



**Joint T.M.C. Asser Institute – Centre for the Law of EU
External Relations (CLEER): General Principles in EU
External Relations Law
6 December 2024**

Programme

09.15 Introduction

Chair: Dr Eva Kassoti (T.M.C. Asser Institute, CLEER)

09.30 – 10.45 Keynote: Prof. Samantha Besson (Collège de France, University of Fribourg) 'General Principles in EU External Relations Law: The Role of Equity'

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Panel 1: Cross-Cutting Issues: Coherence and the Protection of Fundamental Principles and Values

Chair: Prof. Ramses Wessel (University of Groningen)

- Thomas Verellen (Utrecht University) – *Democracy at the Borders: analysing the Role of Democratic Principles in EU External Relations Law*
- Jarne De Geyter (University of Ghent) – *The EU's Human Rights Obligations in its External Action: Between de jure Obligations and de facto Standards*
- Areg Navasartian (Université libre de Bruxelles) – *What's in a Principle? Revisiting the Principle of Coherence*

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-15.30 Panel 2: Operationalisation of General Principles in Different Fields of EU External Action

Chair: Prof. Peter van Elsuwege (University of Ghent)



- Andrea Ott (Maastricht University) – *The role of the principle of unity in international representation in the EU’s external representation*
- Francesca Finelli (University of Luxembourg, University of Pisa) – *Targeted Sanctions? The Role of the General Principle of Proportionality in Designing EU Restrictive Measures*
- Teresa Cabrita (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles) – *General Principles of EU External Relations Law and the EU’s Response to Natural Disasters: Drawing from and Contributing to International Law*
- Florin Coman-Kund (Erasmus University, Rotterdam) – *Consistency and Coordination in EU Agencies’ External Relations: A case of ‘Attention Deficit Disorder’?*

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break

15.45-17.45 Panel 3: Emerging General Principles in EU External Relations Law

Chair: Prof. Merijn Chamon (Vrije Universiteit Brussels)

- Narine Ghazaryan (Radboud University, Nijmegen) – *Sustainable Development: A Principle of EU External Relations Law?*
- Christos Karetzos (City, University of London) – *EU External Relations: Principles under Construction? The (Foreign) Investment Screening Paradigm*
- Anna Backe (Vienna University of Economics and Business) – *The EU’s Accession to the Istanbul Convention: Towards ‘General Principles’ for Voting Arrangements in Multilateral Bodies involving the EU (and its Member States)?*
- Monica Spatti (Catholic University of the Sacred Coeur, Milan) – *Equivalence as an Emerging General Principle of EU External Relations Law*

17.45-18.00 Closing Remarks Prof. Eleftheria Neframi (University of Luxembourg)

18.00 Reception