



Editorial

Centre for European Research in Maastricht (CERiM)

Earlier this year, our Centre together with colleagues from the Montesquieu Institute Maastricht and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences joined forces and created a new Centre for European Research in Maastricht: CERiM. All scholars of the Maastricht Centre for European Law participate in this new Centre. Ellen Vos and Thomas Conzelmann (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) are the directors of CERiM for the year 2015/2016.

CERiM is an interdisciplinary research centre. It aims to create synergies and stimulates joint projects and events in the fields of European law, governance, and their respective history. It provides a platform of collaboration, intellectual exchange and facilitation between the participating researchers. At the same time it bundles individual efforts to increase international outreach and to give a substantial input to the Maastricht University's strategic research theme Europe and a Globalising World. CERiM's research programme *Reshaping Europe in a Globalising World* addresses four themes: Differentiation and Flexible Integration, Constitutionalising Europe, European Governance and Market Integration and Europe and the World.

CERiM will therefore give a new impetus to the study of European law within the Maastricht Centre for European Law and will reinforce the interdisciplinary perspective of our research. We are looking forward to the collaboration with our colleagues in CERiM! For more information, please consult the [CERiM website](#).

Bruno de Witte and Ellen Vos
Directors



News

Our Centre has been visited by two very prominent figures of contemporary EU affairs this semester. Advocate General E. Sharpston (CJEU) gave a guest lecture on "Entitlements for free-moving workers and citizens: which way is the case-law of the Court of Justice going?". She was soon followed by Commissioner C. Malmström (European Commission, DG Trade) who gave a presentation on "EU Trade Policy: Why should European Citizens care?".



Meanwhile, our members have continued to fruitfully gather in the context of monthly [MCEL Research Seminars](#). Presentations by members of the Centre and external speakers invited us to reflect on: mechanisms and instruments to ensure compliance with EU law (J. Polak and F. Grashof), property law as part of EU law (B. Akkermans and E. Ramaekers), risk regulation (M. Weimer) and the special case of GMOs (C. Valero), access to court when challenging measures adopted in the course of the composite procedures (M. Eliantonio), the ReNEUAL model rules (H. Hoffman) as well as EU powers to counter-terrorism after the terrorist attacks in Paris (C. Hoehn and F. Galli as a discussant).

Doctoral researchers have been busy presenting and exchanging ideas. T. Ehnert successfully defended her PhD entitled 'Regulating the Invisible: A Critical Analysis of the EU's Approach to Nanotechnologies'. Other researchers have been meeting on a regular basis in the context of the [MCEL PhD Forum](#) to discuss recent developments such as CJEU Opinion 2/13 on accession of the EU to the ECHR as well as their respective research projects on: the position of Dutch works councils in multinational corporations (M. Meyer), the mechanisms currently available at EU level to address concerns for the rule of law in the Member States (M. Bonelli), state aid, students and study grants (A. Hoogenboom), the impact of the financial crisis on national parliaments and on the democratic legitimacy of the EU (T. Nguyen) and parliamentary involvement in the Single Supervisory Mechanism (M. T. Gold). The MCEL PhD Forum welcomed A. Bobic to present on the relations between national constitutional courts, ordinary courts and the CJEU.

Finally, students were actively involved in MCEL activities. Many have engaged in discussions with AG Sharpston and Commissioner Malmström (above). The [team of trainees](#) has been renewed with [E. Braun, K. O'Reilly and S. Wagner](#) leaving us with great study plans abroad: a warm thank you to the three of you! We warmly welcome and look forward to collaborating with [C. Eggett, M. Gérardy and A. Öztekin](#). Finally, the thesis of N. Ferreira on the European Parliament's practice in the adoption of international trade agreements was selected to be published in the [MCEL Master Working Paper](#) series.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Workshop, *The EU Fundamental Rights Landscape After Opinion 2/13*, 26 June, Maastricht
- ❖ Opening of the academic year, *The European Union as a global actor in times of crisis*, 10 September, Maastricht
- ❖ Workshop, *A balanced data protection in the EU: conflicts and possible solutions*, 19 October, Brussels
- ❖ Workshop, *Protecting and securing data across the Atlantic: a bridge too wide?*, 20-21 October, Brussels

