

## **EUROPE AS A GLOBAL ACTOR: THE LAW OF THE EU EXTERNAL ACTION**

**SEMINAR (5 SESSIONS, 15 HOURS) | MARCH 14 – 18 2016 (18H-21H)**

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### **1. OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR**

This course will focus on the main contemporary legal issues of the External Relations Law of the European Union and it aims to:

- (i) To understand the legal architecture and fundamental principles of the European Union's External Action;
- (ii) Explore European Union's external competences, instruments and institutions;
- (iii) Examine the interconnections between International Law and European Law;
- (iv) Foster an informed and critical approach to the law and policy of the European Union's intervention at a global level.

### **2. AUDIENCE**

- (i) Law Students;
- (ii) Lawyers and other students interested in International and European Law.

### **3. PROGRAMME**

#### **1. CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF EU EXTERNAL ACTION**

- 1.1. Constitutional framework of European external competences;
- 1.2. Legal personality of the European Union;
- 1.3. Interaction between Union and Member-States' competences (exclusive and non-exclusive competences);
- 1.4. EU External Action: instruments and institutions;
- 1.5. International Agreements:
  - 1.5.1. The Procedural Code for International Agreements;
  - 1.5.2. International Agreements in the internal EU Order.
- 1.6. Interface between European Law and International Law.

## **2. THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

2.1. Legal Framework of Common Commercial Policy (CCP): treaty basis and scope.

2.2. European Union Law and Free Trade Agreements:

- 2.2.1. Internal effect of the GATT/WTO;
- 2.2.2. Foreign Direct Investment: a new competence;
- 2.2.3. Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) in the European Union Law.

2.3 Between Law and Policy - contemporary issues:

- 2.3.1. European economy and human rights and social, economical and environmental standards.
- 2.3.2. External dimension of the Energy Union and Digital Union.

## **3. THE LAW OF THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY (CFSP)**

3.1. Legal framework of the CFSP;

3.2. Instruments of CFSP;

3.3. European Security and Defence Policy;

3.4. Economic Sanctions;

3.5. Between Law and Policy: contemporary issues:

- 3.4.1 The EU and demographic crisis;
- 3.4.2 External actions to address terrorism, organised Crime and cybersecurity.

## **4. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

4.1. Legal framework of the Cooperation and Development Policy;

4.2. EU Development and Trade policies: conflicting agendas?

4.3. Human Rights in Development and Cooperation Policy.

4.4. Cooperation between international organisations: legal challenges.

## **5. EUROPE, ITS NEIGHBOURS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

5.1. Legal framework of European Neighbourhood Policy;

5.2. Strategic Partnerships.

## **6. CASE STUDIES AND THE FUTURE OF THE EU EXTERNAL ACTION – CRITICAL DISCUSSION:**

6.1. Federalism in the European External Action?

6.2. The European Union and (other) international organisations: a partner or a member?

6.3. Global Europe and the CJEU case law;

6.4. Forecast for a Post-Lisbon Regime.

### **PARTICIPATION FEE:**

- € 30 for NOVA SCHOOL OF LAW students;
- € 50 for others.

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