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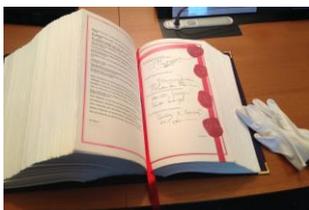
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Editorial

Maastricht commemorates Maastricht

The Maastricht Centre for European Law together with the Municipality of Maastricht commemorated



the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty (1 November 1993) with a [conference](#) that was held on 25 October 2013. The conference reflected on the origins of the Maastricht Treaty and the changes it brought about in many domains of EU law and policy, as well as the impact of these changes up to the present day. Ruud Lubbers (Dutch Prime Minister, 1982-1994) recalled the political context in which the Maastricht Treaty was concluded. Giorgio Maganza (Legal Service of the Council of the EU) pointed at some of the peculiarities of the drafting of the Treaty. Stephen Weatherill (Jacques Delors Professor of European Law at the University of Oxford), René Smits (Professor of the Law of the Economic and Monetary Union, University of Amsterdam) and Chiara Adamo (Head of Unit 'Union Citizenship and Free Movement', European Commission) discussed respectively the UK perspective on the EU, the problems relating to the euro and the new rights of European citizens. Christiaan Timmermans (Judge at the CJEU, 2000-2010) elaborated on the relation between EU law and national law after Maastricht. Carlos Closa (Professor at the IPP-CSIC, Madrid) addressed the problems involved in the national ratification procedure of EU Treaty revisions. Pascal Lamy (Honorary president of Notre Europe-Jacques Delors Institute, and former Director General of the WTO and EU Commissioner for Trade) concluded the conference with reflections on the challenges ahead. The Centre also presented an edited volume on the legal impact of the Maastricht Treaty (see in detail section 'Focus' in this newsletter). You are welcome to visit our [website](#) for a video impression of this inspiring day and to see interviews with some of the speakers.

Ellen Vos and Bruno de Witte, directors

News

The second half of the year 2013 was marked by several events and awards. First, the Executive Board of Maastricht University decided to award € 1,000,000 to the [Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development \(MACIMIDE\)](#), that is coordinated by our scholar and dean Hildegard Schneider. In addition, the Executive Board also awarded the same amount of subsidy to the project [Eatwell Combats Globesity](#) in which the Centre will participate. The members of the Centre currently participate also in several other projects. Chris Backes was awarded two projects, one concerning administrative law funded by the Scientific Research and Documentation Centre of the Dutch Ministry of Justice, and one regarding the Dutch boar policy funded by *Interprovinciaal Overleg* (association of Dutch provinces). René de Groot was awarded funding by the European Commission's DG Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights for a two-year project [Involuntary Loss of European Citizenship](#) and the project [Back to work](#), led by Saskia Klosse and Joan Muysken, is funded by the Network of Social Innovation. The scholars of the Centre are also involved in the project *Transnational Migration in Transition: Transformative Characteristics of Temporary Mobility of People*, funded within the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme.



As far as academic events are concerned, Andrea Ott was closely involved in the organisation of the [Summer school on the Law of EU external relations](#) that was held at the end of June at the premises of Campus Brussels of Maastricht University. During the same timeframe, two other events were organised, namely a conference entitled [Culture and International Economic Law](#), organised by Valentina Vadi and Bruno de Witte, as well as a conference [\(Il\)legitimate differential treatment](#), organised by Elise Muir and Lisa Waddington. Moreover, in September of this year, Aalt-Willem Heringa and Monica Claes convened a workshop on [Citizens' Rights and Economic Crisis](#).

Several changes in the staffing of the Centre took place. Chris Backes has become vice dean of the Faculty since September this year whilst the mandate of Aalt Willem Heringa as the European Co-Dean of the China EU School of Law in Beijing ended in October. Moreover, the Centre said goodbye to two scholars: Maartje de Visser, who became assistant professor of Law at Singapore Management University and Maria Weimer who became assistant professor in EU law at the Law Faculty of the University of Amsterdam. They will remain closely linked to the Centre. The Centre also welcomed two new scholars: Maja Brkan and Elke Cloots (see section 'New people' in this newsletter).

