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The Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (**ACELG**) is a research centre of excellence at the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam. Established in 2009, it studies European Union Law in the context of the surrounding legal and political systems as well as wider structures of (global) governance.

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INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION IN THE EU



On 20 November 2015, ACELG organizes its fifth Annual Conference. This year's theme is *Inclusion and Exclusion in the European Union*. The conference engages with the dynamics between Member States, the EU and EU citizens internally and with the reception of economic migrants and refugees entering the EU. The climate of sustained austerity measures begs the question of who is able to fully participate and enjoy their rights as citizens of the EU? The conference is open to the public. Attendance is free of charge, but subject to registration. [Conference website](#)

EU POWERS UNDER EXTERNAL PRESSURE



With a public conference on 24 April 2015, **Christina Eckes** completed her NWO-funded three-year research project *Outside-In: EU Powers under External Pressure*. This project identifies a broad range of constitutional implications and changes in entrenched practices that result from the EU's external actions. Detailed studies demonstrate how the EU's external actions result in internal power shifts. Examples are the conclusion of international agreements with third parties, including the planned accession to the ECHR. The project concludes that overall the EU gains powers when it acts externally. It strengthens its grip on Member States and competes with national actors for the attention and trust of EU citizens. [More](#)

REGULATING RISKS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



Questions of expert and executive power are at the forefront of longstanding debates on risk regulation in the European Union, but the intimate connections between them too often go unexplored. On 21 and 22 May 2015, scholars from Europe and North America met at a workshop jointly organized by ACELG members Anniek de Ruijter and Maria Weimer and Maria Lee of University College London to consider the co-production of expert and executive power in European Union risk regulation. Read more about the workshop on the [ACELG blog](#) ...

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ACELG PUBLICATIONS

Vigjilencja Abazi & Maarten Hillebrandt: The Legal Limits to Confidential Negotiations: Recent Case Law Developments in Council Transparency, *Common Market Law Review*, 52(3), pp. 825 - 846

Vigjilencja Abazi & Eljlail Tauschinsky: Reasons of Control and Trust: Grounding the Public Need for Transparency in the European Union, *Utrecht Law Review*, 11(2), pp. 79 - 90

Kati Cseres: Harmonization: Legal Enforcement, in: J.G. Backhaus (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, (Springer 2014), 11 pp. [online](#)

Christina Eckes: The Common Foreign and Security Policy and other EU policies: A Difference in Nature, *European Foreign Affairs Review*, 20(4), available as ACELG WP on [SSRN](#)

Ben Crum & Deirdre Curtin: The Challenge of Making EU Executive Power Accountable, in: S. Piattoni (ed.) *The European Union. Democratic Principles and Institutional Architectures in Times of Crisis* (Oxford University Press 2015), pp. 63 - 87

Joana Mendes: The Making of Delegated and Implementing Acts: Legitimacy Beyond Inter-Institutional Balances, in: C.F. Bergström & D. Ritleng (eds.) *Law-Making by the EU Commission. The New System* (OUP, forthcoming), available on [SSRN](#)

Maria Weimer: Risk Regulation and Deliberation in EU Administrative Governance, *European Law Journal* forthcoming, published [online](#) 24 May 2015

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MOST RECENT ACELG BLOG

[SBC \(C-355/10\) vs Europol \(C-363/14\): What does the Court do with fundamental rights and essential elements?](#) by Eljlail Tauschinsky

[All ACELG blogs](#)

NEW ACELG MEMBERS



On 1 August, ACELG welcomed **Tatevik Manucharyan** as a new PhD candidate. Inspired by the major reforms in the architecture of the EMU after the onset of the financial and economic crisis, her PhD research will focus on accountability in the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). She aims to address the issue of the accountability gap in the EMU, which results from the intergovernmental nature of economic policy coordination, along with the increasing reliance on technocratic institutions and international treaties in this area.

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On 14 September, **Tomi Tuominen**, PhD researcher from the University of Lapland, started a three-month research stay at ACELG. During his stay in Amsterdam, Tomi will fully concentrate on his PhD research into the effects of the Eurozone crisis on the development of the European Constitution. [More ...](#)

DOCTORAL THESIS DEFENDED



On 2 September 2015, **Jeremy Bierbach**, external PhD candidate, successfully defended his doctoral thesis *Frontiers of Equality in the Development of EU and US Citizenship*. He studied the historical development of the citizenship of the United States for the benefit of understanding the continuing legal development of the citizenship of the European Union. [Summary ...](#)

MORE UNION IN EUROPEAN DEFENCE



Ahead of the June European Council, which was partly devoted to defence cooperation and a strategic review of the EU's position in the world, the final report of the Task Force on European Security and Defence, co-authored by Prof. Steven Blockmans (ACELG/CEPS), was presented in several European capitals. During the most recent event, organised by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Berlin on June 18th, the Chairman of the Task Force Chairman Javier Solana reaffirmed the momentum generated by the Task Force's proposal to permanently structure cooperation (Article 46 TEU) between able and willing member states in a 'European Defence Union'. The recommendations of the Task Force are getting traction in some Member States, most notably in **Germany**, but also in Spain, Finland, Belgium and the Baltic states. More public presentations of the report are scheduled for the second semester of 2015, including in Amsterdam (ACELG) on 22 October 2015, Bucharest, Prague, Tallinn, Warsaw and Washington DC. [Final report ...](#)

SAYING FAREWELL

ACELG says farewell to PhD researcher **Vigjilenca Abazi** and to researcher and lecturer **Anniek de Ruijter**, who have joined the newly established Centre for European Research in Maastricht (CERiM). Vigjilenca took up a position as postdoctoral researcher and research coordinator on 1 June 2015, Anniek started as Assistant Professor on 1 September 2015. ACELG wishes both of them success in their future careers.

RESERVE THE DATE

[e:](#) 22.10.15: High time for a 'European Defence Union' (in cooperation with SPUI 25)

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[e:](#) 11.11.15: Vicky Kosta, Leiden University, presents her forthcoming book **Fundamental Rights in EU Internal Market Legislation**

[e:](#) 20.11.2015: ACELG Annual Conference V - Inclusion and Exclusion in the EU

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ARCHITECTURE PROJECT

ACELG co-directs the project **The Architecture of Postnational Rulemaking**. In the **Dialogue Series** leading and upcoming scholars are invited to engage with the theme. Next in the series:

[e:](#) 2.11.2015: **Jürgen Neyer**, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), **Constrained Discourse - The Flawed Architecture of European Decision-Making**

[e:](#) 7.12.2015: **Graf-Peter Calliess**, University of Bremen, *Rough Consensus & Running Code. Transnational Commercial Rulemaking*