

Lecture Series *The European Union as Global International Actor*

Institutional Aspects of Global Trade Governance from an EU Perspective

Prof. Dr. Frank Hoffmeister : Deputy Head of Cabinet (to the EU Commissioner for Trade)

Abstract

In this lecture, a closer look will be taken at the institutional aspects of global trade governance. In the first place, it will examine how decision-making functions in the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and how WTO-related decisions are taken within the European Union. A similar inquiry is conducted for G20 decision-making. On that basis Prof Hoffmeister will explore whether the European Union can live up to its constitutional commitment to contribute to 'free and fair trade' as laid down in Article 3(5) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

Frank Hoffmeister is Deputy Head in the Cabinet of Trade Commissioner de Gucht since 2010. In this position his field of work is the WTO and dispute settlement, G-20, Trade and Environment, Agriculture and Geographic Indications, Trade Defense Instruments, OECD and Public Procurement. Prior to that, he worked as a European Commission Official at DG Enlargement and at the Legal Service.

Frank Hoffmeister received his academic education in Germany and in Switzerland. He finishes his legal studies with the bar examen in Berlin ("with distinction"). After this he was a stagiaire in the German Federal Ministry of Justice, the German Foreign Office in Singapore and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. In 1999 Frank Hoffmeister became an Academic Assistant at the Walter Hallstein-Institute for European Constitutional Law. Since 2006 Frank Hoffmeister also works as a Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels for International Economic Law (part time).

Monday 3 March 2014

5 pm - 7 pm

Location

University of Luxembourg
Bâtiment Weicker
Room B 001 (ground floor)
4, rue Alphonse Weicker
L-2721 Luxembourg

Language

English

Registration

- by e-mail to fdef-colloques@uni.lu (specifying name and institution)
- Free seminar
- Maximum number of attendants: 80

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15 conferences will be held from March to November 2014, in three parts: Institutional issues / Policy oriented approach / External perception and impact on global governance.

The objective of the Lecture Series is to bring together leading specialists of legal, political economy or international relations background in order to critically assess the European Union's external relations in a multipolar world.

Conference programme, March - June 2014

Monday 3 March 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

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Prof. Dr. Frank Hoffmeister, Deputy Head of Cabinet (to the EU Commissioner for Trade)

Thursday 13 March 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

The Institutional Framework of the European Diplomacy

David O'Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer of the European External Action Service

Thursday 20 March 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

New Diplomatic Activities of the European Union and the Limits of International Law

Prof. Ramses A. Wessel, University of Twente, Professor of European and International Institutional Law

Friday 28 March 2014, 11 am - 1 pm

Exclusive, Shared and National Competence in the Area of EU External Relations : Do Such Distinctions Matter ?

Prof. Allan Rosas, Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union

A Reticent Court? Policy Objectives and the Court of Justice

Prof. Marise Cremona, European University Institute

Monday 31 March 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

The European External Action Service: Legal Foundations, Practice and Review Process

Pr. Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow & Head of the EU Foreign Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies / University of Amsterdam

Monday 28 April 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

The EU as a Global Power: (In-) Security in the Regions?

Dr Astrid Boening, Researcher, University of Miami, European Union Center of Excellence

Jan-Frederik Kremer, Center for Global Studies, Bonn University

Monday 5 May 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

How to Raise the European Union's Profile in China?

Prof. Jing Men, InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union - China Relations, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

Monday 12 May 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

The Role of International Law in the Relations between Member States of the European Union

Prof. Bruno De Witte, Maastricht University / European University Institute

Monday 12 June 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

Market Power Europe

Dr Chad Damro, Senior Lecturer of Politics and International Relations, Jean Monnet Chair, Co-Director of the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh

Monday 30 June 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

Is there any Alternative to Europe's Total Marginalization within the Emergent Multipolar World ?

Prof. Mario Telo, Membre de l'Académie Royale des sciences de Belgique, Jean Monnet Chair, Vice President of the Institute of European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles