



Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop

The Changing Role of Sanctions: History and Current Practice

Thursday 14 April 2016
9.15 – 12.30

MWP Common Room
Badia Fiesolana

Speakers

Dr. Lee Jones (Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London)

Maya Lester QC (Brick Court Chambers)

Description

Over the past three decades national governments and international organisations have come to rely increasingly heavily on economic sanctions as a tool of statecraft. Many current international issues, including Russia's intervention in Ukraine, the war in Syria, and the Iranian nuclear programme, have been addressed in part through the use of economic sanctions, directed at states, non-governmental bodies, and individuals. This workshop aims to bring together scholars and practitioners working in different fields – from law, political science, economics, and history – to address the role that sanctions have played as states and international organisations develop new strategies to combat current threats and respond to political crises. Each session begins with a presentation given by an invited expert, followed by an extended discussion and Q&A.

Programme

9:15 – 9.30 Welcome and introduction

9:30 – 10.45 **Session One: How Sanctions (Do Not) Work**

Dr. Lee Jones (Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London)

Chair: Prof. Tobias Lenz (Department of Political Science, University of Göttingen / Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies, MWP Fellow, EUI)

10:45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12.15 **Session Two: Current Legal Challenges**

Maya Lester QC (Brick Court Chambers)

Chair: Prof. Marise Cremona (Department of Law, EUI)

Speaker profiles

Dr. Lee Jones is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London. His interests revolve around questions of state-society relations, governance, political economy, sovereignty and intervention, particularly in postcolonial countries. He regularly appears in national and international media, and has advised government agencies and civil society groups from a wide range of countries including Australia, Britain, Denmark, France, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste. He recently completed a major project on sanctions, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. This was published as *Societies Under Siege: Exploring How International Economic Sanctions (Do Not) Work* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Maya Lester QC has a wide ranging practice at Brick Court Chambers in public law, European law, competition law, public international law, and human rights and civil liberties. She regularly appears in leading cases in the courts of England, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, and in the Competition Appeal Tribunal. She has a particular expertise in the law relating to economic sanctions. She co-writes a blog on European sanctions law (www.europeansanctions.com), and spent 2011-12 at Columbia Law School in New York lecturing and writing on sanctions. She represents and advises hundreds of companies and individuals before the European and British courts and has acted in most of the leading cases, including Kadi, Tay Za, Central Bank of Iran, NITC and IRISL. She is currently acting in four cases challenging Russian sanctions in the European courts.