Protection Certificates Would Weaken Global Standards of IP Protection and Result in Direct Losses to Europe's Research-Based Biopharmaceutical Industry. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3051545>



"Pollution is a silent killer. This is especially true for air pollution, the most devastating form of pollution. You cannot see it, but it kills every year millions of people around the globe."

Onno Van Schayck
Care and Public Health Research Institute, Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands.

The Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health
Access the report, pollution data, and solutions
www.gahp.net

Organiser

Onno van Schayck
Professor of Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Maastricht University

Date
26 October 2017



Related research output

Landrigan, P.J., Fuller, R., Acosta, N.J.R., Adeyi, O., Arnold, R., Baldé, A.B., Bertollini, R., Bose-O'Reilly, S., Boufford, J.I., & Breysse, P.N. (2018). The Lancet Commission on pollution and health. *The Lancet*, 391(10119), 462–512. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(17\)32345-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32345-0)



UM and Global 16. Commission Pollution Health – Presentation of research results

What did this event revolve around?

For decades, both governments and the international development agenda have neglected pollution and its harmful effects on people's health, the environment, and the planet. The Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health addresses the full health and economic costs of air, water, and soil pollution.

Through analyses of existing and emerging data, the Commission reveals pollution's severe and underreported contribution to the Global Burden of Disease. It uncovers the economic costs of pollution to low-income and middle-income countries. The Commission aimed to inform key decision makers around the world about the burden that pollution places on health and economic development, and about available cost-effective pollution control solutions and strategies.

What did these events result in?

This event presented the findings of the research carried out by the Lancet Global Commission on Pollution and Health. It was presented to journalists, policy-makers, researchers, and a wide array of stakeholders.

The concrete output was a full issue of the *Lancet* in October 2017 in which the Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health published their report. Another concrete output of the same event was the further development of "Exhale stove in Indian slums" infographic. The recording of the event can be viewed on this article published on the UM website.



Selection of research events organised in 2018

Organisers

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Thomas Christiansen

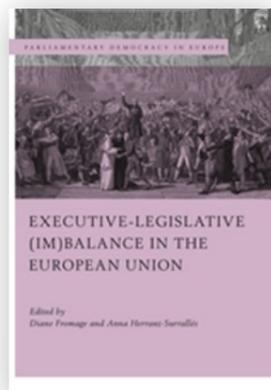
Professor of European Institutional
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(formerly)

Date

18-19 January 2018



17. Recalibrating Executive-Legislative Relations in the European Union



What did this event revolve around?

Ten years after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, has executive predominance in European Union (EU)-related matters disappeared? How have executive-legislative relations in the EU evolved over a crisis-ridden decade, from the financial and migration crises to Brexit.

Related research output

Fromage, D., & Herranz-Surrallés, A. (2021). Executive-legislative (im)balance in the European Union. Bloomsbury Publishing. Available at: <https://www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/executive-legislative-imbalance-in-the-european-union-9781509930029/>

What did this event result in?

The event highlighted that diverging tendencies may be observed and that important variations over time have occurred, depending particularly on the occurrence of crisis. It also provided an excellent overview of key aspects of executive-legislative relations in the European system since the Treaty of Lisbon. Discussions were particularly relevant for scholars and practitioners interested in reforms designed at the European and national levels to improve the EU's democracy quality. This event also gave rise to an edited volume.



Organisers

Paul Stephenson

Assistant Professor of Political Science,
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Maastricht University

Frans Leeuw

Professor of Law, Public Policy and
Social Science Research, Faculty of Law,
Maastricht University

Date

25- 26 January 2018



What did this event revolve around?

The aim of this workshop was to stimulate debate on approaches to policy evaluation in the European Union (EU) by bringing together EU policy researchers with scholars from the evaluation community. It sought to explore conceptual and methodological approaches to engaging in evaluation, and to take critical perspectives on current evaluation practices in the world of policy-making and implementation.

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The organisers welcomed 46 participants over two days for 22 papers over 8 panels: a mix of junior and senior academics, and various practitioners from the EU institutions and beyond, including the European Parliament, European Commissions' Joint Research Centre, the Regulatory Scrutiny Board and European Court of Auditors.

