

Professor Pieter Jan Kuijper has had a long and distinguished career in international and European law, in particular exploring the connections between these two fields. During his career he has worked both in academia and for international organizations, shifting between both. This wealth of experience has enabled him to bring insights from his legal work in the EU and WTO to his academic pursuits. Thus he is an educator and academic whose career and publications demonstrate a remarkable ability to combine both the practical legal experience of a civil servant with the legal reflection of an academic.

Kuijper studied law at Leyden University where he obtained a law degree cum laude (1970). He also holds an M.A. in International Relations (with distinction) from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (Washington DC, US) (1970). He received Ph.D. in law from the University of Amsterdam for a dissertation entitled *The Implementation of International Sanctions: The Netherlands and Rhodesia* (1978).

Professor Kuijper has worked in academia. He was a lecturer in the Law of International Organizations at the University of Leiden, and professor of International Law in the International Relations Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam (1984-1987). He holds the chair of the Law of International (Economic) Organisations at the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam (UvA), since 2007. Additionally, he has been visiting professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve (1987-1991), at the University of Michigan (1994), at the University of Amsterdam (1995-2007), and at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (2004-2007). Kuijper is also a frequent guest speaker and lecturer at universities and professional conferences around the world

Pieter Jan Kuijper has been a practitioner, working for the European communities and later the European Union. He was principal Legal Advisor and Director of the 'External Relations and International Trade' team of the Legal Service of the European Commission (2002-2007). Prior to that he worked for the World Trade Organization as Director of the Legal Affairs Division of the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (1999-2002). During his years in the Commission Legal Service, Kuijper acquired extensive international litigation experience. He was agent of the European Commission before the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and the General Court of the European Communities in cases concerning competition, the internal market, freedom of movement of persons, and the trade- and external relations powers of the Community. Furthermore, he was agent before GATT and WTO panels, as well as the Appellate Body, in cases relating to GATT, public

procurement, the GATS, trade and environment, and technical barriers to trade and subsidies. He also served as agent of the European Commission before the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the Pacific Swordfish case.

These interests, his work in the field of European law as well as international trade law and his academic publications are impressive and have been the reason for the jury of the Maastricht Prize to decide on awarding the first Prize in 2016 to professor Pieter Jan Kuijper.