



# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED NATIONS IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

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## THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The UNU-CRIS Summer School seeks to familiarise you with the salient challenges related to global governance. It explores how a regional integration scheme such as the European Union interacts with the United Nations in the provision of public goods, aiming to enhance the conditions for stability, sustainability, peace and justice. With a focus on themes such as peace missions, climate change, migration, justice and stable institutions, it will explore how the two entities interact in practice, focusing on both synergies and challenges to coordination.

Taking place in Bruges, Belgium, the UNU-CRIS Summer School will take advantage of its central location and close proximity to numerous sites of historical and contemporary significance, including a visit to Flanders Fields (World War I battlefield) around Ypres and a three-day excursion to Brussels, where the group will visit institutions and organisations such as the United Nations Regional Information Centre, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

## ABOUT UNU-CRIS

The United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) is a research and training institute of the United Nations University, a global network engaged in research and capacity development to support the universal goals of the United Nations and generate new knowledge and ideas. Based in Bruges, UNU-CRIS focuses on the provision of global and regional public goods, governance at the global and regional levels, and on processes and consequences of intra- and inter-regional integration. The Institute aims to generate policy-relevant knowledge about new patterns of governance and cooperation, and build capacity on a global and regional level. UNU-CRIS acts as a resource for the United Nations system, with strong links to other United Nations bodies dealing with the provision and management of international and regional public goods.



**MONDAY**  
June 17

**DAY ONE**

09:30	Coffee and Registration
10:00	<b>DIRECTOR'S WELCOME</b> Program Overview and Information
10:15	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>
10:15 - 11:15	<b>UNLOCKING THE POWER OF THE UN-EU PARTNERSHIP</b> <b>DR. RORY KEANE</b> Head of Office, <i>United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security</i>
11:30 - 11:45	Short Break
11:45	<b>HOW COHESIVE IS THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY?</b> <b>PROF. MADELEINE O. HOSLI</b> Director, <i>United Nations University - CRIS</i>
12:45	Informal Network Lunch
13:30	<b>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2019: CHALLENGES, TURNOUT AND PROSPECTS</b> <b>Prof. Madeleine O. Hosli</b> Director, <i>United Nations University - CRIS</i>
15:00	END OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM
15:15	<b>WALKING TOUR OF BRUGES</b>
15:15 - 17:00	Explore the sights and history of magnificent Bruges with a personalised guided tour of the city.
19:00	<b>CITY HALL RECEPTION WITH THE MAYOR OF BRUGES, DIRK DE FAUW</b>
20:00	<b>WELCOME DINNER</b>
22:00	<b>END OF DAY ONE</b>



**TUESDAY**  
June 18

**DAY TWO**

**09:00**

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOVERNANCE ON THE  
REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS**

09:00 - 10:30

**GLOBAL CLIMATE GOVERNANCE, THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**PROF. SIMON SCHUNZ**

Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy  
Studies Department, *College of Europe*

10:30 - 10:45

Short Break

11:00 - 12:15

**DIMENSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE COOPERATION**

**Ms. SUSANN HANDKE**

Research Associate, *IIAS Centre for Regulation and  
Governance*

**12:15**

Lunch Break - Refectory

**14:00**

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY GOVERNANCE ON THE  
REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL - PANEL DISCUSSION**

14:00 - 16:30

**CHAIR**

**PROF. MADELEINE HOSLI**

Director, *United Nations University - CRIS*

**PANELLISTS**

**DR. THIJS VAN DE GRAAF**

Assistant Professor, Ghent Institute for International  
Studies, *Ghent University*

**Ms. REINHILDE BOUCKAERT**

Project Researcher, *United Nations University - CRIS*

**MR. LUNTING WU**

Visiting Researcher, *United Nations University - CRIS*

**16:30**

**END OF DAY TWO**



WEDNESDAY  
June 19

# DAY THREE

10:00

## THE EU AND ASIA: THE CASE OF RESEARCH AND SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

10:00 - 12:00

### EU-ASEAN S&T COOPERATION

**Ms. ADRIANA BANOZIC**

Science Policy Expert, Future Resilient System (FRS) Program, *Singapore ETH Centre*

12:00

Lunch Break

13:00

## CHALLENGES TO EU-UN COORDINATION AND PEACE MISSIONS

13:00 - 14:30

### THE EU AT THE UN: CHALLENGES AHEAD

**PROF. KAREN E. SMITH**

Professor of International Relations, *London School of Economics and Political Science*