Selected Publications

- ❖ De Witte, B. (2015). Five Years after the Lisbon Treaty's Entry into Force: Variable Geometry Running Wild?, *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law*, 22(1), 3-9.
- ❖ Hoogenboom, A. (2015). Mind the Gap: Mobile Students and their Access to Study Grants and Loans in the EU, *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* 22(1), 96-119.
- ❖ Muir, E. & Waddington, L. (Eds.). (2015). (Il)legitimate differential treatment. Special Issue of the *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law* 15 (1-2), 144 p.
- ❖ Muir, E. (2015). Pursuing equality in the EU. In A. Arnulf & D. Chalmers (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of EU Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 919-942.
- ❖ Nicolaidis, P. & Schoenmaekers, S. (2015). The Concept of 'Advantage' in State Aid and Public Procurement and the Application of Public Procurement Rules to Minimise Advantage in the New GBER, *European State Aid Law Quarterly* (1), 143-156.
- ❖ Reslow, N. & Vink, M. (2015). Three-level games in EU external migration policy: negotiating mobility partnerships in West Africa. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 53, 1-18.
- ❖ Vadi, V. & De Witte, B. (Eds.). (2015). *Culture and International Economic Law*, London: Routledge, 258 p.
- ❖ Waddington, L. (2015). 'Not disabled enough': how European Courts filter non-discrimination claims through a narrow view of disability, *European Journal of Human Rights* 2015 (1), 11-36.
- ❖ Waddington, L. & Toepke, C. (2014). Moving Towards Inclusive Education as a Human Right – An analysis of international legal obligations to implement inclusive education in law and policy, *Maastricht Faculty of Law Working Paper No. 2014-7*.

Focus

MCEL Research on Disability Law at Melbourne Law School

MCEL member Prof. Lisa Waddington is currently on research sabbatical at Melbourne University Law School, where she holds the position of Visiting Scholar. Whilst in Melbourne, she has been working on chapters to be included in a book on *Interpreting and Domesticating the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Comparative Analysis of the Role of Courts*. She will also edit the book, in cooperation with Prof. Anna Lawson of Leeds University. The book, which will consist of a series of chapters examining the situation in specific jurisdictions, including the EU, as well comparative chapters, will analyse the way in which the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been used and interpreted by courts in a range of different countries across the globe. The book will be based on the theoretical groundwork provided by Anthea Roberts' conception of 'comparative international law', and engage in a comparative evaluation of these interpretations. In adopting this approach, this book will be developing an innovative methodology. No previous book on international disability rights has gathered country-specific evidence on the role of domestic courts and subjected it to a comparative international law analysis. It will therefore make an original contribution both in terms of substantive knowledge and in terms of method. Whilst in Melbourne, Prof. Waddington has authored both the chapters on Australia and the European Union, and drafted a template for use by other chapter authors.

New People



Oswald Jansen is a Professor of European Administrative Law and Public Administration at Maastricht University. He is also a senior lecturer constitutional and administrative law at Utrecht University and legal counsel and attorney of the city of The Hague. He has been a guest professor at the Sorbonne Law School in 2014 and at the law school of the Beijing Normal University in 2013 and 2015.



Pauline Melin is a PhD researcher for the TRANSMIC project. She will be analysing the social security of third-country workers coming to the EU. She holds a LL.B. and LL.M. in European law from Maastricht University. She was in the winning team of the 2014 European Law Moot Court Competition organised by the Court of Justice and completed an internship for Judge Marko Ilešić.



Thu Nguyen is a PhD researcher, who will be analysing the European Parliament and democratic legitimacy in a two-speed Europe. She holds a LL.B. in European law from Maastricht University (2012) and a LL.M. in European law from the College of Europe (Bruges Campus, 2013).



Phedon A. Nicolaidis holds a chair in European Economic Law at Maastricht University. He is developing and teaching a new master course in Economic and Financial Regulation in Europe. He also holds the Jan Tinbergen Chair for European Economics at the College of Europe in Bruges and is the Director of Studies of its MA in European Economic Studies.



Zvezda Vankova is a PhD researcher for the TRANSMIC project. She will be analysing the impact of the EU's circular migration approach on the South-South migration in Europe and Central Asia by looking at Bulgaria as a case study. She holds a BA in Public Administration and MA in International relations from the Sofia University. She has worked as a central research coordinator, policy analyst and independent expert in the field of migration.