The workshop was co-financed by the Centre for European Research in Maastricht (CERiM), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASoS) Research Stimulation Fund (RSF), Stichting Universiteitsfonds Limburg (SWOL) and the Law Faculty of Maastricht University.

What did this event result in?

In addition to the networking component, the discussions contributed to the publication of a special issue in the journal German Political Science Quarterly, the leading political science journal in Germany'.

Related research output

Stephenson, P.J., Schoenefeld, J.J. & Leeuw, F.L. (Eds.). (2019). The Politicisation of Evaluation: Constructing and Contesting EU Policy Performance [Special issue]. German Political Science Quarterly, 60(4). <https://link.springer.com/journal/11615/60/4>



19.

The Contextualisation of Innovation Performance Data



What did this event revolve around?

This workshop aimed at gathering expert views and opinions on a range of issues for revising measurement framework of the European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS). The EIS is an annual report by the European Commission providing a comparative analysis of innovation performance in EU countries, other European countries, and regional neighbors.

Participants discussed the following questions: which innovation dimensions are missing in the EIS measurement framework? How should we take into account (structural) differences between countries? How should we improve the timeliness of the EIS (i.e. can we use more recent data)? Which of the existing indicators should be removed or revised and how? Which new indicators should be included? Attendees included staff from national ministries and policy agencies, universities and the European Commission.

The workshop was part of the European Commission (EC) funded European Innovation Scoreboard project for which the United Nations University - Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) has been the main contractor since its introduction in 2001.

What did this event result in?

Participants discuss papers and commented on the research design of the ERC project as well as further developed their scholarly network around the decline and death of international organisations.

One of the papers that were presented at the workshop which kicked-off the ERC project was published.

Related research output

Cvijanović, V., Reid, A., Elci, S., & Hollanders, H. (2018). European Innovation Scoreboard 2018. Exploratory Report C: Supplementary analyses and contextualisation of innovation performance data. Available at: <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/325285797>



Organisers

Hugo Hollanders

Senior Researcher, School of Business and Economics / UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University

Alasdair Reid

Policy Director, European Future Innovation System Centre (EFIS)

Date

19 February 2018



Unintended Consequences of EU External Action: What, Why and How

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Organisers

Gergana Noutcheva

Associate Professor in International Relations and European Foreign Policy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University

Olga Burlyuk

Postdoctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Ghent University

Date

15-16 March 2018



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AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN



What did this event revolve around?

The event was part of a research project that explored the unintended consequences of European Union (EU) external action. It involved 15 researchers from 11 European universities.

What did these events result in?

The insights gathered during this event led to the publication of a special issue of the journal *The International Spectator* in 2019.

The special issue to the study of the EU as an international actor by broadening the notion of the EU's impact abroad to include the unintended consequences of EU (in)actions and by shedding new light on the conceptual paradigms that explain EU external action. This was subsequently published as an edited volume by Routledge in 2020.

Related research output

Burlyuk, O., & Noutcheva, G. (Eds.). (2019). Special issue: Unintended Consequences of EU External Action [Special issue]. *The International Spectator*, 54(1). Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rspe20/54/1>



Dandashly, A., & Noutcheva, G. (2019). Unintended Consequences of EU Democracy Support in the European Neighbourhood. *The International Spectator*, 54(1), 105–120. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03932729.2019.1554340>

21.

Innovation Law for Technology 4.0

Organisers

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Ana Ramalho

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Date

06 April 2018



What did this event revolve around?

The European and global society is gradually transitioning into the fourth industrial revolution, marked by an exponential technological advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as works of art created by AI systems, algorithmic decision-making and autonomous vehicles. The profound transformation of our society creates a pressing need for a clear legal framework that the European Union is currently seeking to develop within Digital Single Market, notably through the adoption of the recent EP Resolution on Civil Law Rules on Robotics.

The concept of the conference is rather unique as it featured two presenters on one topic, one speaker from law and another from technology.

