



Kindly Invite You to the Final Conference of the EUN-NET Project

## **Interlocking Multilateralism: EU-UN Dynamics in Turbulent Times**

Thursday 23 May 2019, 14 – 18 h.  
Auditory Zeger Van Hee  
Faculty of Law, Tiensestraat 41, Leuven

### ***Aims of the conference***

This final conference of the Jean Monnet EUN-NET Project aims to deepen our insight in current interactions between the European Union (EU) and dedicated United Nations (UN) bodies in a context of besieged multilateralism, renewed great power rivalry, anti-globalism, authoritarianism, contestation, populism and nationalism. Representatives from UN Brussels offices will interact with representatives from the European External Action Service and with academic experts from within and outside the EUN-NET Project.

### ***Preliminary Programme***

14:00 Welcome and Introduction by Prof. Dr. **Jan Wouters**, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGGS), KU Leuven

14:15 **Panel 1. EU-UN Relations: Policy Challenges**

Chair: Prof. Dr. **Edith Drieskens**, LINES/GGS, KU Leuven

EU-UN Cooperation: Keeping the Dynamics Going

Ms. **Barbara Pesce-Monteiro**, Director UN/UNDP Brussels Representation Office

The EU and the World Bank: the Challenge of Development Effectiveness

Prof. Dr. **Eugenia Baroncelli**, University of Bologna

Challenges of Protecting Civic Space for the UN and the EU

Ms. **Birgit Van Hout**, Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Brussels

The Challenge of Keeping the Paris Agreement on Track

Mr. **Thierry Lucas**, Head a.i. UN Environment Office, Brussels

*Discussants:*

Prof. Dr. **Tom Delreux**, Université catholique de Louvain  
Prof. Dr. **Kolja Raube**, MAES/GGS/LINES, KU Leuven

16:00 Health break

16:15 **Panel 2. Current Developments in the EU-UN Relationship**

Chair: Prof. Dr. **Spyros Blavoukos**, Athens University of Economics and Business

A Deep Partnership between Like-Minded Organizations?

Mr. **Ellis Mathews**, Head of Division Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service

The EU in UN Human Rights Fora: Taking Stock and Looking Forward

Ms. **Anna-Luise Chané**, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

The EU's Initiatives regarding the Death Penalty in the UN and their Contestation

Dr. **Robert Kissack**, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals

*Discussants:*

Prof. Dr. **Madeleine Hosli**, UNU-CRIS/Leiden University  
Prof. Dr. **Diana Panke**, University of Freiburg

Concluding Remarks by Prof. Dr. **Spyros Blavoukos**

18:00 Drinks

**PhD Seminar 'Researching EU-UN Relations: Methodological Lessons Learned and Best Practices'**

The day after the conference, on Friday 24 May, the Network is organizing a PhD seminar with Prof. Dr. Diane Panke (University of Freiburg) and Prof. Dr. Tom Delreux (Université Catholique de Louvain). Deepen your methodological knowledge by signing up for this expert seminar for Phd students with an interest in international relations and organizations, notably, but not exclusively, in the EU's functioning therein. Diane Panke and Tom Delreux are eager to share the lessons they have learned along the way and look forward to discussing the questions and obstacles that have been holding you back in your own work.

There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required:

[https://soc.kuleuven.be/lines/PhD\\_seminar](https://soc.kuleuven.be/lines/PhD_seminar)

Time: Welcome coffee at 09.00; seminar from 09.15 to 12.00.

Place: Faculty of Social Sciences, SW 02.05.

Capacity: 15 students (first come, first served)

Web: <https://soc.kuleuven.be/lines/calendar/eun-net-jean-monnet-network-on-eu-un-relations>