

Workshop The State of European Integration: Ius Commune at 2.0

Ius Commune Conference 2015

Friday, 27 November (09.00 - 12.00)

Building: Oude Valk

Room: BIB Bronnenlokaal (DV1 03.27)

Participants

Theme **The State of European Integration: Ius Commune at 2.0**

This workshop is held in honour of Prof. Walter van Gerven (1935-2015)

The aim of this workshop is to investigate the state of European integration in substantive fields of law. In the last 20 years, the Ius Commune Research School has excelled in researching how European integration works out in substantive areas such as contract law, liability law, property law, family law, environmental law, administrative law, IP law, tax law, etc. However, what has been missing so far is an *intradisciplinary* account of the similarities and differences among these various fields when it comes to the goals, the effects and the future of integration. The 20th Ius Commune conference seems an excellent occasion to take stock of what integration has brought. It goes without saying that another reason why this could be a valuable exercise is the increasing concern about the limits of integration efforts. The workshop will consist of discussion based on a number of questions common to each of the discussed fields. The three main questions are:

1. What is the state of the present *acquis* in the field?
2. To what extent is this *acquis* considered successful? This naturally depends on the criterion one uses to measure success, but obvious criteria are the extent to which 'real' convergence emerges as a result, the realisation of any underlying goals of European integration (internal market, more effective fight against crime, better pursuit of human rights protection, better supervision of banks, etc.), and the degree of legitimacy of European efforts.
3. Which future developments are likely to occur and are desirable? Or is it that European integration is likely to slow down in the specific areas considered in the workshop?

Those willing to add perspectives from other fields of the law than those mentioned below are cordially invited to join the discussion!

- Chair:** **Jan Smits** (Maastricht University)
- 09.00 – 09.15 **Jan Smits** (Maastricht University) and **Wouter Devroe** (KU Leuven)
Opening: on this workshop and dedication to Prof. Walter van Gerven
- 09.15 – 09.35 **Bram Akkermans and Sjef van Erp** (Maastricht University)
Property Law
- 09.35 – 09.55 **Caroline Cauffman** (Maastricht University)
Consumer Law
- 09.55 – 10.15 **Mieke Olaerts** (Maastricht University)
Company Law
- 10.15 – 10.35 **Nicolas de Sadeleer** (Université Saint-Louis Brussels)
Environmental Law
- 10.35 – 10.50 Coffee break
- 10.50 – 11.10 **Masha Antokolskaia** (VU Amsterdam)
Family Law
- 11.10 – 11.30 **Raymond Luja** (Maastricht University)
Tax Law
- 11.30 – 11.45 **Wouter Devroe** (KU Leuven)
A General Perspective
- 11.45 – 12.00 General discussion