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## Education

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2006-2010 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

*Candidate for PhD Degree in law, Supervisor Prof. Marise Cremona*

Dissertation title: The neighbourhood policy as a paradigm for coherence in EU external relations law.

2005-2006 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

*LL.M. International Legal Studies, Directed Research with Prof. Mattias Kumm*

Honors: Belgian American Educational Foundation Fellow: full grant to pursue LL.M. studies; International House NY outreach grant.

2000-2005 GHENT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

*Master of Law, with great distinction (5th out of 254)*

Moot Court: P.C. Jessup competition: national champion Belgium & 42nd out of 102 in international round.

## Journal Experience

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05/2007-01/2008 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES

In this position I headed an editorial board composed of 25 EUI researchers. As a newly founded Journal (2007) responsibilities included setting up permanent structures for anonymous review, translation of articles, editing and financing. The Journal is available electronically at [www.ejls.eu](http://www.ejls.eu)

11/2006-12/2008 BOARD MEMBER, EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES

Editor for the EU law section and webmaster.

## Publications

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 'Editorial - Judging Judges', December 2007, *European Journal of Legal Studies*, Volume 1 Issue 2, 1-11.
- 'EU/EC External Competences after the Small Arms Judgment', (2009) *European Foreign Affairs Review*, Volume 14 Issue 1, 7-24. (Part 1 of a dyptich)
- 'The Small Arms Judgment in an Age of Constitutional Turmoil', (2009) *European Foreign Affairs Review*, Volume 14 Issue 2, 231-248. - (Part 2 of a dyptich)
- 'Soft Law in EU External Relations: The European Neighbourhood Policy as a Case-Study', (2009) *European Law Review*, 34(5), 696-719

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 'Reconciling Formalism and Teleology in the Pre-emption Doctrine post-Opinion 1/03', contribution to volume edited by Marise Cremona, Jorg Monar & Sara Poli, forthcoming 2010, Peter Lang

#### WORKING PAPERS

- 'EU Energy Policy and the European Neighbourhood Policy: Added-Value or Emulating its Deficiencies?' in: EUI Law Working Paper No. 1/2009 "Security Aspects in EU External Policies", 23-38. -
- 'The Hybrid Legal Nature of the European Neighbourhood Policy' in Max Weber Working Paper No. 10/2009 "European Integration without Membership: Models, Experiences, Perspectives", 17 – 29.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review for Common market law review (Issue 6, 2008) of Martenczuk & Van Thiel, 'Justice, Liberty & Security - New challenges for EU external relations.'
- Review for European Foreign Affairs Review (Issue 3, 2007) of Blockmans & Lazowski, 'The European Union and its Neighbours'

#### IN PROGRESS

- The Legal Framework of the Nabucco Pipeline: The Member States' Obligations under EU and International Law, to be presented at the GARNET Conference, April 2010
- The Quest for Objectivity in Competence Case-law of the ECJ, first draft, to be submitted January 2010.

#### Presentations & Public Speaking

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- 10/2009 THE ENP AS A PARADIGM FOR COHERENCE IN EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS, Florence  
Presentation of my doctoral project to interested peers at the law department.
- 05/2009 THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE, Florence  
Presentation on the general principles of EU external relations law's influence on external coherence in the AFSJ.
- 02/2009 ENERGY SECURITY SEMINAR, Brussels, Belgium  
Representative for the European University Institute at a policy workshop organized by the European Commission and INOGATE with energy stakeholders and third country representatives in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy.
- 06/2008 EU LAW & POLICY, THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS, Birmingham, UK  
Presentation on legal issues in the CFSP after the Lisbon Treaty.
- 12/2007 SECURITY ASPECTS OF EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS, Florence  
Presentation on legal aspects of the development - security nexus.
- 07/2007 THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY & AZERBAIJAN, Ganca, Azerbaijan  
Introductory lecture to the European Neighbourhood policy for local authorities, professors and students of the provincial capital near Nagorno-Karabakh.

#### Events Organized

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- 03/2010 CONFERENCE: INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, Florence  
Presently co-organizing with my supervisor and two colleagues and my supervisor a conference on the above topic, which will take place on 4 March 2010.
- 11/2008 CONFERENCE: MODELS FOR INTEGRATION: THE EU AND MERCOSUR, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Co-organizer and speaker at two sessions, one on EU external energy policy and one on the EU as a regional security actor.
- 07/2007 SUMMER SCHOOL: EU LAW AND POLICY, Baku, Azerbaijan  
Co-organizer of a six day summer school aimed to familiarize junior civil servants of the South-Caucasus region and Turkey with Law of the EU and EU external relations. I taught a seminar on the European Neighbourhood Policy.

## Formal Pedagogic Training

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09/2009 COURSE ON PEDAGOGIC SKILLS, Florence  
A seminar series on educational theory and practice taught by the LSE Learning Centre focusing on teaching large and small groups, interactive teaching as well as course design.

## Relevant Employment

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09/2009-PRESENT ASSISTANT, ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW  
Main duty consists of editorial work for the AEL publications.

05/2006-08/2006 PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
Main duties: reporting on preparation for ECOSOC session in Geneva (1 month), reporting on Security Council (2 months), attending and occasionally representing Belgium at EU coordination meetings.

09/2005-05/2006 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO PROF. MATTIAS KUMM  
Teaching Assistant for legal philosophy course and research assistant for EU Law.

09/2004&07/2005 ALLEN & OVERY BELGIUM, CONTRACTS & LITIGATION  
Summer associate.

07/2004-08/2004 GHENT COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE  
Summer clerk to Hon. Judge of Criminal Instruction Daniel Van Den Bossche

## Summer Schools

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08/2004 THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
Session on international public law.

07/2003 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACADEMY, GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM

07/2002 BALTIC INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL, VALMIERA, LATVIA  
Summer Course on Baltic Politics, Baltic relations with Russia and EU accession.

## Languages

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Dutch (Native), English (Fluent), French (Good), Italian (Average), Russian (Early beginner)