



10th Geneva Jean Monnet Doctoral Workshop – Call for Papers

EU External Action in a Shifting World Order : Legal and Institutional Dynamics

Ghent, 17-18 November 2025

The Ghent European Law Institute (GELI) of Ghent University and the *Centre d'études juridiques européennes* (CEJE) of the University of Geneva, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence jointly organise a Doctoral Workshop, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Christine Kaddous, Prof. dr. Inge Govaere (Ghent University) and Prof. Dr. Peter Van Elsuwege (Ghent University), on the topic: "EU External Action in a Shifting World Order: Legal and Institutional Dynamics".

Background

In a rapidly changing global order, the European Union's role as a global actor is facing increasing challenges and opportunities. From the impact of geopolitical tensions and trade disputes to the EU's approach to climate change, enlargement, and digital governance, the landscape of EU external relations law continues to evolve.

This workshop provides a platform for PhD researchers to present and receive feedback on work that critically examines **legal and institutional developments in EU external action as a response to the shifting world order**.

We welcome contributions from doctoral candidates that address, but are not limited to:

- The EU and international organizations (UN, WTO, Council of Europe, etc.)
- Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and initiatives towards a European Defence Union
- EU trade, investment, and sustainable development policy
- The EU's external human rights commitments

- External aspects of EU migration and asylum law
- The external dimension of EU digital and green transitions

Conditions for submission

Interested PhD students and young scholars should submit their abstracts, **in English only**, of 600 words (approximately one page). The proposals should address the theme of the Workshop mentioned above. The said proposals, accompanied by detailed CVs and motivation letters, should be submitted to Magali.Carel@UGent.be no later than **15 July 2025**.

Selection process

The organisers will review the submitted proposals. A final selection will be made and communicated in **August 2025**.

Confirmed participants are expected to provide complete drafts of their papers, of between 8000-10.000 words, in electronic form, no later than **31 October 2025**.

Publication

The final version of the papers can be published in the [Geneva Jean Monnet Working Papers](#) attached to the University of Geneva or the [Law & Criminology Journal](#) at Ghent University. Depending on the coherence and quality of the papers produced, an edited volume may be considered.

Organization and coverage of costs

The organizers will cover the accommodation costs in Ghent (one night) and the meals during the workshop. Travel costs will be taken in charge either by the participants or by the Universities or Research Centres or Institutes to which they are affiliated.

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