

24-26 June 2026, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels

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

2026

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 - 17.30

Eleftheria Neframi

Green and Digital Transition: External Dimensions

17.30 - 18.30

Reception and drinks

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THE PROGRAMME

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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THE PROGRAMME

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 Ćapeta

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 Associate 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.