14:30 - 15:00

Short Break

15:00 - 16:30

### PROMOTING PEACE – CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DIPLOMACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: INSIGHTS FROM A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

**MR. HOLGER OSTERRIEDER**

Adjunct Professor, *Vrije Universiteit Brussel* / Coordinator, *German Foreign Office*

17:00

END OF DAY THREE



**THURSDAY**  
June 20

# DAY FOUR

**09:30**

## **THE GLOBAL COMPACT - MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**PROF. INE LIETAERT**

Assistant Professor, *United Nations University - CRIS*

09:30 - 10:45

### **SESSION ONE**

10:45 - 11:00

Short Break

11:00 - 12:15

### **SESSION TWO**

**12:30**

Lunch Break

**14:00**

## **SIMULATION GAME ON THE MIGRATION CRISIS**

14:00 - 17:00

### **SESSION ONE**

- INTRODUCTION
- DELEGATE INTRODUCTIONS AND POSITION OVERVIEWS
- 1ST AGENDA ITEM
- 2ND AGENDA ITEM
- 3RD AGENDA ITEM
- 4TH AGENDA ITEM
- CONCLUDING REMARKS

**17:00**

**END OF DAY FOUR**



**FRIDAY**  
June 21

**DAY FIVE**

**10:00**

**SIMULATION GAME ON THE MIGRATION CRISIS**

10:00 - 12:00

**SESSION TWO**

- **INFORMAL MEETINGS**
- **GENERAL SPEAKERS' LIST**
- **FIRST DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED**
- **TIME FOR AMENDMENTS**
- **FINAL DRAFT AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED**
- **PRESENTATION OF FINAL OUTPUT AND FINAL REMARKS**
- **VOTE ON FINAL AGREEMENT AND CLOSING CEREMONY**

**12:15**

Lunch Break - Refectory

**14:00**

**THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED NATIONS IN  
GLOBAL POLITICS**

14:00 - 15:30

**PRINCIPLED MULTILATERALISM AND THE UNITED NATIONS**

**PROF. SPYROS BLAVOUKOS**

*Associate Professor, Athens University of Economics  
and Business*

**15:30**

**END OF DAY FIVE**



**SATURDAY**  
June 22

**DAY SIX**

**CULTURAL EXCURSION TO FLANDERS FIELDS**

7:30	Meet at Reception
9:40	Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetary and Memorial
10:30	Depart for Menin Gate
11:00	Menin Gate
11:30	St. George's Memorial Church
12:00	Lunch Break
13:30	Flanders Field Museum
15:30	Depart for Bruges
16:30	Arrive in Bruges
16:30	<b>END OF DAY SIX</b>



**SUNDAY**  
June 23

# DAY SEVEN

**FREE DAY IN BRUGES**





**MONDAY**  
June 24

**DAY EIGHT**

**9:30**

**TACKLING INEQUALITY**

**DR. JAN VANDEMOORTELE**

Formerly of UNICEF, UNDP & ILO

09:30 - 10:30

**SESSION ONE**

10:30 - 10:45

Short Break

10:45 - 12:15

**SESSION TWO**

**12:15**

Lunch Break

**14:00**

**POVERTY ALLEVIATION WITH THE COLLABORATION OF  
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

**MS. MARVI MEMON**

Former Chairperson of the Benazir Income  
Support Programme / Cabinet Minister in the  
Pakistani Government

**14:45**

Short Break

**15:00**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND  
MONETARY UNION**

**Prof. Madeleine Hosli**

Director, *United Nations University - CRIS*

**17:00**

**END OF DAY EIGHT**



**TUESDAY**  
June 25

**DAY NINE**

**09:30**

**THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION  
AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

**DR. AD VAN RIET**

Formerly Senior Economic Advisor, *European  
Central Bank*

09:30 - 10:45

**EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY  
UNION**

10:45 - 11:00

Short Break

11:00 - 12:15

**THE GLOBAL ROLE OF THE EURO**

**12:15**

Lunch Break - Refectory

**14:00**

**CHALLENGES TO TRADE GOVERNANCE  
- PANEL DISCUSSION**

14:00 - 16:30

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Director, *United Nations University - CRIS*