Based on doctrinal analysis, empirical research (semi-structured interviews) and interdisciplinary cooperation with Maastricht University (UM), this project aimed to respond to this quest for establishment of a regulatory framework by putting to debate questions still unsolved that touch upon several fields of law:

- (i) Privacy law: How to protect privacy and ensure accountability for decisions taken by autonomous AI agents affecting humans (e.g. automated tax decisions)?
- (ii) Intellectual Property law: Who should hold copyright over works of art created by AI agents and can AI-generated inventions be patented? How does the IP and data interface work in the context of AI?
- (iii) Private law: What types of regulation should govern AI liability, and which actors should be involved in these regulatory approaches?



The European Central Bank's Accountability in a Multilevel European Order

22.

Organisers

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Paul Dermine

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Phedon Nicolaides

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Date

29-30 May 2018



What did this event revolve around?

This workshop offered renewed perspectives on the question of the European Central Bank (ECB)'s accountability, informed by the exceptional transformations that its mandate, functions and tasks have undergone over the last few years. In doing so, the speakers sought to determine how these transformations impact our traditional understanding of the ECB's independence, the accountability arrangements it is subject to, and, more broadly, its position within the European Union (EU)'s institutional system.

Such endeavour was particularly timely. Not only had the ECB's recent actions on all fronts (monetary, economic and supervisory) been highly contested, both within and outside the EU system, but the existing institutional set-up and related

accountability mechanisms remained highly adaptable as the Banking Union is still under construction.

Additionally, recent developments, such as the first activation ever of the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) and the decision by the ECB to bring a case before the Court of justice against Latvia, illustrated again the importance of the question of the ECB's accountability.

What did this event result in?

The insights gathered during this workshop gave rise to a special issue in the Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law.

Related research output

Fromage, D., Dermine, P., Nicolaides, P., & Tuori, K. (2019). ECB independence and accountability today: towards a (necessary) redefinition? *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law*, 26(1), 3-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1023263X19827819>



23.

Standardisation as Regulatory Technique in the Process of European Integration: Voluntary, Inclusive and Legitimate?

Organisers

Mariolina Eliantonio

Professor of European and Comparative Administrative Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

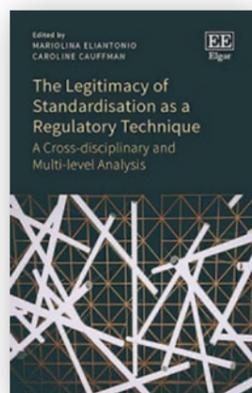
Caroline Cauffman

Associate Professor of Contract, Consumer and Competition Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Date

20-21 September 2018

 Maastricht University
Faculty of Law



What did this event revolve around?

This two-day seminar aimed at investigating standardisation as a regulatory technique both at the European and the international level based on several case studies and from different perspectives.

The overarching research question was whether the process of standardisation, with its economic and trade advantages, provides for sufficient legitimacy guarantees. The programme of the workshop can be consulted here.

What did this event result in?

The insights gathered during the event contributed to the publication of a monograph on the legitimacy of standardisation as a regulatory technique.



Related research output

Eliantonio, M., & Cauffman, C. (Eds.). (2020). The legitimacy of standardisation as a regulatory technique: A cross-disciplinary and multi-level analysis. Edward Elgar Publishing.
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789902952>



NUTRIM Interreg - Platform for Research Oriented towards persOnalised Food (PROOF)

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Organiser

Pascal Stevens

Managing Director, Faculty of Health, Medicine & Life Sciences, Maastricht University

Date

11 October 2018



What did this event revolve around?

This was the kick-off meeting of the steering committee of the INTERREG-project 'Platform for Research Oriented towards persOnalised Food' (PROOF). This project will create open research facilities at Vives Hogeschool in Roeselare and Brightlands Maastricht Health Campus of Maastricht UMC and Maastricht University, bringing together expertise from the fields of nutrition and healthcare. Facilities with an open character will be created; hence, a bridge will be built between research, industry and healthcare actors to develop nutrition tailored to people with chronic care demand.

The Brightlands Campus Greenport Venlo, TUA West and POM West Flanders are helping to support the project. The partners will work with food companies and healthcare actors in two pilot projects on muscle weakness in the elderly (sarcopenia) and chronic lung disease (COPD). In addition to product development, digital tools are being sought to map the impact of adapted nutrition on patients.

