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INAUGURAL WELCOME



In my capacity as director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, I welcome you to the first ACELG newsletter intended to keep you up-to-date with the varied activities and achievements of our research centre of excellence at the University of Amsterdam. Our aim is to function as a nationally and internationally acclaimed

research centre on the European Union, on its law and on its governance practices. By means of this Newsletter, we want to communicate with a broader community of researchers and practitioners interested in European Union Law. [More...](#)

1ST ACELG ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The 2011 academic year began with the inaugural First Annual Conference of ACELG on *Open EU Decision Making. A Constitutional Challenge* in October 2011. Intrigued by the post-Lisbon commitment to an “open EU” as laid down in Articles 1 TEU and 15(1) TFEU, ACELG focused in this conference on how the principle of openness manifests itself within the EU. 70 attendees and participants from a diversity of backgrounds, disciplines

and universities gathered in the University Library’s historic building to consider this theme from the point of view of the legislative, the executive and the judicial powers. [More...](#)

NEW PEOPLE 2011

Click on the names to learn more about our new colleagues.



Vigjilena
Abazi



Elaine
Fahey



Aart
Loubert



Katja
Swider



Eljalill
Tauschinsky

ACELG PUBLICATIONS

Joana Mendes: Participation in European Union Rulemaking. A Rights-Based Approach (OUP, 2011)

Kati Cseres: Towards a European Model of Economic Justice. The Role of Competition Law, in H.-W. Micklitz (ed): *The Many Concepts of Social Justice in European Private Law* (Edward Elgar, 2011)

Deirdre Curtin (with I. Dekker): The European Union from Maastricht to Lisbon. Institutional and Legal Unity Out of the Shadows, in P. Craig and G. de Búrca (eds): *The Evolution of EU Law*, 2nd edition (OUP, 2011)

Deirdre Curtin and Joana Mendes: Transparence et participation. Des principes démocratique pour l’administration de l’Union Européenne, *Revue Française d’Administration Publique* 137/138 (2011) at 101

Madalina Busuioc: European Agencies and their Boards. Promises and Pitfalls of Accountability beyond Design, *Journal of European Public Policy*, forthcoming, 2012

Christina Eckes: Protecting Supremacy from External Influences. A Precondition for a European Constitutional Legal Order? *European Law Journal*, forthcoming, 2012

Annette Schrauwen: Granting the Right to Vote for the European Parliament to Resident Third-Country Nationals. *European Law Journal*, forthcoming

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TOP SECRET EUROPE

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Deirdre M. Curtin



On 20 October 2011, prof. Deirdre Curtin in her Inaugural Lecture entitled *Top Secret Europe* reflected on the question of what secrecy means and how it is actually regulated in the context of the European Union. Before a large audience of peers, colleagues, family and friends, she made a persuasive case that secrecy needs to be regulated at the European Union legislative level after an open policy debate.

While questions of secrecy are not new, the phenomenon of government secrecy in the context of the EU, its nature, structure, categories and its multiple layers has been understudied. Prof. Curtin highlighted the substantial growth in secrecy regulation and practice. [More...](#)

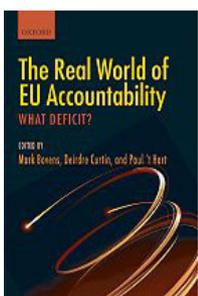
THE IMPRINT OF EU EXTERNAL ACTIONS



January 2012 marks the start of a new ACELG research project. Christina Eckes, ACELG researcher and associate professor in European law, received a prestigious personal research grant (VENI) of the NWO, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, for executing it. Entitled *Outside-In: Tracing the Imprint of the European Union's External Actions on Its Constitutional Landscape*, this three-year project aims to identify and discuss the implications of the Union's external actions for its delicate internal constitutional structures. [More...](#)

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RESEARCH PRIZE FOR MADALINA BUSUIOC



Last year's Christmas celebration at the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam included a special present for ACELG's Madalina Busuioc. Madalina was awarded a special recognition for her publication "European Agencies: Pockets of Accountability", a chapter in Bovens, Curtin and 't Hart's "Real World of EU Accountability" (OUP 2011). The newly instituted prize intends to reward young researcher's originality, academic

depths, and "cross border" or interdisciplinary work. Madalina's work scored high on all three categories. [More...](#)

ACELG TUESDAY SERIES

ACELG seminars on European Union law research and policy, the so-called "Tuesday Series", are held regularly throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons. ACELG invites internal and external participants to present their research and discuss topical European Union legal issues. [ACELG events in detail ...](#)

PAST EVENTS

[e](#) 27.09.11: The SWIFT Affair and the Global Politics of European Security. Prof. Marieke de Goede, University of Amsterdam [More...](#)

[e](#) 08.11.11: Beyond Law versus Economics. Competition Policy as a Learning Platform. Dr. Yane Svetiev, European University Institute [More...](#)

[e](#) 15.12.11: The EU Financial Regulation and Supervision System in Reaction to the Financial Crisis. Dr. Larisa Dragomir, EU Commission [More...](#)

FOR YOUR AGENDA

[e](#) 15-16.03.12: Towards an EU administrative procedure law? ReNEUAL network presents recommendations to European Ombudsman [More...](#)

[e](#) 02.05.12: EU law as Global Governance Law? Symposium on EU-ETS

[e](#) 15.06.12: Outside-In. Tracing the Imprint of the European Union's External Actions on Its Constitutional Landscape: Exploratory Workshop

[e](#) 20-21.09.12: Postnational Rulemaking Between Authority and Autonomy: Workshop of a cross-disciplinary project on rulemaking in the postnational sphere. Please see the [call for papers](#).

[e](#) 09.11.12: A new role for the EU in economic governance. Lessons from emerging and existing models: 2nd ACELG annual Conference on the (future) role of the EU in coordination of Member State economic policies and on the regulation and supervision of the financial sector. [More...](#)