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**PROF. JAN ORBIE**

Director of the Centre for EU Studies and Associate  
Professor, *Ghent University*

**PROF. GLENN RAYP**

Professor of Economics, *Ghent University* and  
Research Fellow, *United Nations University - CRIS*

**MS. DIANA POTJOMKINA**

PhD Fellow, *United Nations University - CRIS* and  
*Ghent University*

**16:00**

**END OF DAY NINE**



WEDNESDAY  
June 26

DAY TEN

**TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS**

07:45 Check Out and Meet at Reception

**10:45 VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES,  
VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSELS**

10:45 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**PROF. ALEXANDER MATTELAER**

Academic Director, *Institute for European Studies*

11:00 **EU CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY**

**PROF. SEBASTIAN OBERTHÜR**

Professor for Environment and Sustainable Development, *Institute for European Studies*

11:45 **Q&A SESSION**

**MR. KAREL DE GUCHT**

President, *Institute for European Studies*

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, *Belgium*

Former European Commissioner for Trade

**12:45** Lunch Break

**14:30 VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL  
INFORMATION CENTRE (UNRIC)**

14:45 **EU-UN COOPERATION: KEEPING THE DYNAMICS GOING**

**MS. BARBARA PESCE-MONTEIRO**

Director, *UN/UNDP Brussels Representation Office*

15:45 **EU ENERGY POLICY, NEW 2030 TARGETS AND THE 2050 LONG  
TERM STRATEGY FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

**MS. MEGAN RICHARDS**

Director of Energy Policy in DG Energy, *European Commission*

16:45 **CHALLENGES FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN EMERGENCIES: A  
UNHCR PERSPECTIVE**

**MR. STEFAN MAIER**

Senior Policy Officer, *UNHCR Regional Representation for EU Affairs*

**18:00 END OF DAY TEN**

THURSDAY  
June 27

DAY ELEVEN

VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

07:30 Meet at Reception

09:00 **WELCOME**

**MS. MARIA JOSÉ PASTOR**

Member of the Visitors Centre at DG Communication

09:30

**WHAT DOES THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DO?  
ONGOING CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS: BREXIT AND  
PARLIAMENT'S 9TH TERM**

**MR. MIGUEL ANGEL PALACIOS**

Legal Advisor, CFSP Operations, *Service for Foreign  
Policy Instruments*

10:45

Short Break

11:00

**MIXING AND MATCHING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POLICIES  
IN EU COUNTRIES: EU AND ITS AMBITION TO BECOME ONE OF  
THE MOST INNOVATIVE REGIONS IN THE WORLD**

**MR. ROMÁN ARJONA GRACIA**

Chief Economist and Head of the Unit, Reforms  
and Economic Impact - Country Intelligence,  
*DG Research and Innovation*

**WHAT IS EU FOREIGN POLICY?**

**- THE EUROPEAN UNION, A MAJOR PLAYER ON THE WORLD STAGE  
- HOW THE EU AND THE UN COLLABORATE**

**MR. ADRIANUS KOETSENRUIJTER**

Advisor - Inspector, Inspection Division, *European  
External Action Service*

12:45

Lunch in the European Commission Cafeteria

VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

14:00

**SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS COVERING:**

- How the European Council operates
- EU Foreign Policy
- EU Relations with the United Nations

18:00

**FAREWELL DINNER**

20:30

**END OF DAY ELEVEN**



**FRIDAY**  
June 28

# DAY TWELVE

## VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

7:45 Check Out and Meet at Reception

09:30 **PRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT COVERING:**

- The Legislative Procedure of the European Union
- The role of the Three Institutions
- Detailed Information about the European Parliament

10:30 **VISIT TO THE PLenary CHAMBER**

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 **VISIT TO THE PARLAMENTARIUM (VOLUNTARY)**

Experience the European Parliament as never before at the groundbreaking Parlamentarium, located in the Willy Brandt building.

Through dynamic, interactive multimedia displays and with the help of a personal media guide, discover what European democracy is all about in exciting and refreshing new ways.

16:00 **END OF DAY TWELVE**

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## MR. RORY KEANE

*Head of the United Nations Liaison Office for  
Peace and Security*

Since October 2013, Mr. Rory Keane heads the United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS), which represents the United Nations Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), Peace Operations (DPO), Operational Support (DOS) and the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in Brussels and liaises on all matters related to peace and security that fall under the remit of these four entities.

