



UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

EUDIPLo - 8th Jean Monnet Doctoral Workshop – Programme

EU Diplomacy: Confronting Legal and Political Insights

University of Groningen (UG), The Netherlands, 21 April 2023

New Location! [Norman Building](#), Lutkenieuwstraat 5, Groningen

This Jean Monnet Workshop is organised by the Department of European and Economic Law of the University of Groningen in the context of the EUDIPLo network on "The European Union in International Diplomatic Relations" (<http://eudiplo.eu/>), which was officially launched in November 2020. It is meant for PhD students and other early career scholars.

Background

Over the years, the EU's development as a diplomatic actor has been impressive (see also [this overview](#)). With over 140 Union Delegations around the world, the EU has established a network that resembles that of states. The functions of the Delegations largely coincide with those of state embassies. At the same time, the Union has become active in other international organisations, not just as a coordinator of Member States positions, but also in its own rights.

While many studies have focused on this new role of the EU as a diplomatic actor, there has hardly been any exchange between different academic disciplines. This workshop aims to do exactly that as its aims to bring together early career researchers on EU diplomacy with different backgrounds, including European law, international law, international relations, political science, and EU studies.

With the support of the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



- 08:45 Walk-in
- 09:00 **Introduction to the workshop** by EUDIPLo coordinator, *Prof. Ramses A. Wessel* (Professor of European Law, UG)
- 09:15 Key-note on **The Law and Politics of Diplomacy**, *Prof. Peggy McGuinness* (Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, St. John's Univ. School of Law, New York; and co-editor of the [Research Handbook on Law and Diplomacy](#)), followed by discussion
- 10:00 Panel 1: Internal challenges and opportunities
- Chair: *Prof. Christine Kaddous* (Professor of European Law, University of Geneva; EUDIPLo)
- Internal problems of the European Union's foreign policy in terms of the realistic paradigm**, *Bartosz Pęczkowski* (National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution and Kozminski University, Warsaw)
- Ideological cleavages or East-West divide in the European Parliament? Explaining MEPs' positions on EU foreign policy**, *Levan Kakhishvili* (Doctoral Fellow, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), University of Bamberg) & *Alina Felder* (Postdoctoral researcher at the University of St. Gallen)
- Towards EU paradiplomacy: the perspectives on the development of external actions of the European Committee of the Regions**, *Agata Rydzewska* (PhD student at the Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Warsaw)
- Discussants: *Dr. Viktor Szép* (Assistant Professor of European Law, UG), *Prof. Christine Kaddous* (Professor of European Law, University of Geneva; EUDIPLo)
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:45 Panel 2: Conflicts and culture
- Chair: *Prof. Sara Poli* (Professor of EU Law, University of Pisa; EUDIPLo)
- The role of EU diplomacy in frozen conflicts**, *Tamar Todria* (PhD Candidate, Institute for European Studies (IES TSU))
- EU cultural diplomacy: Internal and external perspectives**, *Aurélie Villanueva* (PhD candidate, European University Institute)
- Discussants: *Dr. Benjamin Leruth* (Assistant Professor in Politics and Society, UG, and *Prof. Sara Poli* (Professor of EU Law, University of Pisa; EUDIPLo)

- 13:00 Lunch (including visit to the [Groningen Forum](#))
- 14:30 Panel 3: The international diplomatic system
- Chair: *Prof. Jan Wouters* (Professor of International Law and International Organizations, KU Leuven; EUDIPLO)
- The consequences of the EU's evolving status in the international diplomatic system**, *Vincenzo Elia* (PhD candidate in EU and International climate change law, University of Geneva and University of Bologna)
- The immunity of EU Delegations under international law**, *Beyza Bayraktar* (Research assistant in international law and private international law, Cankiri Karatekin University in Türkiye and lawyer at the Ankara Bar Association)
- Analysing the rationales behind the launch of the European Political Community (EPC) and its effects for EU diplomacy**, *Anna Pau* (PhD candidate in EU law, University of Pisa)
- Discussants: *Prof. Panos Merkouris* (Professor of International Law, UG), and *Prof. Jan Wouters* (Professor of International Law and International Organizations, KU Leuven; EUDIPLO)
- 16:00 Panel 4: EU Diplomacy and other regions
- Chair: *Prof. Ramses A. Wessel* (Professor of European Law, UG; EUDIPLO)
- The EU-ASEAN economic cooperation. Opportunities and challenges for EU economic diplomacy**, *Pierfrancesco Mattiolo* (PhD Candidate in EU Economic Law, University of Antwerp) & *Loren Bustos* (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Political Science, Friedrich-Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- How have authoritarian turns in the neighboring countries reshaped EU and Japan's strategy of democracy support in regional political dynamics?**, *Jing-Syuan Wong* (Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow: GEM DIAMOND Joint PhD Position at ULB, Waseda University, LUISS)
- Balancing between restrictive measures and positive incentives? The Revision of the European Union's foreign policy tools in the ACP context**, *Anna Sebestyén* (International Studies PhD student at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)
- Discussants: *Prof. Jan van der Harst* (Professor of European Integration, RUG), and *Prof. Ramses A. Wessel* (Professor of European Law, UG; EUDIPLO)
- 17:30 Closure of the workshop
- 18:00 Dinner for speakers, chairs and discussants at [Dinercafé Soestdijk](#)
- For paper presenters rooms are booked at [The Happy Traveler](#) for 20-21 April, next to the Faculty of Law