



## Editorial

*From accession to the ECHR to the judicial review of the regulation of pharmaceuticals in the EU:*

### **PhD and LLM research at MCEL**

The Maastricht Centre for European Law currently hosts [14 PhD projects](#). Promising minds are busy reflecting on risk regulation and the role of agencies in EU governance, democratic accountability in times of economic crisis, stakeholder and human rights protection, EU migration, anti-discrimination as well as social law and policy.

In fall 2014, this lively group embraced the idea of an [‘MCEL PhD forum’](#); a seminar series intended to allow those working on a PhD involving EU law to present work in progress to others involved in a doctoral project. We are delighted that the monthly meetings bring together emerging academics in a fruitful and friendly setting as the name of the next gathering suggests: ‘Christmas case law breakfast’! This is a very welcome addition to the monthly [MCEL research seminars](#) in which all our members actively contribute.

We also recently launched the [Master Working Paper series](#). Excellent Master students doing research on EU law will thereby be given the opportunity to publish their final thesis.

You may follow these initiatives as well as many others on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page:



Elise Muir,  
Associate Director

## News

Our Centre has recently hosted several international events in Maastricht as well as on the University’s campus in Brussels and abroad. These events have reached a remarkably broad audience. A first set of events brought together international experts. [Andrea Ott](#) hosted a meeting on ‘The Externalisation of EU Administrative Law: Finding its place in the global administrative space’ while [Mariolina Eliantonio](#) and [Elise Muir](#) invited a group of peers to reflect on ‘Proceduralisation of EU Law through the Backdoor’. [Monica Claes](#) and [Bruno de Witte](#) (‘Exit and Flexible Arrangement in European Public Law’) as well as [René de Groot](#) and [Hildegard Schneider](#) (‘EU citizenship’) organised specialised sessions during the annual *Ius Commune* Conference. Finally, [Mirjam de Mol](#) successfully defended her PhD thesis on the ‘Direct Effect of EU Fundamental Rights’.

The Centre’s high level monthly research seminars coordinated by [Maja Brkan](#) have also triggered many interesting academic debates within our Centre. Besides discussions on the European Parliament elections (see next page), we opened the new academic year with a symposium, involving Master students, on ‘The social implications of the economic crisis in the EU’ with presentations by Gillian More (European Commission) and Sonja Bekker (Tilburg University). This was followed in October by presentations on ‘Dutch Temporary Migration Policy’ by [Natasja Reslow](#) and on ‘Family (re)unification as an EU Citizen’s Right’ by [Alexander Hoogenboom](#). In November, Ralf Jansen, General Counsel of the European Stability Mechanism, further contributed to the Centre’s seminar series with a talk on the ‘Functioning of the ESM’ with [Marie-Therese Gold](#) acting as the leading discussant.



A final set of events allowed students to interact with experts. As part of her Jean Monnet module, [Sarah Schoenmaekers](#) held a conference on ‘State Aid and Public Procurement in the EU’ with speakers from the Commission, universities and private companies. Andrea Ott organised the second edition of her Summer School on the Law of EU external relations; an intensive one-week educational program including excursions to EU institutions. More recently, [Chris Backes](#) and Mariolina Eliantonio welcomed specialists to discuss the role and importance of comparative law in legal education and practice, and invited the students from the Jean Monnet course on ‘European and National Administrative Law’ to present their database on national case law. On the same day, Maja Brkan organised a major conference, in which bachelor students were actively involved, entitled ‘Institutional Challenges of the EU in the Aftermath of the Economic Crisis’.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Workshop *Courts, Privacy and Data Protection in the Digital Environment*, 6 March 2014, Brussels
- ❖ Research Seminars on 13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 21 April
- ❖ PhD Forums on 17 December, 21 January, 25 February, 25 March, 29 April

## Selected Publications

- ❖ Ehnert, T. (2014). [The legitimacy of new risk governance: a critical view in light of the EU's approach to nanotechnologies in food](#). European Law Journal.
- ❖ Eliantonio, M. & Roer-Eide, H. (2014). [Regional courts and locus standi for private parties: can the EU learn something from the others?](#) The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals, 13 (1), 27-53.
- ❖ Kilpatrick, C. & de Witte, B. (Eds.), (2014) [Social Rights in Times of Crisis in the Eurozone: The Role of Fundamental Rights' Challenges](#), EUI Working Papers LAW 2014/05.
- ❖ Klosse, S. & Vonk, G.J. (2014). *Socialezekerheidsrecht*. Deventer: Kluwer.
- ❖ Muir, E. & Dawson, M. (Eds.) (2014). *One for All and All for One? The Collective Enforcement of EU Law*. Special Issue of Legal Issues of Economic Integration, 41 (3).
- ❖ Peeters, M.G.W.M. (2014). [Governing towards renewable energy in the EU: competences, instruments and procedures](#). Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law, 24 (1), 39-63.
- ❖ Psychogiopoulou, E. (2014). 'Cultural mainstreaming: The European Union's horizontal cultural agenda and its evolution', *European Law Review*, 39(5), 626-646.
- ❖ Schoenmaekers, S., Devroe, W. & Philipsen, N. (Eds.), (2014). *State Aid and Public Procurement in the European Union*, Intersentia.
- ❖ van Asselt, M.B.A., Everson, M. & Vos, E.I.L. (Eds.), (2014). *Trade, health and the environment. The European Union put to the test*. London/New York: Routledge/Earthscan.

## Focus

### *Which way forward for the European Parliament after the last elections?*

On 18 June 2014, the MCEL organised a debate on the topic 'The EU after European Elections: Which Way Forward for the European Parliament?' The debate hosted three renowned speakers, namely [Diana Wallis](#), former Vice-President of the EP and the current president of the European Law Institute; [Christine Neuhold](#), Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Maastricht University; and [Doru Frantescu](#), Policy Director at the VoteWatch Europe. While Diana Wallis discussed the complex issues of political balancing after the EP elections and the role of the Commission president, Christine Neuhold focused on a controversial question on whether it was 'really different this time?' and analysed the related issues from a political science perspective. Moreover, Doru Frantescu touched upon the issues of the new inter-institutional balance of power and its policy implications for the future, analysing the possible scenarios of impact of EP elections on the EU policy during the next EP mandate. As is usual during the MCEL events, the debate was very lively, focusing on both practical and theoretical issues linked to the EP elections.



## New People



**Ida Wendt** is a lecturer at the department of International and European law. She is a fully qualified lawyer and holds a German law degree (Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg), an LLM (Maastricht and Nottingham) and a PhD from Maastricht. She has work experience with the Erasmus and Leiden Law Schools, the advisory committee on appeals to the Dutch competition authority and the European Commission.



**Jure Vidmar** has been appointed Professor of Public International Law. He is the holder of a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at the University of Oxford, an Extraordinary Lecturer at the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and a Human Rights Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School. He studied Law and International Relations in Ljubljana and Nottingham, and holds a PhD in Politics from Salzburg and a PhD in Law from Nottingham.



**Marcus Meyer** followed the B.Sc. programme in European Studies at the University of Twente and the European Law School LL.M. at Maastricht University. After his studies, he worked as researcher at an international consultancy in the field of European company law. In November 2013, Marcus assumed a position as PhD researcher, focusing on the position of Dutch works councils in multinational corporations



**Matteo Bonelli** holds a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Law from the University of Torino and a LL.M. in European Law from Maastricht University. From August 2014, Matteo is employed as a PhD researcher at the International and European Law Department of the Faculty of Law, conducting a NWO-funded research entitled 'Enforcing the European Union's Fundamental Values'.



**Sejla Imamovic** is currently preparing a PhD on 'The role of national courts in the new European fundamental rights landscape' (working title) under the supervision of Professor Monica Claes and Professor Petra Foubert (Hasselt University). She holds a B.A. in Liberal Arts and a European Law School LL.M. from Maastricht University.