Before his appointment as Head of the UNLOPS, Mr. Keane worked for the United Nations Special Envoy for the Sahel Region. Previous to that, he served as the security sector advisor to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Liberia.

Mr. Rory Keane has worked on peace and security issues for a number of years in a range of capacities, including as Team Leader of the OECD International Network on Conflict and Fragility, European Commission desk officer for the DRC and Great Lakes and as the OSCE Spokesperson in the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Keane holds a PhD in International Relations and a Marie Curie post-doctoral fellowship on EU peace and security policy.



## PROF. MADELEINE O. HOSLI

*Director, United Nations University - CRIS*

Professor Madeleine O. Hosli has been Director of UNU-CRIS since 1 June 2017. Professor Hosli has a distinguished career researching and teaching on European integration, international organisations, and international political economy.

She has been a Professor of International Relations at Leiden University (Netherlands) since 2007, and has held visiting teaching positions at the University of Zürich, the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva), Utrecht University College (UCU) and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

She is author of *The Euro: A Concise Introduction to European Monetary Integration* (Lynne Rienner, 2005) and has published in various international peer-reviewed journals, including *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, the *Review of International Organizations*, *European Journal of Political Research* and the *Journal of Common Market Studies*.



# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## PROF. SIMON SCHUNZ

*Associate Research Fellow, United Nations University - CRIS / Professor, College of Europe*

Simon Schunz, Ph.D., is a Professor in the EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department and the Academic Coordinator of the Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (MATA) at the College of Europe, Bruges. He is also an Associate Research Fellow at the UN University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges. He previously worked at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (2011-2015), at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the Leuven Institute for International and European Studies, University of Leuven (KU Leuven) (2006-2011). Since 2011, he has been a Visiting Professor at KU Leuven. He has participated in several international climate negotiation sessions, including the 2009 Copenhagen summit and the 2015 Paris summit.

His research interests are primarily located in the areas of EU and global environmental politics, external aspects of EU internal policies and the EU and multilateral governance.



## Ms. SUSANN HANDKE

*PhD Candidate, Erasmus University Rotterdam*

Susann Handke holds master's degrees in International and EU law, Dutch constitutional and administrative law, and Sinology. She studied in Germany, China, and the Netherlands.

Previously, she conducted research at the Clingendael International Energy Programme, The Hague, focusing on the geopolitics of China's and EU energy policies. As a research associate of the IIAS Centre for Regulation and Governance, Leiden, she has been participating in various activities related to governance issues in Asia for about 10 years.

Currently, she is an external PhD candidate at the Department of International and European Union Law, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam. She has just finished her PhD thesis on the nexus of domestic energy legislation and the UN climate regime. She is interested and engaged in interdisciplinary energy research, including regulatory, legal, geopolitical, and social aspects of the energy transition.

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## PROF. THIJS VAN DE GRAAF

*Assistant Professor, Ghent University*

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Thijs Van de Graaf is Assistant Professor of International Politics at Ghent University, Belgium. He is also a non-resident fellow with the Payne Institute, Colorado School of Mines, and with the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP) at Johns Hopkins University.

Thijs Van de Graaf is currently the lead researcher of the international Research Network on Fragmentation and Complexity in Global Governance ([www.refract.eu](http://www.refract.eu)), and he recently served as the lead writer of the final report of the IRENA Global Commission on the Geopolitics of Energy Transformation ([www.geopoliticsofrenewables.org](http://www.geopoliticsofrenewables.org)). In 2011, he was a visiting scholar at Princeton University, where he worked under the auspices of Professor Robert O. Keohane.

He teaches and conducts research in the areas of energy politics, international relations and global governance.

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## MR. LUNTING WU

*Visiting Researcher, United Nations University - CRIS*

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Lunting Wu is a Visiting Scholar at UNU-CRIS until the end of June 2019. Lunting holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Lisbon, and a B.A in Foreign Language Studies (Portuguese Studies) from Macao University of Science and Technology. Currently, he works as an Assistant Researcher at the University of Lisbon in the framework of the EU Horizon 2020 project CRISEA - Competing Regional Integrations in Southeast Asia.

At UNU-CRIS, his research revolves around two topics: the transition of Southeast Asian countries towards a low-carbon economy, and the energy integration and cooperation in the ASEAN.

Lunting has also worked at the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China as Government Affairs Assistant. Furthermore, he had training experience at the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and at the High Court of Guangdong Province.



