The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGS or the Centre) is an interdisciplinary research centre of the Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Leuven (KU Leuven, Belgium). It carries out and supports interdisciplinary research on topics related to globalization, governance processes and multilateralism. GGS is a KU Leuven Centre of Excellence. On a quarterly basis, this newsletter informs you about GGS activities, publications and members.

1. Highlights

Multilevel Governance - Committee of the Regions

The Centre has been awarded an important tender on constitutional affairs, multilevel governance and devolution by the Committee of the Regions (CoR) of the European Union. It heads a consortium of 15 experts together with the Institute of Governance of the University of Edinburgh, a renowned centre of research expertise on multilevel politics and territorial identity. The team of experts (including Geert De Baere, Joep Konings, Geert Van Calster, Tom Ruys, Caitriona Carter, Ailsa Henderson, Eve Hepburn, Nicola Mc Ewen, Andrew Scott, Jo Shaw, Stephen Tierney and Charlie Jeffery) is headed by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, and Prof. Dr. Wilfried Swenden, Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Edinburgh. The project is managed by Dr. Axel Marx (GGS).

Rule of Law - World Bank

The Centre became a partner of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development (GFLJD). Launched in 2011, the GFLJD is a World Bank initiative aimed at connecting spheres of legal research on development throughout the world. GFLJD connects World Bank Regions and Networks, think-tanks, regional and international organizations, International Financial Institutions, and civil society organizations with relevant research and practice to improve development outcomes. GGS will undertake collaborative research initiatives in the areas of global governance studies, international law, development studies and good governance.

Hassane Cisse, World Bank Deputy General Counsel, Knowledge and Research, in charge of the GFLJD
EU-Brazil Relations

On 7-8 May 2012 the Centre organized a high-level international conference on the Strategic Challenges in the EU-Brazil Relationship at the Royal Academy in Brussels, together with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Academy, the University Foundation, the Total Chair of the College of Europe in Bruges, the Institute for International Studies of Ghent University, the Research Unit International Relations of Liège University, the Centre for Institutions and Multilevel Politics of Antwerp University, the Research Programme Geopolitics and Foreign Policy of the Université catholique de Louvain and the Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis. The conference aimed to assess four policy dimensions in the relationship between the EU and Brazil: 1) economic, financial and trade issues; 2) sustainable development, climate change and energy; 3) regional integration and the relationship EU-Mercosur; and 4) the impact of Brazil’s cooperation with the BRICS, IBSA and BASIC on the EU-Brazil partnership.

At the opening session, European Commissioner for Trade H.E. Karel de Gucht, and Brazil’s Ambassador to the EU, H.E. Ricardo Neiva Tavares discussed the different aspects of the EU-Brazil strategic partnership and the obstacles and opportunities for cooperation. At the conference’s evening session H.E. Frans Baron van Daele, Chief of Staff of the President of the European Council, gave his insights into the evolving position of Brazil on the world theatre and the EU’s role in global governance. Over the course of two days, the conference brought together many other highly qualified practitioners, policymakers and academics, who engaged with each other and the participants in several lively open debates. The conference concluded with an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the European External Action Service, H.E. Pierre Vimont. More than 300 participants attended the event, and several national and international news media covered its proceedings. More information and documentation is available at the conference website www.eubrazil.eu.

Chang Wejen Global Law School Visiting Professor

From 17 April until 1 May 2012, the Centre hosted Prof. Dr. Chang Wejen from the Academia Sinica, Taiwan, as a Global Law School Visiting Professor. Professor Chang, an outstanding specialist in Chinese legal history and jurisprudence, taught 2 sessions of the master course Chinese Law from a European Perspective. He gave a lecture on ‘Chinese Legal History and its Legacy’ and on ‘Images and Symbols of Justice in China and Europe’. He also actively participated to the 2012 Spring Seminar Series on ‘Comparative Rule of Law: Chinese and European Perspectives’ (infra, 5).

