

UU Summer Course – Current Challenges in EU Law

Preliminary program (subject to change)

Monday 12 July

10:00-12:00 - Introduction to the summer school – prof. Ton van den Brink

Break

13:00-15:00 - Economic recovery after COVID-19 – prof. Ton van den Brink

Soon after the COVID-19 crisis hit the European continent, plans were developed to set up a Corona recovery fund to ensure a quick economic recovery. Following difficult negotiations, the fund was adopted in the beginning of 2021. During this session we will explore the set-up of the regulation and assess the first steps of its implementation. More broadly, we will study how the regulation fits within the EU's Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and system of economic governance more broadly.

15:30-17:30 - Enforcing the Rule of law in and on the EU Member States – dr. Urszula Jaremba

The EU Treaty provides that the Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights. This implies that the rule of law is one of the fundamental values of the EU and that the Member States are obliged to uphold, among other things, freedom and democracy. Be that as it may, in the last couple of years the EU has been confronted with vivid violations of its core values by several Member States; Poland and Hungary being the most manifest examples of those violations. In this lecture the focus will be on the challenges the EU is confronted with when it comes to enforcement of the rule of law across the Member States. The issue of different instruments and mechanisms that are at the disposal of the EU to enforce compliance with the core values will be addressed.

Tuesday 13 July

10:00-12:00 - Migration and Asylum: Challenges and prospects – dr. Salvo Nicolosi

The migratory pressure on the EU has discoloured a crisis of solidarity and the failure of the reform launched by the 2015 European Agenda on Migration. In September 2020, the European Commission revamped the reform with a new European Pact on Migration and Asylum, but does it provide the necessary answers to the ongoing stalemate? Against this background, after a short presentation on the building blocks of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), the lecture will focus on the EU institutional, law-making and enforcement challenges in the post-crisis context. Recent measures adopted in the field of EU asylum law, such as relocation, resettlement, cooperation with third countries, will be discussed in the light of the most recent cases issued by the Court of Justice of the EU and the European Court of Human Rights.

Break

13:00-15:00 - EU's Green Deal and Agriculture Policy – Pauline Phoa LL.M

The long-awaited reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will probably see the light by the end of 2021. The CAP reform needs to respond to contemporary global concerns such as sustainability, which has taken specific shape in the form of the EU's new and ambitious 'Farm to

Fork' (F2F) food chain strategy and the EU's New Green Deal more generally. In this seminar, we will explore the coherence and potential effectiveness of the CAP and the EU's other new policies on sustainability.

15:30-17:30 - The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. An Introduction – Joske Graat LLM

This lecture will provide you with a broad overview of the different angles of the AFSJ before zooming in on criminal justice. It will guide you through the process of integrating criminal justice in the AFSJ. In this light we will discuss new models of horizontal and supranational cooperation, fundamental rights protection and division of competences.

Wednesday 14 July

10:00-12:00 - The European Arrest Warrant and the EU's fight against crime – Joske Graat LLM

This lecture covers the first EU instrument for horizontal cooperation which is based on the principle of mutual recognition. It will discuss the most important aspects of the EAW, including the fact that it is based on mutual recognition and mutual trust, the conditions for the issuing and execution of an EAW, the differences with extradition and the growing attention for fundamental rights problems.

Break

13:00-15:00 - Money Laundering and Market abuse – prof. Francois Kristen

In order to safeguard as well as to promote the integrity of the financial markets the EU has over time established a comprehensive framework in the areas of anti-money laundering and combating market abuse. In the course it is explained what money laundering as well as market abuse entail, how and which standards the EU has set, what the interaction is between the EU legal order and national legal orders and which sanctioning systems are available.

15:30-17:30 - Making EU criminal law effective in the Member States – prof. Francois Kristen

As EU law is mainly enforced through national legal systems, the influence of EU law on national enforcement systems is increasing. In this course we will highlight instruments by means of which EU law has effect on domestic criminal justice systems, such as the concept of primacy, the obligation of consistent interpretation and direct effect. These instruments will be discussed, in particular with regard to their meaning for national criminal (procedural) law.

Thursday 15 July

10:00-12:00 - Foundations of the Digital Single Market – Prof. Sybe de Vries

Break

13:00-15:00 - Competition in the digital age – prof. Anna Gerbrandy

15:30-17:30 - Privacy and data protection – dr. Cristiana Teixeira Santos

Dark patterns create an unequal playing field, where some companies illegitimately gather massive amounts of personal and even "sensitive" data. This course will discuss dark patterns and user consent: we will get acquainted with regulatory decisions interpreting data protection principles,

guidelines endorsing best design practices, and empirical studies demonstrating the effects of manipulative designs and the magnitude of this phenomenon.

Friday 16 July

10:00-12:00 - Illegal content and content moderation - dr. Stefan Kulk

Are platforms like Youtube and Facebook liable for the materials that users post, and what responsibilities do these platforms have to stop the spreading of illegal materials? Should these platforms install 'filters' and make use of algorithms to weed out unauthorized and illegal content? And what are the risks of using such technologies for the protection of fundamental rights? In this session, we discuss current EU regulation on content moderation and consider the European Commission's proposal for a Digital Services Act.

Break

13:00-15:00 - EU Negotiations clinic – dr. Hanneke van Eijken