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## Ms. REINHILDE BOUCKAERT

*Project Researcher, United Nations University - CRIS*

Reinhilde Bouckaert holds a Master Degree in Political Science from the University of Louvain (UCL) where she focused on International Relations and Geopolitics. In her dissertation she investigated how renewable energy could improve the energy security of the EU. At Ghent University she followed a Master after Master in Conflict and Development for which she conducted a three months of research as part of the EU CHERLA project in Peru.

Before taking up the role of Project Researcher at UNU-CRIS in the framework of the PADIRE project - Parliamentary Deliberation in Inter-Regional Relations: an Analysis of Climate Change Debates in the EU's Parliamentary Assemblies with the ACP, the Mediterranean, Latin America and the Eastern Neighbourhood Regions - Reinhilde worked for several years as an energy and climate analyst advising the Federal Minister of Energy and Climate and the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the EU.



## Dr. ADRIANA BANOZIC

*Staff Scientist and Programme Manager, Singapore Agency for Science Technology and Research*

Dr. Banozic is a trained neuroscientist and psychologist and holds executive training in public policy. She has worked as a researcher and consultant in Zagreb, Gothenburg, Leuven and Tokyo, and has taught at Tokyo Tech, Japan. She started her career in working in the UNDP and has since then supported science policy interface initiatives through collaborative work with the UNESCO Science Policy and Capacity Building Division and INSGA (Intergovernmental Network for Government Science Advice).

Dr Adriana Banozic joined the Future Resilient Systems programme at the Singapore-ETH Centre as a Science Policy Expert in April 2019. Before joining the FRS, Adriana was a Science Manager with Agency for Science Technology and Research and part of an interdisciplinary group developing advanced behavioural and social computing solutions for the Singaporean public sector.

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## PROF. KAREN E. SMITH

*Professor of International Relations, London  
School of Economics and Political Science*

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Karen E. Smith is a Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Director of the European Foreign Policy Unit (within the International Relations Department). She teaches courses on the EU in the World, EU Enlargement, European institutions, and genocide, and supervises PhD students in those areas.

Her main area of research is the 'international relations of the European Union', and she has written extensively on the formulation and implementation of common EU foreign policies. She has examined the EU's pursuit of 'ethical' foreign policy goals such as promoting human rights and democracy, and policy-making within European states regarding genocide. For over a decade she has also analysed EU-UN relations, and more recently has extended her research to consider the role of other political and regional groups in UN diplomacy.

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## MR. HOLGER OSTERRIEDER

*Adjunct Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Coordinator, German Foreign Office*

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Holger Osterrieder is a German diplomat and adjunct professor at Passau University and at the Vesalius College in Brussels. Educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford and at the French National School of Administration (ENA), he has over fifteen years of professional experience as an international civil servant at the United Nations, both at HQ and at field level, with the European Union (EEAS and European Parliament), national state administrations (Federal Foreign Office and French state administration), academia and civil society in over 10 different countries on four continents.

With his extensive experience in serving in various peacekeeping, peacebuilding and mediation missions and institutions, he regularly takes up public speaking and teaching engagements, and works as a coach and trainer. His particular areas of expertise are human development and poverty reduction, conflict prevention and response, mediation, peace-building and peace-keeping. His ultimate goal is to further promote the values and ideals of the United Nations.



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## PROF. INE LIETAERT

*Assistant Professor, United Nations University - CRIS*

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After completing her Master in Social Work, Prof Lietaert worked at the asylum and migration department of an INGO. After a couple of years of practical experience, she returned to Ghent University and completed her PhD on the return and reintegration processes of assisted returnees from Belgium to Georgia and Armenia. Before joining UNU-CRIS, she worked as post-doc researcher on the Childmove ERC project (Ghent University), investigating the trajectories and wellbeing of unaccompanied refugee minors moving through Europe.

Ine Lietaert teaches International Social Work at Ghent University and guides PhD students investigating processes of return and reintegration, internal migration and wellbeing of unaccompanied refugee minors, with a particular focus on the development of support mechanisms and support policies for people on the move in various regions of the world.



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## PROF. SPYROS BLAVOUKOS

*Associate Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business*

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Prof Blavoukos is an Associate Professor in the Department of International and European Economic Studies at the Athens University of Economics and Business, focusing on the Analysis of International and European Institutions.

