

# EU External Relations Law: Recent Developments

## Fifth Leuven - Salamanca Seminar

7 July 2022, 9:00 – 18:30 h  
Irish College, Janseniustraat 1, Leuven

### Programme

**8:30 – 9:00** Coffee, tea and refreshments

**9:00 – 9:10** Welcome and introduction

Welcome and introduction to the seminar by the organizers, Prof. Dr. Juan Santos Vara, Jean Monnet Chair, Professor of Public International and European Law, University of Salamanca, Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven, Dr. Jed Odermatt, ESIL Interest Group on the EU as a Global Actor

**9:10 – 10:15** Panel I. Institutional developments

1. Representation of EU in international organisations (Case C-161/20, *Commission v Council* (IMO), 5 April 2022)
2. Legal nature of CSDP missions (Case C-283/20, *EULEX Kosovo*, 24 February 2022)
3. Intervention of HR in Court cases (order of the Court in C-551/21, *Commission v Council*, 3 March 2022; and of the General Court in T-125/22, *Russia Today France v Council*, 11 May 2022)

**Moderator:** Christine Kaddous (Université de Genève)

**Speakers:** Stephan Marquardt (EEAS Legal Department), Andrea Ott (Maastricht University), Thomas Verellen (Utrecht University)

**10:30 – 11:30** Panel II. Law of treaties

1. Choice of legal basis (Case C-180/20, *Commission v Council* (Armenia ECPA), 2 September 2021)
2. Decision-making under Article 218 TFEU and international law (Opinion 1/19, Istanbul Convention, 6 October 2021, and Case C-275/20, *Commission v Council* (FTA Korea), 1 March 2022)
3. Signature of EU agreements (Case C-551/21, *Commission v Council* (Gabon Fisheries Agreement), pending)
4. Architecture of EU agreements

**Moderator:** Josephine Norris (Commission Legal Service)

**Speakers:** André Bouquet (Commission Legal Service), Soledad Rodríguez Sánchez -Tabernero (EEAS Legal Department), Merijn Chamon (Maastricht University), Anders Neergaard (European Parliament Legal Service)

**11:45 – 12:45 Panel III. Arbitration disputes; territorial application of EU law**

1. Case C-109/20, *PL Holdings Sàrl*, 26 October 2021
2. Case-741/19, *Komstroy*, 2 September 2020
3. Case C-457/18 - *Slovenia v Croatia*, 31 January 2020

*Moderator:* Andrea Ott (Maastricht University)

*Speakers:* Teresa Cabrita (KU Leuven), Andrej Matic (EEAS Legal Department), Jed Odermatt (City University London), Anders Neergaard (European Parliament Legal Service)

**12:45 – 14:00 Sandwich lunch**

**14:00 – 15:15 Panel IV. EU sanctions**

1. Case C-872/19 P, *Venezuela*, 22 June 2021
2. Case C-134/19 P, *Bank Refah Kargaran*, 6 October 2020
3. Case C-124/20, *Bank Melli Iran*, 21 December 2021
4. Case C-340/20, *Bank Sepah*, 11 November 2021
5. Case T-125/22, *Russia Today France v. Council* (pending)

*Moderator:* Merijn Chamon (Maastricht University)

*Speakers:* Lóránt Havas (EEAS Legal Department), Mihaela Carpus Carcea (Commission Legal Service)

**15:30 – 16:30 Panel V. Right of self-determination of peoples**

1. Cases T-344/19 and T-356/19, *Front Polisario v Council*, 29 September 2021
2. Case T-279/19, *Front Polisario v Council*, 29 September 2021
3. Case C-363/18 - *Organisation juive européenne and Vignoble Psagot*, 12 November 2019

*Moderator:* Andrea Ott (Maastricht University)

*Speakers:* Alina Carrozzini (King's College London), Fernando Castillo de la Torre (Commission Legal Service), Frederik Naert (Council Legal Service, KU Leuven), Anders Neergaard (European Parliament Legal Service)

**16:45 – 17:45 Panel VI. EU measures in support of Ukraine and international law**

1. The use of the European Peace Facility and the law of armed conflict
2. EU sanctions and countermeasures
3. EU support for the ICC and ICJ cases

*Moderator:* Jan Wouters (KU Leuven)

*Speakers:* Frank Hoffmeister (EEAS Legal Department), Gregor Novak (General Secretariat of the Council)

**18:00 – 18:30 Presentation of the book *EU External Relations Law. The Cases in Context*, Graham Butler and Ramses A Wessel (eds), Hart Publishing, 2022**

*Speaker:* Graham Butler (Aarhus University)

**19:00 – 21:00 Dinner at the Irish College**