The Contribution of the Legal Services of the European Institutions to European Union Law

18 – 19 June 2019

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While the most recent research on the legal history of the European Union has established that the European Court of Justice (ECJ) has played a critical role in the functioning of European institutions, other legal actors have also played important roles, exerting a decisive influence on the ECJ and on legislators. This, for instance, was the case with the legal services of institutions such as the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament, decisively influencing the negotiation of various European treaties and the resolution of legal controversies – especially concerning institutional competencies, which was ultimately resolved through bilateral meetings between these legal services, and by the ECJ.

Hosted at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (Frankfurt am Main), this conference will bring together scholars and former members of these institutions’ legal services. They will present the historical trajectories of the legal services via key figures, the doctrinal developments achieved by each institution, and their cooperation with academics and legal practitioners. Contributions will reflect on how each of these legal services has influenced the general development of EU law as a constitutional practice, their implications for the process of European integration and its institutional evolution.

The first day of the conference will consist of panels dedicated to each of these three services; on the following day, there will be a round-table discussion by former top officials from the legal services of the European institutions. They will reflect on how each of the legal services managed to permeate the functioning and decision making in their respective European institutions creating a European legal infrastructure for European integration.
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 18 June 2019

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Professor Stefan Vogenauer, Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez, MPIeR Frankfurt: Welcome

Panel I: The Legal Service of the European Commission (I)

Chair: Wilma Viscardini Donà (University of Padova) TBC

10:30-11:00 Morten Rasmussen (Copenhagen University): Michel Gaudet and his doctrine on EU law in the Legal Service of the European Commission in the 1960s

11:30-11:30 Bill Davies (American University Washington): Walter Much and his contribution to EU Law as head of the Legal Service of the Commission in Luxembourg and Brussels

11:30-12:00 Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez (MPIeR): The Legal Service under Claus-Dieter Ehlermann: building an ‘esprit de corps’ and paving the way for community law

12:00-12:30 Julio Baquero Cruz (Legal Service European Commission): Comments and debate

12:30-13:30 Lunch at Restaurant Sturm & Drang (Campus)

Panel II: The Legal Service of the European Commission (II)

Chair: Alessandra Donati (Max Planck Luxemburg):

13:30-14:00 Alessandro Rosanò (University of Turin): Première Dame: Wilma Viscardini Donà, Legal Adviser of the European Commission

14:00-14:30 Karin van Leeuwen (University of Maastricht): The changes in the Legal Service from the Delors Commission to the fall of the Santer Commission: coping with Treaty reforms
14.30-15:00 Teresa Cabrita (Amsterdam Center for European Law and Governance):
*The role of the Legal Service of the European Commission in dialoguing with the UN International Law Commission*

15:00-15:30 Anna Katharina Mangold (Goethe University) TBC:
*Comments and debate*

15:30-16:00 Coffee

**Panel III: The Legal Service of the Council of Ministers**

Chair: Vera Fritz (University of Luxemburg)

16:00-16:30 Michel Mangenot (Director of the Institute of European Studies, Paris VIII):
*The French directors of the Legal Service and the Conseil d’Etat*

16:30-17:00 Giorgio Maganza (Former Director, Legal Service, Council of the European Commission) TBC:
*The role of the Legal Service during Treaty reforms*

17:00-17:30 Gilles Marhic (Legal Affairs Division, European External Action Service):
*The external representation of the EU in multilateral fora*

17:30-18:00 Jean-Victor Louis (ULB Brussels) TBC:
*Discussion*

19:30 Dinner at La Boveda (Feldbergstrasse 10, 60323 Frankfurt) followed by an exchange of experiences and interests in the academic field of EU legal history

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**Panel IV: The Legal Service of the European Parliament**

Chair: Mechthild Roos (University of Augsburg)

10:00-10:30 Etienne Deschamps (Research service of the European Parliament):
*The sources for the study of the Legal Service of the European Parliament*

10:30-11:00 Fernanda Nicola (American University) and Antonio Caiola (European Parliament, Legal Service):
*The origins of the Legal Service of the European Parliament*

11:00-11:30 Gregorio Garzón Clariana (Autonomous University Barcelona and former Jurisconsult of the European Parliament):
*Building a role for the Jurisconsult and the Legal Service*
11:30-12:00  Christian Pennera (former Jurisconsult of the European Parliament): Comments and debate

12:00-13:30  Lunch at Restaurant Sturm & Drang (Campus)

Round table: In the shadow of the law. The politics of legal expertise in EU policy making

13:30-15:00  Moderator: Laura di Gregorio (Editor of “This Century’s Review: Journal for rational legal debate)

Presentation: Päivi Leino-Sandberg (Professor of Transnational European Law: University of Helsinki):

In the shadow of law: The politics of legal expertise in EU policy making

Discussion: Claus-Dieter Ehlermann (Former Director General of the European Commission)
Gert-Jan van Hegelsom (Head of Legal Affairs Division, European External Action Service):

15:30-16:00  Conclusion by the organisers