He obtained both his PhD and MA from the University of Essex in the UK in the Department of Government. He is the co-author of the book "Chairing Multilateral Negotiations: the Case of the UN" and co-editor of the book "The EU Presence in International Organizations". He has also (co-)published a monograph on the 2003 Greek EU Presidency.

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## DR. JAN VANDEMOORTELE

*Formerly of UNICEF, UNDP & ILO*

Jan Vandemoortele has been crucial in the establishment of the Millennium Development Goals. He has been Director of the Poverty Group at UNDP and has served in various other capacities with the United Nations for over 30 years, both at headquarters and in the field – with UNICEF, UNDP, the ILO and on loan to the World Bank.

His last position was as UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator to Pakistan. He is a Belgian citizen and holds a PhD. in Development Economics. He is a member of the advisory board of various development institutes and global initiatives, and a referee for various peer-reviewed journals.



## Ms. MARVI MEMON

*Former Chairperson of the Benazir Income  
Support Programme*

*Former Cabinet Minister in the Pakistani  
Government*

Marvi Memon is a humanitarian, former parliamentarian, cabinet member, and former CEO. Born in Karachi Pakistan in 1972, after schooling from Karachi, Paris and Kuwait, she graduated from the London School of Economics in International Relations in 1993. She has since worked for Citibank, been CEO of Pakistan's first satellite tracking company, advised the President of Pakistan on Media Management, the Ministry of Investments, been a parliamentarian for two consecutive terms, an Information Committee Chairperson in parliament, Chaired as Federal Minister the largest social safety net of Pakistan BISP.

She has undertaken a guest lecture tour of European think tanks and universities in 2019. She has also recently been associated with the Commonwealth Foundation as an Election Observer in Malawi. Ms. Memon has the distinction of being awarded the UK House of Commons Speaker Inaugural Democracy Award 2017, the French Officier de Merite award 2017 and Membership of the World Bank Advisory Gender Council 2017.



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## DR. AD VAN RIET

*Former Senior Adviser, European Central Bank  
Associate Research Fellow, United Nations  
University - CRIS*

Dr. Ad van Riet has been an Associate Research Fellow at UNU-CRIS since 1 February 2019. He has a career of more than 30 years in central banking and worked for almost 25 years on European integration. Since 2019 he has been a freelance adviser and researcher on issues relating to the European Economic and Monetary Union.

He studied Economics at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and holds a PhD from Tilburg University in the Netherlands. He started his career with De Nederlandsche Bank (Dutch Central Bank) in 1987, joined the European Monetary Institute in 1994 and the European Central Bank (ECB) in 1998. At the ECB, he held several management positions, successively taking charge of the Monetary Policy Stance Unit, the EU Countries Division and the Fiscal Policies Division. He was Senior Adviser in the Directorate General Economics of the ECB and Secretary of the ECB Occasional Paper Series until end-2018.



## PROF. JAN ORBIE

*Director of the Centre for EU Studies and Associate  
Professor, Ghent University*

Prof. Dr. Jan Orbie is the Director of the Centre for EU Studies and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Sciences at Ghent University. He lectures several courses in the Master for EU Studies at Ghent University, including Theories of European Integration, European External Policies, and EU Trade Politics. His research focuses on the international policies of the EU, in particular EU trade and development policies. He is the author of numerous chapters, articles and edited books on EU trade politics and development, the EU's global social policy, and EU democracy promotion.

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## PROF. GLENN RAYP

*Professor of Economics, Ghent University  
Research Fellow, United Nations University - CRIS*

Glenn Rayp is a part time research fellow at UNU-CRIS. He worked as a researcher and research assistant at the University of Antwerp, after which he became professor in International Economics at Ghent University. Glenn Rayp teaches International Economics and History of Economic Thought at Ghent University.

He is a former member of the (Belgian) High Council of Finance and the High Council of Employment, as well as the (Flemish) Council of Industry. From 2010 to 2015, he coordinated the FWO research community on Globalisation, Regionalisation and Economic and Social Inequality (GRESI) of which UNU-CRIS was a member.

In his most recent research on regional integration, he was involved in the development of composite indicators of regional integration and the analysis of the relation between regional integration and institutions. He is part of the team that is updating and re-developing the RIKS platform of UNU-CRIS.



## Ms. DIANA POTJOMKINA

*PhD Fellow - United Nations University - CRIS*

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