More information can be found on the PROOF project website as well as on the NUTRIM website.



25.

The Implementation of the European Union's Action Plan on Environmental Compliance Assurance and Governance

Organisers

Michael Faure

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Kristel De Smedt

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Ecologic Institute (Consortium Lead, Germany)

Dates

11-12 October, 16-17 October, and 7-8 November 2018

What did this event revolve around?

In January 2018, the European Commission (EC) adopted a 9-point Action Plan to improve compliance with European Union (EU) environmental rules.

Ecologic Institute and its partners (among which Maastricht University Faculty of Law) carried out a project, funded by the EC's Directorate-General for Environment, that aimed to support the Commission in the implementation of the Action Plan. The consortium led by Ecologic Institute organised stakeholder workshops to gather input and feedback throughout the drafting process.

Workshop on complaint handling, 11/12 October 2018

The workshop presented and discussed the second draft version of the documentation on good practice in the handling of environmental complaints and engagement of citizens at Member State level (Action 7 of the Action Plan).

Among the participants were representatives of nine Member States, the European environmental networks (IMPEL, EUFJE and NEPA), ombuds-institutions from different Member States and the European Commission.

Workshop on combatting environmental crime, 16/17 October 2018

Workshop participants discussed a consolidated draft of the guidance document and the associated draft background document. Participants included representatives of Member States, the EU enforcement networks (ENPE, EUFJE, IMPEL, NEPA), Eurojust, Europol, the European Commission, and individual experts with relevant expertise.

Workshop on compliance assurance in rural areas, 7/8 November 2018

The workshop presented and discussed the second draft version of the guidance document on compliance assurance in rural areas (Action 5 of the Action Plan). Participants included representatives of Member States, IMPEL, NEPA and the European Commission.

Further details are available at the Ecologic Institute's project webpage.

What did this event result in?

The events supported the preparation of three EU good practice guidance documents on strategies for combating environmental crimes and other related breaches, on environmental compliance assurance in rural areas in particular in relation to water and nature legislation, and concerning the handling of environmental complaints and engagement of citizens. The guidance documents are available on the European Commission's Environmental Compliance Assurance website.

Project team:



Workshop participants:



Project funded by:



Selection of research events organised in 2019 and early 2020

26.

European Intellectual Property Institutes Network - Innovation Society (EIPIN-IS): mid-term review

Organisers

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Anke Moerland
Associate Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Yleen Simonis
Project Manager, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University (previously at the Faculty of Law)

Date

12 March 2019



What did this event revolve around?

European Intellectual Property Institutes Network – Innovation Society (EIPIN-IS) is a comprehensive project at the forefront of multidisciplinary research, examining the role of intellectual property (IP) as a complex adaptive system in innovation. The ambition is to enhance Europe's capacity to foster innovation-based sustainable economic growth globally. The primary research objective of the programme is to provide political leaders and stakeholders reliable conclusions and recommendations in the form of doctoral IP research on how to deal with the adaptive complexities of innovation cycles that secure economic benefits and uphold justice in the innovation society.

This project, led by Maastricht University, has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement 721733. More

information about the EIPIN-IS can be found on the project website and on this leaflet. This mid-term review concerned a meeting where the project EIPIN Innovation Society presented the progress up until then (18 months after start). The reporting mostly consisted in the discussion of deliverables, joint degree structures, and financial arrangements.

What did this event result in?

Having Campus Brussels not just for this event, but for this project in general, was greatly appreciated especially for the closeness to the European Commission. Campus Brussels is ideally placed and has the infrastructure to allow meetings en grand et petit comité. Therefore, it is worth stressing this quality of Campus Brussels in connection with European Union (EU)-funded projects where consortium meetings are necessary and for which EU officials may also attend.



Related research output

Kamperman Sanders, A., & Moerland, A. (in press). Intellectual Property as a Complex Adaptive System. In A. Kamperman Sanders & A. Moerland (Eds.), *Intellectual Property as a Complex Adaptive System: The Role of IP in the Innovation Society*. Edward Elgar Publishing. All other research outputs are available on the research section of the project website.



27.

Current Issues in the European Monetary and Banking Unions – a reflection

Organisers

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Date

20 May 2019

What did this event revolve around?

