



# THE IMPACT OF WAR (IN UKRAINE) ON THE EU?

HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES

Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 March 2023

College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, Bruges, building A, Auditorium 1

## First day 27 March 2023

9:00 Arrival and coffee

9:30 Welcome

Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.), Ghent University

9:40 Opening Speech: Reflections on the EU's Response to the War in Ukraine

Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe, former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

## SESSION I – WAR AND THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Chaired by Hanns Ullrich, Affiliated Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute and Honorary Professor, College of Europe

10:00 The Impact of War on EU Integration: Towards Strategic Interdependence

Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.), Ghent University

10:30 The Enduring Legitimisation of European Integration by Reference to Peace?

Matej Avbelj, Professor, New University of Ljubljana

11:00 War, Values and the EU's Constitutional Identity Revisited

Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

11:30 Panel discussion

Ricardo da Silva Passos, Judge, General Court of the EU

Eugenia Dumitriu-Segnana, Director for Institutional Questions, Staff Regulations, Litigation in the Council Legal Service

Christian Lengeling, Representative of the Brugge Institute of Students for the Future of Europe

Allan Rosas, Former Judge, Court of Justice of the EU and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

Ben Smulders, Deputy Director-General for State Aid, DG Competition and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

12:20 – 13:00 *Sandwich lunch for all participants*

## SESSION II – THE IMPACT OF WAR ON THE EU'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Chaired by Merijn Chamon, Assistant Professor, Maastricht University and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

- 13:10 Trade Sanctions Revisited  
Isabelle Van Damme, Partner at Van Bael & Bellis and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 13:30 The EU as a Global Actor: From Soft to (Semi-)Hard Power?  
Steven Blockmans, Director, CEPS, Professor, University of Amsterdam and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 13:50 ENP and Enlargement  
Erwan Lannon, Professor, Ghent University and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 14:10 International War Crimes and the Role of the EU  
Chloé Brière, Associate Professor, Institut d'Etudes Européennes, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 14:30 Panel-led discussion  
Celia Challet and Julien Tribout, Academic Assistants, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe  
Jenő Czuczai, Senior Legal Adviser (seconded) to DGGIP, Council of the EU and Visiting Professor, College of Europe  
Freddy Drexler, Jurisconsult, European Parliament  
Benedetta Morari, Representative of the Brugge Institute of Students for the Future of Europe  
Peter Sandler, Director, DG Trade, European Commission

15:20 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

## SESSION III – THE IMPACT OF THE WAR ON EU LAW AND POLICY (PART I)

Chaired by Jacques Bourgeois, Senior Advisor at Sidley and Honorary Professor, College of Europe

- 16:00 Fiscal Capacity  
Fabian Amtenbrink, Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 16:20 Single Market  
Imola Strehö, Directrice adjointe, Ecole de la Recherche, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Sciences Po Paris and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 16:40 Competition Law  
Alfonso Lamadrid de Pablo, Partner at Garrigues and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 17:00 Digital Single Market  
Irene Roche Laguna, Deputy Head of Unit, Commission DG CONNECT and Visiting Professor, College of Europe & Filomena Chirico, Head of Unit, Commission DG COMM and Visiting Professor, College of Europe
- 17:20 Panel discussion  
Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director-General, Legal Service of the European Commission  
Antonio Fuentes Máiquez, Representative of the Brugge Institute of Students for the Future of Europe  
Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, Commission DG Just and Visiting Professor, College of Europe  
Lewis Reed and Georgia Theodorakopoulou, Academic Assistants, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe  
Pierpaolo Settembri, Head of Unit for Coordination and Planning, DG Move, European Commission and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

19:00 *Dinner for speakers and panelists*

## Second day 28 March 2023

9:00 Start

### SESSION IV – THE IMPACT OF THE WAR ON EU LAW AND POLICY (PART II)

Chaired by Eleanor Spaventa, Professor, Bocconi and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

9:10 Migration

Elspeth Guild, Professor, Queen Mary University and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

9:30 Environment & the Green Deal

Nicola Notaro, Head of the Unit Environmental Compliance - Implementation, European Commission and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

9:50 Food Security

Christian Mestre, Professor, Université de Strasbourg and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

10:10 Sustainability

Beate Sjøfjell, Professor, University of Oslo and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

10:30 Energy

Olivia Woolley, Associate Professor, Durham University

10:50 Panel-led discussion

Lucia Albano, Representative of the Brugge Institute of Students for the Future of Europe

László Andor, Former EU Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, Secretary-General of FEPS

Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat and Visiting Professor and Chairholder of the Iberdrola Manuel Marin Chair for Energy and Climate Policy, College of Europe

Dzhuliia Lypalo and Erriketi Tla Nta Silva, Academic Assistants, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

Luca Visaggio, Director for Legislative Affairs, Legal Service, European Parliament

11:40 Reflections on the Impact of the War on the EU

Herman Van Rompuy, President of the College of Europe, former President of the European Council

12:00 – 12:40 *Sandwich lunch for all participants*

### SESSION V - THE IMPACT OF THE WAR ON THE EU'S CONSTITUTIONAL BLUEPRINT

Chaired by Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

12:50 The Impact of War on the General Principles of EU law

Takis Tridimas, Professor, King's College and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

13:10 Governance and Funding of the EU

Federico Fabbrini, Professor, Dublin City University

13:30 War, Xenophobia and the EU's Social Fabric

Iyiola Solanke, Professor, University of Oxford

13:50 The War, the European Political Community, and the Future of the EU

Bruno de Witte, Professor, Maastricht University

14:10 Panel discussion

Marta Arpio, Director for the Conference on the Future of Europe, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU

Laura Estrella Blaya, Academic Assistant, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

Jonathan Faull, Chair, European Public Affairs, Brunswick Group and former Director-General, European Commission

Julia Fernández Arribas, Representative of the Brugge Institute of Students for the Future of Europe

Bart Driessen, Senior Legal Adviser in the Council Legal Service

Colin Scicluna, Head of Cabinet for the Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, European Commission

15:15 Conclusions and next steps

Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe