

A JOINT M-EPLI/MCEL ROUND-TABLE



EU LAW IN THE PRIVATE SPHERE

Helping hand or officious intermeddler?

Friday, 26 October 2012

10.00 – 17.30 hrs

UM Faculty of Law
Feestzaal



Chairs

Prof. Jan M Smits,
Prof. Ellen Vos & Prof Bruno de Witte

Speakers

Prof. Carla Sieburgh (Nijmegen)
Dr. Elise Muir (Maastricht)
Prof. Harm Schepel (Kent)

Dr. Chantal Mak (Amsterdam)
Prof. Norbert Reich (Bremen)

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The aim of this one-day international conference is to evaluate EU Law's evolution from one initially limited to the sphere of public law to its increasing stake in regulating private relationships. Such an evaluation has fundamental and applied consequences for how a multi-level European legal order ought to be regulated: What is the extent to which EU Law's regulation of private relationships is justifiable? How is the State's traditional role affected? What is its impact on the current system of rights and remedies? Given the topic's salience to two distinct but related groups of scholars, this conference is co-organised by the Maastricht European Private Law Institute (MEPLI) and the Maastricht Centre for European Law (MCEL).

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
10.25 **PANEL 1:**
Conceptual objections and justifications to the involvement of EU law in the private sphere
10.30 *The public-private divide: A fruitful distinction for the involvement of EU primary law in private matters?* (Prof. Carla Sieburgh)
11.00 *Equality as a defining policy for the debate on the public/private divide?* (Dr. Elise Muir)
11.30 Discussion
12.15 Lunch
13.55 **PANEL 2:**
EU law as a sword and a shield in litigation between private parties
14.00 *Rethinking the horizontal application of EU law* (Prof. Harm Schepel)
14.30 *European private law values as sources of fundamental rights* (Dr. Chantal Mak)
15.00 Discussion
15.45 Coffee break
15.55 **PANEL 3:**
Enforcement of private law rights and obligations under EU law
16.00 *Critical views on EU liability law* (Prof Norbert Reich)
16.30 Discussion
17.15 Conclusion and reception

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

If you would like to participate, please register by sending an email to Dr. Gary Low at mepli@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Please include your full name and designation and contact details. Registration is open until Friday 19 October 2012. Participation is free, but please be advised that space is limited. If you have already registered, but are subsequently unable to attend, kindly cancel your registration by contacting M-EPLI at the same email address. This M-EPLI/MCEL Round-Table will be held at the Feestzaal of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University. More information on how to reach the Faculty of Law can be found at <http://bit.ly/IEQCXO>

ABOUT MEPLI

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