This conference reflected on the current issues in the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and European Banking Union (EBU) seen as the opportunity to go beyond the principle of ‘institutional unity’ with a view to accommodate euro area-specificities in the European Union (EU)’s institutional landscape.

The main goal was to discuss the need to strengthen the coordination among Member States’ economic and fiscal policies, as well as the need to introduce harmonised banking prudential rules and a European Banking Union. The 2007 economic and financial crisis required the adoption of several reforms and the creation of new instruments to save the economy of Member States in difficulty, and beyond this, to ensure the survival of the euro.

The event was attended by representatives of Maastricht University, Leiden University, University of Turku, representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, European Central Bank (ECB) and Council of the European Union.

Related research output

Fromage, D. & de Witte, B. (Eds.). (2019). *Recent Evolutions in the Economic and Monetary Union and the European Banking Union: A Reflection*. Maastricht Law Faculty working papers series. Available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/1814/65708>



10 years of Eastern Partnership

28.

Organisers

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Date

06-07 June 2019

What did this event revolve around?

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) was founded in 2009 to strengthen the European Union (EU)’s relations with six partner countries in its eastern neighbourhood (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and to build a common area of shared democracy, prosperity and stability.

This conference addressed in how far the EaP (in its current form) has achieved a strengthening of relations between the EU and its eastern neighbours, and invited to reflect on what conceptual and policy tools are required in the future to define the EU’s relations with the six EaP countries. A special emphasis was placed on how (or whether) to reconcile seemingly conflicting policy paradigms, such as the promotion of ‘values’, such as democracy, human rights and civil society versus ‘pragmatic’ policy based on ensuring stability, tensions between normative/utilitarian principles and geopolitical and geo-economic interests.

What did these events result in?

The conference provided a holistic and interdisciplinary analysis of the EaP. Panels focus on (i) the existing legal and institutional framework(s), as well as financial instruments and their suitability for the challenges faced by the EU in the future; (ii) the policy dimensions of the EaP, (iii) concrete bilateral relations and perspectives from the EaP countries and (iv) critical reflections on security and geopolitics, including policy recommendations.



29.

Competing Political Models and Patterns of Diffusion in the European Neighbourhood

Organisers

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Date

17-18 June 2019



FASoS

What did this event revolve around?

This international workshop involved 12 researchers from 10 European universities. Its main purpose was to discuss first drafts of papers for a collective publication. The overall project examines how the normative rivalry between the EU and illiberal powers plays out and affects the domestic processes of political change in the European neighbourhood.

What did this event result in?

The project is in its final stages and will lead to the publication of special issue of the journal *Democratization* (forthcoming in 2021). It also served as a stepping-stone for building a consortium to respond to a Horizon Europe call on Democratic Politics in the European Union (EU)'s Neighbourhood. Maastricht University is the lead institution of the consortium.

Related research output

Noutcheva, G. (2018). Whose legitimacy? The EU and Russia in contest for the eastern neighbourhood. *Democratization*, 25(2), 312–330.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2017.1363186>



Dandashly, A., & Kourtelis, C. (2020). Classifying the Implementation of the EU's Normative Power in its Southern Neighbourhood: The Role of Local Actors. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 58(6), 1523–1539.
<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13051>



30.

SCREENED Project: The Effects of Endocrine Disruptors on Thyroid Gland Function

Organisers

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Benoit Pilorget

Project Manager, ARTIC

Date

09 July 2019



What did this event revolve around?

SCREENED: 'a multistage model of thyroid gland function for screening endocrine-disrupting chemicals in a biologically sex-specific manner' is a project that aims to develop three-dimensional (3D) cell-based in vitro tests to better characterise the effects of endocrine disruptors (EDs) on thyroid gland function. This method will overcome the limitations of existing tests, being more sensitive at low doses of exposure to chemicals, and enabling the prediction of their toxicity on human health in a sex-specific manner.

The project will engage discussion with relevant stakeholder groups, including regulatory bodies and industry, to ensure that the assays will fit with purposes of endocrine disruptors safety assessment. In this project review, it was briefly discussed the current state of art in cellular assays of EDs and how this project aims at further advancing the field of cellular assays for EDs interfering with the thyroid gland.

The results obtained in SCREENED from the transcriptomics analyses will contribute to creating a comprehensive description of thyroid transcriptome alternations following exposure to selected EDs and

will be integrated with proteomics data using both a targeted and untargeted approach. The SCREENED consortium is also performing a pilot study for the identification of both omics in untreated vs. ED-treated thyroid-derived cells. More information can be found on the project website.

What did this event result in?

The meeting was a 6-month progress update of the SCREENED Project, which has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 825745.

Related research output

Moroni, L., Barbaro, F., Caiment, F., Coleman, O., Costagliola, S., Di Conza, G., Elviri, L., Giselbrecht, S., Krause, C., Mota, C., Nazzari, M., Pennington, S. R., Ringwald, A., Sandri, M., Thomas, S., Waddington, J., & Toni, R. (2020). SCREENED: A Multistage Model of Thyroid Gland Function for Screening Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals in a Biologically Sex-Specific Manner. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 21(10).
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms21103648>



31.

Empowering Public Interest Voice: Integrating Whistleblowing in the European Union



Organiser

Vigjilence Abazi

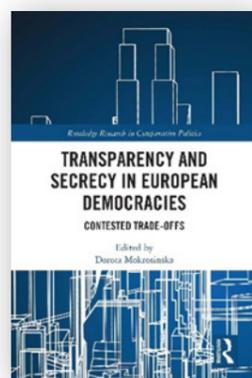
Assistant Professor International and European Law,
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Date

20 September 2019

Maastricht University
Faculty of Law

NWO
Netherlands Organisation
for Scientific Research



What did this event revolve around?

This workshop aimed to bring together leading scholars, experts, practitioners as well as whistleblowers in order to tackle the issue of whistleblowing from a multi-disciplinary perspective and address both theoretical and practical views. Its main purpose is to explore the latest thinking on the fundamentals of whistleblowing and engage in discussion across a wide range of fields (law, political, philosophy, ethics, management and media studies) to understand the compound nature of whistleblowing, especially in the context of global data and technology, the rise of anti-rule of law movements and disruptive leaderships.

This event was the first exploratory workshop for Vigjilence Abazi's Veni project.

What did this event result in?

The concrete output are two academic articles which draw from the insights gained during the discussions:

Related research output

Abazi, V. (2020). *The European Union Whistleblower Directive: A 'Game Changer' for Whistleblowing Protection?* *Industrial Law Journal*, 49(4), 640–656.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/indlaw/dwaa023>



Abazi, V. (2021). *Political Whistleblowing in the European Union: Official Secrets, Freedom of Expression and the Rule of Law.* *Transparency and Secrecy in European Democracies* (Routledge, 2021). Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3783809>



Organisers

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Date

23-24 September 2019 / 09 March 2018



Maastricht University
Faculty of Law



32.

Development of New Tools for the Precautionary Principle: Reconciling Science, Innovation and Precaution

What did this event revolve around?

In September 2019, Campus Brussels hosted the second project meeting of the RECIPES Consortium (11 partners, EU Countries and Norway) for a H2020 research call (SWAFS 18-2018, Taking stock of the application of the precautionary principle in R&I).

In 2000 the EC adopted a Communication on the Precautionary Principle after several crises. Since then, some stakeholders have put forward an Innovation Principle. Debate and controversy remain up to today. In the H2020 call, it was asked that the Consortium would take stock of implementation of the Precautionary Principle (PP) since 2000; analyse effects of PP and propose scenarios for future of PP and the Innovation Principle (IP); examine controversies and initiatives in Europe and globally, including the interests and concerns of stakeholders, and develop tools and approaches – in full co-creation approach with different actors.

Prior to this meeting, in March 2018, a start-up meeting was also held at Campus Brussels. On that occasion, the

Consortium discussed the -to-be-proposed- research design, and practical matters as timeline, the relevant tasks of the partners, acronym (RECIPES) and first thoughts on distribution of the PM's per partner.

What did these events result in?