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Professor Paul Craig (University of Oxford) will receive a honorary doctorate from Maastricht University and give a guest lecture entitled *A General Law on EU Administrative Procedure: The Emerging Issues*, 10 January 2014
- ❖ Conference *Equal Rights and Accessible Environments: The UN CRPD and EU Disability Law and Policy*, 3 & 4 April 2014, Maastricht
- ❖ Conference *EU as a regulatory actor*, May 2014

Selected Publications

- ❖ Chris Backes, 'The precautionary principle in wildlife law – theoretical disputes and practical solutions' in M. Faure & A. Wibisana (eds.), *Regulating disasters, climate change and environmental harm. Lessons from the Indonesian Experience*, Edward Elgar, 2013, p.357
- ❖ Chris Backes & Mariolina Eliantonio with C.H. van Rhee, T. Spronken & A. Berlee (eds.), *Standing up for your right(s) in Europe. A comparative study on legal standing (Locus Standi) before the EU and Member States' courts*, Intersentia, 2013
- ❖ Monica Claes, 'National Identity: Trump Card or Up for Negotiation?' in A. Saiz Arnaiz & C. Alcoberro Llivina (eds.), *National constitutional identity and European integration*, Intersentia, 2013, p.109
- ❖ Monica Claes, 'The EU, its Member States and their Citizens' in D. Leczykiewicz & S. Weatherill (eds.), *The Involvement of EU law in Private Law Relationships*, Hart, 2013, p.29
- ❖ Monica Claes & Šejla Imamović, 'Caught in the Middle or Leading the Way? National Courts in the New European Fundamental Rights Landscape' *Journal européen des droits de l'homme/European Journal of Human Rights* (2013), p.627
- ❖ Alexander Hoogenboom, 'Turkish Nationals and the Right to Study in the European Union: A Progressive Interpretation' 15 *European Journal of Migration and Law* (2013) p.387
- ❖ Saskia Klosse, 'Is there a future for Social Europe?' in K. Ketscher, K. Lilleholt, E. Smith & A. Syse (eds.), *Velferd og rettferd - festskrift til Asbjorn Kjonstad 70 ar.*, Gyldendal Juridisk, 2013, p.337
- ❖ Maartje de Visser, *Constitutional Review in Europe. A Comparative Analysis*, Hart, 2013
- ❖ Maartje de Visser & Anne Pieter van der Mei (eds.), *The Treaty on European Union 1993-2013: Reflections from Maastricht*, Intersentia, 2013
- ❖ Ellen Vos with M. B. A. van Asselt & M. Everson (eds.), *Trade, Health and the Environment, The European Union put to the test*, Routledge, 2014
- ❖ Lisa Waddington, 'Equal to the Task? Re-Examining EU Equality Law in Light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' 4 *European Yearbook of Disability Law* (2013), p.169
- ❖ Bruno De Witte & Elise Muir with M. Dawson (eds.), *Judicial Activism At The European Court Of Justice*, Edward Elgar, 2013
- ❖ Bruno De Witte with A. Vauchez (eds.), *Lawyering Europe: European Law as a Transnational Social Field*, Hart, 2013

Focus

The Treaty on European Union 1993-2013: Reflections from Maastricht

Editors: Maartje de Visser & Anne Pieter van der Mei (Intersentia 2013)

The Treaty on European Union, popularly known as the Maastricht Treaty, has had a profound impact on the process of European integration. This [book](#) commemorates the entry in force of the Treaty 20 years ago by evaluating the legal impact it has had on the European Union's institutional framework and its policies. It includes contributions on a wide variety of topics, including Economic and Monetary Union, Union citizenship, fundamental rights, foreign affairs and defence policy, educational policy and environmental policy. The different contributions revisit the reasons for the changes the Maastricht Treaty has brought about and examine their development over the years, identifying unexpected success stories, unfulfilled expectations, missed opportunities and future challenges. The contributors are or were associated with the Maastricht Centre for European Law or the Faculty of Law of the Maastricht University, giving this book a unique 'Maastricht' flavour. This book will be of value for legal scholars and practitioners with a keen interest in EU law and European integration.



Anne Pieter van der Mei

New people



Maja Brkan is assistant professor at the Department for International and European Law of the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University. She holds an LL.M. from New York University School of Law (2004) and a PhD from University of Ljubljana (2007). Before joining Maastricht University, she worked as a référendaire at the Court of Justice of the EU (2007-2013).



Elke Cloots is lecturer in EU law at the Maastricht Centre for European Law. Elke obtained a PhD in law at the University of Leuven (Belgium) in 2013. She holds a Master's degree in law from the University of Leuven (2006) and a post-graduate degree from the University of Oxford (MJur, 2009).

PhD Defences



On July 1, 2013, Tina Oršolić Dalessio successfully defended her PhD thesis. Tina's doctoral dissertation, entitled *Socializing Europe – Solidifying EU Citizenship*, was written under the supervision of Monica Claes and Miguel Poiares Maduro. Tina currently works as a senior lecturer in Legal Theory at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law.

On 16 May 2013, Mark Provera and Katharina Eisele successfully defended their PhD theses, both under the supervision of Hildegard Schneider. Mark's thesis was entitled *The Detention of Asylum Seekers in Australia and the European Union - A Comparative Analysis*, whereas Katharina's thesis was on *The External Dimension of an EU Migration Policy*.