

Lecture Series *The European Union as a Global International Actor*

# The Interaction between the EU's External Environmental Policy and International Environmental Law

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## Abstract

The European Union (EU) is well known for its prolific environmental law-making activities and for the multi-faceted environmental dimensions of its external relations. It is also increasingly establishing explicit linkages between its internal environmental regulation and its external environmental or environment-related action in an ambitious effort to support environmental multilateralism. This accords with the EU's own constitutional objectives: helping develop international measures to preserve and improve the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of global natural resources; promoting an international system based on stronger multilateral environmental cooperation and good global environmental governance, with a view to promoting multilateral solutions to common environmental problems, in particular in the framework of the United Nations.

Dr Morgera will discuss the evolution of these efforts and their relevance from an international law perspective. While the EU's efforts should be appreciated because the development and successful implementation of international environmental law is in dire need of leadership, they have raised mounting legitimacy and legality concerns, as exemplified in the 'aviation' case before the Court of Justice of the EU. Dr Morgera will thus explore the extent to which the EU engages in good faith in supporting environmental multilateralism to the benefit of the international community, as opposed to seeking to unduly influence international environmental law purely to its own advantage.

To this end, Dr Morgera will discuss the varied approach taken by EU measures related to climate change, forests and biodiversity, focusing on the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing to the Convention on Biological Diversity as a case study.

Thursday 6 November 2014  
5 pm - 7 pm

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

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English

Registration  
- Free lecture  
- Maximum number of attendants: 80  
- The conference will be followed by a cocktail.  
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### Dr. Elisa Morgera

Dr Elisa Morgera is Senior Lecturer in Global Environmental Law and Co-Director of the multi-disciplinary Europa Institute at the University of Edinburgh. She has recently published: *Environmental Integration in the EU's External Relations: Beyond Multilateral Dimensions* (Hart, 2012), *The External Environmental Policy of the*

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.

*European Union: EU and International Law Perspectives* (CUP, 2012) and *Unraveling the Nagoya Protocol: A Commentary on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing to the Convention on Biological Diversity* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2014).

### Conference programme

#### Forthcoming Events

#### Monday 10 November 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

***Recent developments in EU External Relations Law: a private practitioner's perspective : TTIP, the Nagoya Protocol and the Match-fixing Convention***

Dr Bart Van Vooren

Senior Associate, EU regulatory & trade department, ALTIUS law firm, Brussels

Honorary Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen

#### Tuesday 18 November 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

***Operating European Law in a global context***

Prof. Jean-Sylvestre Bergé

University Jean Moulin Lyon 3

#### Monday 8 December 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm

***The European Union and the Fight against Terrorism***

Yves Bot

Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union

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