



Workshop Programme
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**EU external representation and the reform of international contexts:
practices after Lisbon**

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The Lisbon Treaty aims to increase the EU's international profile by strengthening the coherence and visibility of the EU's external representation. Yet its entry into force did not end the debate on the EU's representation in various international organisations; quite the contrary. The EU Member States agreed to increase the EU's profile in international settings, but have difficulties with entrusting their international representation to the EU. Very often they are not willing to give up their seats, votes or speaking rights in external contexts, complicating potential reform within those contexts.

This expert seminar aims to gain better insight into what the EU is and does in international organisations and regimes. Should we see the EU as a close coalition of states or is it more than that? Does its presence justify upgraded observer status, a seat additional to that of the EU member states, or should the EU replace them? Does it matter who speaks for the EU, and in what way? How can we best understand the relationship between the way the EU decides upon international positions and organises its external representation on the one hand, and its influence, performance and/or effectiveness on the other hand? To what extent is it in the EU's interest to strengthen multilateral institutions, and what are alternatives when these appear ineffective in addressing the issues the EU wishes to see addressed internationally? And what can be expected from the High Representative, the European External Action Service and the EU delegations?

The meetings provide a forum for free and open discussion based on the papers presented. Each paper will be discussed by a fellow presenter. More general comments on the issues raised in the session will be provided by diplomats and policy officials. Participants are researchers from universities and think tanks, as well as diplomats and officials who contribute their practical experience in EU external representation in various international settings.

Tuesday 21 February, 2012

19.00

Dinner at the Bilderberg Europa Hotel

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Welcome by:

Jan Melissen, Research Director, Clingendael Institute &
Aldrik Gierveld, Deputy Director, United Nations and International Financial Institutions, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote address by:

Kristin de Peyron, Head of the Multilateral Relations Division, European External Action Service

Hans van Baalen, Member of the European Parliament, Head of VVD-Delegation and Member of the Board of ALDE-fraction



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Wednesday 22 February, 2012

09.00 **Registration**

Parallel sessions

09.30 **Introduction of the workshop by convenor:** *Edith Drieskens*

09.40 **Session 1 – General Papers on EU external representation**

Room I

Moderator: *Ida van Veldhuizen*

- *Piotr Maciej Kaczyński*, Centre for European Policy Studies: ‘Swimming in Murky Waters. Challenges in Developing the EU's External Representation’
- *Michele Comelli & Raffaello Matarazzo*, Istituto Affari Internazionali: ‘The EU Delegations to international organizations: WTO, UNGA and FAO’
- *David Spence & David Allen*, David Davies Research Fellow at the London School of Economics & University of Loughborough: ‘From Maastricht to Lisbon: An Uncomfortable Transition for the Delegation of the EU in Geneva’
- *Tomáš Weiss, Ivo Šlosarčík, Jan Karlas & Vít Dostál*, Charles University, Masaryk University: ‘Adapting to Lisbon? Changes in diplomatic services of middle-sized Member States’

General Reflections:

Robert Farla, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Roundtable discussion

09.30 **Introduction of the workshop by convenor:** *Louise van Schaik*

09.40 **Session 2 – Papers discussing legal issues concerning representation**

Room IV

Moderator: *Jan Wouters*

- *Peter van Elsuwege & Hans Merket*, Ghent University: ‘On the Principles of Loyalty and Consistency: The Role of the Court of Justice in Ensuring the Unity of the EU's International Representation’
- *Eric Hayes*: ‘Horses for Courses: EU External Representation Post-Lisbon’
- *Ramses Wessel & Bart van Vooren*, University of Twente, University of Copenhagen: ‘The EEAS’ Diplomatic Dreams and the Reality of International Law’

General Reflections:

Françoise Schild, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Christina Eckes, University of Amsterdam

Roundtable discussion

12.15

Lunch

13.15

Session 3 – Case studies – WHO, Environmental negotiations, ILO, HRC

Room I

Moderator: *Eric Hayes*

- *Tom Delreux*, UC Louvain: ‘The rotating Presidency and the EU’s external representation in environmental affairs: the case of climate change and biodiversity negotiations’
- *Bregt Saenen*, Ghent University: ‘Exploring the Continuing Challenges for a Global Social Europe. The Treaty of Lisbon’s impact on the European Union’s Relations with the International Labour Organization’
- *Gjovalin Macaj*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and University of Oxford, ‘Squaring the circle? EU outreach and bloc politics in the Human rights Council’
- *Samantha Battams, Remco van de Pas & Louise van Schaik*, Graduate Institute, Wemos, Clingendael Institute: ‘The EU’s role in global health and the WHO reform; between health and foreign policy’

General Reflections:

Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)

13.15

Session 4 – Case studies – G-8/G20

Room IV

Moderator: *Jan Orbie*

- *Judith Huigens & Arne Niemann*, University of Mainz, University of Amsterdam: ‘Multiple EU actors in the G8: the challenges and opportunities of limited cohesion’
- *Jan Wouters, Sven van Kerckhoven & Jed Odermatt*, KU Leuven: ‘The EU and the G20: Problematic or Symbiotic Relationship?’
- *Peter Debaere & Dries Lesage*, Ghent University: ‘The EU and the Seoul Consensus on Development: Explaining the EU’s Coordination Efforts for the G20’

General Reflections:

Joachim Koops, The Institute for European Studies (IES), VU Brussels

14.45

Break

15.00 **Session 5 – Case studies – United Nations: FAO, ILC, ECHR, OPCW**

Room I

Moderator: *David Spence*

- *Robert Kissack*, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals: 'Do-or-die reform: the FAO and the EU'
- *Scarlett McArdle & Paul James Cardwell*, University of Sheffield: 'The European Union, its Member States and the International Law Commission: coherency or competition?'
- *Christina Eckes*, University of Amsterdam: 'EU Accession to the ECHR: Reform and Adaptation'
- *Vincent Delaere & Louise van Schaik*, Clingendael Institute: 'EU representation in OPCW after Lisbon. Still waiting for Brussels'

General Reflections:

Hans Mojet, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation

15.00 **Session 6 – Case studies – NATO, OECD, ICC Room IV**

Moderator: *David Allen*

- *Margriet Drent*, Groningen University: 'The Practice of Informal Diplomacy: EU-NATO after Lisbon'
- *Joren Verschaeve*, Ghent University: 'The European Union in the OECD-DAC: an exceptional strong relationship before and after the Lisbon Treaty.'
- *Laura Davis*, Ghent University: 'United in word and deeds? The EU and the International Criminal Court'
- *Joachim Koops*, Free University of Brussels: 'Two Lisbons for the Price of One? Assessing EU-NATO Relations in the wake of the two reform processes'

General Reflections:

Tom Delreux, Institut de sciences politiques Louvain-Europe , UCLouvain

16.45

Summary and ideas on follow-up by the Conference Convenors (publication, etc)

17.00

Drinks
