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PhD Workshop on the Legal Implications of the EU's Geopolitical Awakening 2024

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Monday, 6th May 2024 (CLOSED EVENT)

08:45 **Walk-in coffee**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome by organisers**
Narin Idriz, Eva Kassoti (T.M.C. Asser Institute), Joris Larik (Leiden University)

Theme 1: EU Geopolitics: Empire, Narrative Past and Present

09:15 – 10:00 **Ties Dams (Ph.D. candidate Leiden University of): Europe and the Power of Narrative**
Commentator: Elaine Fahey (City, University of London)

10:00 – 10:45 **Matthias Bracke (Ph.D. candidate Ghent University): The Future is Bi... regional, right?**
Commentator: Sebastian Krapohl (UvA)

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

Theme 2: The Geopolitics of Energy

11:15 – 11:45 **Natasha Anastasia Georgiou (Visiting Research Fellow King's College): From Liberal Markets to Geopolitics: The Shift in the EU's External Energy Policy after Russia's Invasion of Ukraine**
Commentator: Peter Van Elsuwege (Ghent University)

11:45 – 12:30 **Dr Filiz Doğan (Guest researcher Leiden University): Navigating the EU's strategic culture amidst global tensions and crises**
Commentator: Luigi Lonardo (University College Cork)

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

Theme 3: The Geopolitics of Technology

- 13:45 – 14:30 **Anh Nguyen (Ph.D. candidate University of Amsterdam): Export Controls as Technological Ringfencing – Legal Dynamics in EU Governance over Critical and Emerging Technologies Supply Chains**
Commentator: Machiko Kanetake (Utrecht University)
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Francesco Saverio Della Corte and Lukas Schaupp (Ph.D. candidates EUI): Subsidizing the EU’s semiconductor industry: “protection” or “protectionism”?**
Commentator: Geraldo Vidigal (UvA)
- 15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

Theme 4: The Geopolitics of Subsidies

- 15:45 – 16:30 **Pierfrancesco Mattiolo (Ph.D. candidate University of Antwerp): A new phase of geopolitical merger control? On the Foreign Subsidies Regulation and other recent developments in EU (geo)economic law**
Commentator: Joris Larik (Leiden University)
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Kristiyan Stoyanov (Ph.D. candidate Durham University): EU Law on Renewable Energy Subsidies in the Age of Geopolitics: WTO-Law compatible but Ineffective?**
Commentator: Geraldo Vidigal (UvA)
- 17:15 Drinks reception

Day 5 - Tuesday, 7th May 2024 (CLOSED EVENT)

- 08:45 Walk-in coffee

Theme 5: The EU’s Geopolitical Turn: Between Economics, Law and Politics

- 09:00 – 09:45 **Alexandros Bakos and Christos Karetzos (Ph.D. candidates, City, University of London): The EU’s Geoeconomic Turn: Less Openness and More Realpolitik?**
Commentator: Joris Larik (Leiden University)
- 09:45 – 10:30 **Dr Nikolas Sabjan (Assistant Professor Comenius University Bratislava): Confiscating Russian Central Bank Assets as a Manifestation of EU’s Strategic Autonomy?**
Commentator: Viktor Szep (University of Groningen)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Theme 6: (Grand) Strategic Cultures: Global Security and Strategic Autonomy

- 11:15 – 12:00 **Ellen Cantraine (Ph.D. candidate Ghent University): The Role of the EU in Global Security: Balancing Human Rights and Militarisation in the Common Foreign and Security Policy (“CFSP”)**
Commentator: Luigi Lonardo (University College Cork)
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Cecilia Nota (Ph.D. candidate University of Turin): Strategic Partnerships in the Critical Raw Materials Act: Implications for the Union’s Energy Security and its Geopolitical Role**
Commentator: Thomas Verellen (Utrecht University)
- 12:45 – 13:30 Lunch

Theme 7: The Geopolitics of Trade and Investment

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Elena Miolo (Ph.D. candidate University of Trento): Navigating the EU MS’ role in the new EU Trade Measures**
Commentator: Gesa Kübek (University of Groningen)
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Najib Zamani (PhD candidate Radboud University): Screening of FDI in the age of geopolitics: The (in)consistency of EU’s screening Regulation with the GATS**
Commentator: Gesa Kübek (University of Groningen)
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break and walk-in for public event

PUBLIC EVENT: Inter arma germinant leges? Geopolitics and Proliferation of EU Law

- 15:45 – 17:15 **Expert roundtable: Joris Larik (Leiden University), Thomas Verellen (Utrecht University), Saskia Hollander (Clingendael Institute)**
- 17:15 Reception