Tom Weiss Visiting Professor 2012-2013

In November 2012 and from January to March 2013, the Centre will have the honour to welcome Professor Thomas G. Weiss as a Visiting Professor in Leuven. Professor Weiss is Presidential Professor of Political Science at The CUNY Graduate Center and Director of the Ralph Bunche Institute
for International Studies. He was President (2009-10) of the International Studies Association, and Chair (2006-9) of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS). He is a Member of the International Advisory Board of GGS. His latest book is *What's Wrong with the United Nations and How to Fix It* (2nd ed. 2012). He is currently working on a new book about global governance. During his stay, he will *inter alia* give a public lecture ‘Reinvigorating US Multilateral Leadership’ on 7 November as part of a series of events concerning the US Presidential Elections and will be involved in GGS seminars and workshops on ‘Global Governance and Democratic Government’ and on ‘the G20 and Democratic Governance’ (*infra*, 8).

### 2. Upcoming Events

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For an update on upcoming events and an overview of past events [click here](#).

### 3. GGS Working Papers, Policy Briefs and Global Governance Opinions


4. Publications

GGS Members published a number of books and articles on different topics relating to global governance. Recent publications include:


### 5. Inbev-Baillet-Latour-EU-China-Chair

#### Rule of Law Seminar Series

In the Spring of 2012, the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair organized a Seminar Series on *Comparative Perspectives on the Rule of Law: Chinese and European Perspectives*. The key objective was to enquire into the theoretical foundations and practical manifestations of the rule of law from a Chinese and European perspective and explore the implications for the development of a rule of law concept at the international level. The seminars covered the fields of History of Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Food Safety Law and International Space Law.

Prof. Francis Snyder (London School of Economics) on *Food Safety and the Rule of Law in China*
China Visit

Early July 2012, a GGS delegation composed of Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Matthieu Burnay and Nicolas Hachez visited a number of academic and political institutions in Beijing, China. The delegation had a project meeting with members of the Tsinghua University School of Law as part of an ongoing joint Tsinghua-Leuven project on comparative perspectives on the rule of law. Prof. Wouters also lectured law students of Beijing Normal University on human rights in EU external relations and gave a course to 130 students from 33 Chinese universities on political rights in the ICCPR at the Human Rights Academy organized by the Institute for Human Rights of the China University for Political Science and Law (CUPL). The delegation explored further cooperation with the Tsinghua School of Public Policy and Management, the China Center for Global Governance and Development and members of Renmin University and China Foreign Affairs University. Meetings were held with the EU Ambassador, Dr. Markus Ederer, and a number of Belgian and foreign diplomats. The delegation also met with a prominent law firm discussing inward and outward investments.

Prof. Lu Xiaojie, Prof. Li Zhaojie, Prof. Jan Wouters, Nicolas Hachez, Prof. Nie Xin, Matthieu Burnay

Fourth Euro-Asia Summer School, August 2012

The InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair, the EU Studies Institute at Hitotsubashi University and the Graduate School of International Studies at Seoul National University organize the 4th Euro-Asia Summer School 2012 – East Asia and the European Union in Global Governance. It will bring together students from Asia and Europe to study key aspects of global governance in a comparative perspective. Students will be exposed to two cultures and two world regions in the time span of two weeks fostering mutual understanding and enhancing the development of global partnerships. More info: [www.euroasiasummerschool.eu](http://www.euroasiasummerschool.eu)

More information about upcoming events, past events, education and research projects of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair at KU Leuven can be found at [www.euchinachair.eu](http://www.euchinachair.eu)

6. Leuven India Focus

The India Focus organized two lectures in May 2012. Prof. em. Dr. Lode Berlage (KU Leuven) taught on the Indian economy and economic policy after 1947 (May 3), and Prof. Dr. Gaurang R. Sahay (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai) on ‘Agriculture in the Age of Globalisation: A Study of Suicides in Indian Farming Communities’ (May 10). Both events were attended by about forty people, both students and outsiders. In the first half of June, Prof. Idesbald Goddeeris stayed at the University of Calcutta, where he gave a seminar on European borders and identities in past and present (June 5). The activities of the fall promise to be interesting. The new MA course “Global Perspectives on Contemporary India” has recently been created and will be taught by Prof. Goddeeris from September 2012 onwards.
7. Members

**Cedric Ryngaert**, associate professor of international law at the Institute for International Law and senior member of GGS, was awarded the prestigious five-yearly **Prize Henri Rolin** in international law and international relations for his work on jurisdiction. The jury consisted of professors Piet Eeckhout, Rusen Ergec, Marc Fallon, Michel Melchior and Karel Wellens.