The event held in 2018 supported consortia-building and the preparation of the EU funding application. The Consortium that was created did obtain the grant (H2020, SWAFS 19-2018). The Reconciling sScience, Innovation and Precaution through the Engagement of Stakeholders (RECIPES) project subsequently started on 1/1/2019.

During the Second RECIPES project meeting on 23-24 September 2019, the Consortium invited the European Commission Project Officer and the RECIPES Advisory board to Campus Brussels and presented the first project results (photos show this second meeting).

Project results and future research outputs are available on the RECIPES website.



33.

WATSON: a methodology for studying the impact of R&D tax credits and incentives on SME-led innovation

Organiser

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Date

24-25 September 2019

What did this event revolve around?

The 'FrameWork methodology for SME innovATion policy SuppOrt within RD tax credits and inceNtives schemes in the EU' (WATSON) project aims to develop and demonstrate a framework methodology for studying the impact of Research and Development (R&D) tax credits and incentives on Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)-led innovation, improving SME segmentation and innovation support.

The project will further the study of innovation funding by providing a foundation for detailed study of SME funding through the framework methodology, which will be integrated into the WATSON ICT innovation analytics platform for richer analysis. The results of WATSON will expand innovation support for SMEs through the provision of instruments better targeted to the funding needs of specific SME segments (pharmaceuticals, manufacturing etc.).

The WATSON consortium comprises six partners from four different European countries (United Kingdom, Ireland, Netherlands and Greece). More information is available on the project website.

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 777439.

What did this event result in?

The meeting was a successful dissemination event to highlight the research, and findings of the project. It is believed the findings will help influence and shape the future direction of R&D tax relief policy across the European Union, at European, national, regional and sectoral levels, and help to ensure that R&D tax incentive schemes are more streamlined and better targeted to SME needs.

Related research output

All outputs can be found on the results section of the project website.



34.



Organisers

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Date

26 September 2019



Cross-border Corporate Mobility in Europe



What did this event revolve around?

Thomas Biermeyer and Marcus Meyer started this project with the financial support of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI). The project attempted to continue the collection of data in areas in which data previously has already been gathered (Societas Europaeae, cross-border mergers) and aimed to shed light on new areas such as cross-border transfers of the registered office of a company or cross-border divisions.

What did this event result in?

The conference organised at the end of this project was a concluding chapter of this endeavour, which looked at corporate mobility from different angles. Being able to rely on empirical data, one of the main topics focused on the challenges and opportunities of corporate mobility in Europe. This included the examination of identifiable trends, reasons for such corporate mobility to take place and the impact of the applicable legal framework.

A second topic that was examined was corporate mobility from a national perspective, along with the evaluation of topics that, although important in the area of corporate mobility, have yet to be harmonised at the European Union level.

Related research output

All project-related output, including a short report of the conference, available on the Maastricht University's project website.



35.

European Dissident: between Agenda and Legacy

Organisers

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Date
03-04 October 2019

What did this event revolve around?

This conference aimed to analyse the making of the legacy of East European dissent on the local, national and European levels.

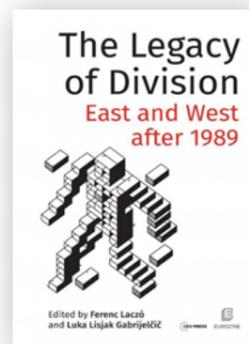
Interested primarily in the cultural and political aspects of this process, this conference explored the following questions in particular: how have cultural products related to dissent and repression been employed to depict social relations and legitimize political regimes before and after 1989? How have political-ideological, ethnic or gender-related factors impacted what has been included in and excluded from the legacy of dissent? How have the biographies, agendas and roles of 'post-dissidents' shaped and been shaped by processes of remembrance and canonisation in the decades since 1989?



Conversely, how has '1989' and the process of transition been viewed from the perspective of individual and groups who did not associate any major expectations or fears with them? Last but not least, what is the relevance of communist-era dissent for Europe today?

What did this event result in?

Two thematic issues will be published in the future based on this event. The keynote by Barbara Falk has already been published on Eurozine and in CEU Press.



Related research output
Laczó, F., & Gabrijelič, L. L. (Eds.). (2020). *The Legacy of Division*. Central European University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.7829/j.ctv176kthp>



Organiser

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Date
27 November 2019

Cost-Conscious Healthcare (CoCoCare) transnational meeting

36.

