

24-26 June 2026, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels

11TH CLEAR SUMMER SCHOOL ON THE LAW OF EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS



THE PROGRAMME

Venue: VUB Main Campus, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels
Room: Learning Theatre at the Language and Innovation Centre

09.00 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 – 10.00

Opening

11th Summer School on the Law of EU External Relations : EU External Relations Law in the Age of Geopolitics: The Power of Law and the Law of Power

10.00 – 11.30

Andrea Ott

The EU – a divided global actor inside and outside?

11.30 - 13.00

Merijn Chamon

Mixed agreements: undermining EU autonomous action?

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30

Peter Van Elsuwege

The Law and Politics of EU Sanctions

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00 - 17.00

Eleftheria Neframi

Green and Digital Transition: External Dimensions

17.30 - 18.30

Reception and drinks

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EU External Relations

09.00 – 10.30

Eva Kassoti

The EU and the Rules Based International Order: Territorial Disputes before the CJEU in an Era of Geopolitics

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30

Joris Larik

Weaponizing Market Power: EU Trade Policy in an Era of Trade Wars

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch break

13.30 – 15.00

Graham Butler

Increasing CFSP and CSDP Effectiveness in Times of External Challenges

15.00 – 16.00

Travel to EEAS (9A Rond Point Schuman)

16.00 – 17.30

Lóránt Havas (EEAS) and colleagues

Role of the EEAS in EU external relations

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EU External Relations: A Practitioner's Perspective

9.30 - 11.00

Anders Neergaard

The European Parliament in EU external relations

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.30

Bart Driessen and Josephine Norris

Recent developments in EU external relations: Council and Commission perspectives

13.30 - 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 - 16.00

Advocate General Tamara Čapeta

Keynote

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SPEAKERS

- Prof. Graham Butler** *is Full Professor of Law at Linnaeus University in Sweden*
- Prof. Merijn Chamon** *is professor of EU law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges). He is member of the Governing Board of CLEER.*
- Prof. Tamara Čapeta** *is Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union as of 7 October 2021. Before becoming a member of the Court, she pursued an academic career as professor of EU law at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law.*
- Dr. Bart Driessen** *is Senior Legal Expert at the Council Legal Service.*
- Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege** *is professor of EU law at Ghent University, and member of the governing board of CLEER.*
- Lóránt Havas** *is Deputy Head of Unit in the Legal Department of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels.*
- Dr Eva Kassoti** *is Senior Researcher in EU and International Law at the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the academic co-ordinator of the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER)*
- Dr Joris Larik** *is Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU and International Law at Leiden University. He is member of the Governing Board of CLEER.*
- Anders Neergaard** *is Head of Unit in the Legal Service of the European Parliament.*
- Prof. Eleftheria Neframi** *is professor of European Union law at the University of Luxembourg. She is member of the Governing Board of CLEER.*
- Josephine Norris** *is member of the legal service of the European Commission.*
- Prof. Andrea Ott** *is professor of EU External Relations Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU law at Maastricht University. She is member of the Governing Board of CLEER.*