**Ana Sofia Barros** joined the Centre in April 2012 as a researcher and PhD student. She obtained her Law degree from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon as well as a Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation from the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, in Venice and Helsinki. Prior to joining the Centre, Ana Sofia worked for two years in a Portuguese law firm and became a qualified lawyer in 2012. She also undertook internships at an international NGO in Brussels (IRCT) and at the European Anti-Fraud Office of the European Commission (OLAF). Her research at the Centre focuses on the responsibility of member States for the acts of international organisations. Her academic interests include international human rights law, the law of international organisations and international environmental law.

**Bregt Natens** joined the Centre as a junior legal researcher in April 2012. Before joining the Centre, he obtained a Bachelor (Honours) in Arts from Middlesex, UK and a Bachelor and Master of Laws from the KU Leuven, with a specialisation in international and European law. At the Centre, he is part of the Policy Research Centre of the Flemish Government on Foreign Affairs, International Entrepreneurship and Development Co-operation. His PhD research focuses on trade liberalisation in services and its impact on regulatory autonomy.

On 4 May 2012, **Frederik Naert**, free collaborator at the Institute for International Law and Associate Fellow at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies at KU Leuven, received a special mention from the jury of the Ciardi prize 2012 for his book International Law Aspects of the EU’s Security and Defence Policy, with a Particular Focus on the Law of Armed Conflict (Intersentia, 2010). The Ciardi Prize is awarded every three years by the Prof. Giuseppe Ciardi Foundation to a substantial and original study dealing with military law, law of war or any matter connected with or related to the aforementioned.
Li Zhao, junior member of the Centre, received an important academic price, awarded by the Chinese Government to a selection of ‘outstanding self-financed students abroad’. It is quite rare for a human scientist to receive this price: the other four laureates are from the exact and medical sciences. She received the price for her publications and her PhD research on ‘Co-operatives in China and the West’, in which she compares the Chinese and Western models of co-operatives and on the basis of large-scale fieldwork uncovers mechanisms and connections that have not been studied previously. Li will defend her PhD in the Autumn. The price was handed to Li Zhao by Ms. Liu Yandong, State Councilor in China.

Dominique De Brabanter joined the Centre in June 2012 as administrative coordinator. She graduated last year as Master in History at KU Leuven. Since then, she has worked at the Royal Library of Belgium and the History department of KU Leuven, and did an internship at GGS in January-February 2012.

8. Projects

EU-Korea in a Changing World

An International Workshop ‘EU-Korea in a Changing World’ was organized in Leuven on 2 July 2012. The papers (selected after a call for papers) cover a large range of cooperation fields between Korea and the EU including the areas of security, economy, political development and environmental policy. The aim of the workshop is to provide critical discussion and review of the papers, both from a scientific as well as from a policy perspective. More info on the research project and programme of the 2 July workshop can be found on the website of the Centre.

The G20 and Democratic Governance

In the Spring of 2012 the Centre set up an international research network on the G20 and Democratic Governance. Funded by the Research Foundation – Flanders for 5 years, the network will organize a number of seminars, conferences and other public events on the G20 and its functioning, whether global democracy requires a form of global government and whether and how global governance can be democratized. Partners include the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies (CUNY), The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, the Global Governance Program at the University of Toronto, the Institute for International Studies of Ghent University, the Philosophy of Law Section at Radboud University Nijmegen, the Practical Philosophy Research Group of Utrecht University, the Research Group on Globalization, Innovation and Competition at HUB-EHSAL, and the Centre for Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy at KU Leuven. The research network plans its first events in November 2012, with a two-day seminar and public lectures.
9. Vacancy Notice

The Centre is seeking to hire one or more highly motivated (unpaid) research interns. We are offering a research internship for a period of 3 months.

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