

The
Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance

invites you to the following seminar:

Is the Sum More than its Parts?
The Effectiveness of the EU in Multilateral Negotiations

Dr. Louise van Schaik

Clingendael Research Fellow Louise van Schaik will present the findings of her PhD thesis on the effectiveness of the EU in multilateral negotiations and future research questions linked to its findings. She defended the work in October 2010 at the Catholic University of Leuven. On the basis of a model and using interviews, participatory observation and written expert sources, she systematically analysed EU unity and effectiveness in negotiations on food standards, climate change and health. EU unity is found to be related to the degree of EU competence, preference homogeneity among the EU member states and EU socialization of those involved in the negotiations. In her presentation, Dr. Van Schaik will shed light on the EU member states' level of agreement among each other, their attitude towards the rotating Presidency of the EU as their main spokesperson, but also on how the EU operating as one bloc is perceived by its international partners. Additionally, she will present conclusions on how much room to manoeuvre is given to EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and her new diplomatic service in the post-Lisbon area.

Full reference: Van Schaik, L.G., *Is the Sum More than its Parts ? A Comparative Case Study on the Relationship between EU Unity and its Effectiveness in Multilateral Negotiations*, PhD thesis, Catholic University Leuven, 2010.

**Louise van Schaik* holds a Master's degree in Public Administration (Leiden University, 2003) and a PhD in Political Science (Catholic University of Leuven, 2010). In her research at the European Studies Programme of the Clingendael Institute, she focuses on analysing the EU's performance in international negotiations. She has also worked on related research areas such as EU external affairs and the Lisbon Treaty, EU climate change policy, EU development cooperation and trade policy, scarcity of natural resources, global public goods, and sustainable development. Louise van Schaik has published several international journal articles, policy studies and commentaries in national and international newspapers. She has managed several training courses for (international) diplomats and civil servants, teaches regularly to professionals on EU integration and EU external relations, and has been responsible for and involved in a considerable number of high-level international seminars and conferences. Prior to joining

Clingendael in 2006, Louise was a Research Fellow at the Brussels-based think tank CEPS for four years.

Time and Venue

Monday, 22 June 2011, 15.00 – 16.00

Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, 1012 CN Amsterdam, A 1.01

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