 Maastricht University

 SHE School of Health Professions Education

 Kempenhaeghe

 ZonMw

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the home of neurology

What did this event revolve around?

With growing medical possibilities, new questions arise. It is not only a matter of being able to treat, but also of considering the added value of treatment. In deciding the value of treatment, many factors have to be weighed, such as health benefit, quality of life effect and expenses. Medical guidelines can make an important contribution when making such treatment decisions. As such, they have considerable influence on the quality and effectiveness of healthcare and allow the (future) health care professional to be as cost-conscious as possible.

The 'Cost-Conscious Healthcare' (CoCoCare) project aims to develop a state-of-the-art educational program for residents across Europe. The objective of the project is twofold: to teach residents to develop and implement high quality, evidence-based guidelines and to equip them with the competences to be more cost conscious. A highly integrated, international blended learning program that combines e-learning, plenary discussions and workshops, self-study and practical training from innovative holistic approach will achieve these objectives.

Additional information can be found on the website of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) and on the UM website.

The EAN is now planning educational webinars and asked the consortium to participate in these ongoing webinars. Moreover, Prof. Majoie and the consortium partners from the Netherlands received funding from a Dutch governmental grant organisation (ZonMW) in order to build a Dutch educational platform.

37.

The Decline and Death of International Organisations

Organiser

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Date

09-10 January 2020



What did this event revolve around?

Many International Organisations (IOs) are currently under significant pressure resulting in the loss of competences, resources and even member states. The ultimate way for states to show their discontent is to disband IOs: no less than a third of the IOs, created between 1815 and 2015, has formally ceased to exist. While academics have analysed how IOs are designed and develop, we know little about decline and death.

This workshop -funded by the European Research Council project NestlOr- brought together scholars with an interest in the decline and death of international organisations. Both decline and death are broadly conceptualized and include member state withdrawals, budget cuts, continuous underperformance, formal dissolution as well as the transformation of international organisations.

Related research output

Debre, M. J., & Dijkstra, H. (2021). Institutional design for a post-liberal order: why some international organizations live longer than others. *European Journal of International Relations*, 27(1), 311–339. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066120962183>



What did this event result in?

Participants discuss papers and commented on the research design of the ERC project as well as further developed their scholarly network around the decline and death of international organisations.

One of the papers that was presented at the workshop which kicked-off the ERC project was published in a leading peer-reviewed academic journal.

BIGPROD – Addressing the Productivity Paradox with Big Data: Implications for Policy Making

38.

Organisers

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Dates

2 January 2020 / 26 September .2018



What did this event revolve around?

The project 'Addressing the productivity paradox with big data: implications for policy making' (BIGPROD) is a Research and Innovation Action in the European Union (EU)'s Horizon 2020 Work Programme: Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies. VTT Technical Research Centre (Finland) coordinates the project with UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University as one of the partners, along with Fraunhofer ISI, PPMI, TU Delft, and the University of Strathclyde.

The main aim of the project is to arrive at a better explanation of the inconsistent and conflicting interactions of technological and market processes currently observed in the global economy. On the other hand, it aims to provide input to improve on the existing econometric models used for productivity analysis.

BIGPROD investigates the extent to which changing innovation processes have influenced the productivity slowdown observed in Western economies. Particular attention is paid to the increasing importance of intangible assets as key resources and the increased degree of networking, among other things within the framework of open innovation.

What did this event result in?

In September 2018, Campus Brussels hosted a "scoping" meeting of the consortium partners for the H2020 BIGPROD project. This event was used to explore the research interests of each of the partners and as a start to the proposal preparation.

After the successful bid, the project was subsequently launched at beginning of 2020, also from Campus Brussels. The 2020 session served as the official kick-off meeting for the project and included the consortium partners as well as a number of European Commission officials (the picture shown belongs to the 2020 meeting).

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely Brussels, featuring modern architecture with illuminated facades and light trails from traffic. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent graphic of interlocking gears. A solid orange vertical bar is on the right side, and a blue horizontal bar is at the bottom.

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