

[Call for Papers] General Principles in EU External Relations Law

The T.M.C. Asser Institute invites papers for a conference on the topic of 'General Principles in EU External Relations Law' which will be held on 6th December 2024, at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague. Applicants are invited to submit an abstract of max. 500 words by 10th June 2024.

Conference theme:

General principles play an important role in EU external relations law shaping the legal framework for EU external action as well as strengthening the judicial accountability of the EU as a global actor. At the same time, many questions regarding their specific function, scope and method of identification in EU external relations law remain unclear.

What is the function of general principles in EU external relations law? Could these principles be in tension with the objectives and values of the Union's external action and how is this tension resolved in practice? What is the role of the CJEU in identifying and developing general principles in EU external relations law? What is the role of general principles of international law in EU external relations law? Do general principles establish accountability mechanisms with regard to the Union's external action, and if so, how? How do general principles shape the relationship between the Union and its Member States as global actors? Are these principles different than general principles of EU law that apply internally and if so, in which ways? Has the CJEU developed any EU external relations-specific general principles? What is the methodology for the identification of these principles?

Abstract submission:

Applicants are invited to send an abstract of max. 500 words addressing one or more of the questions above [through this form](#) by **10th June 2024**. Selected speakers are expected to submit a full draft of their paper (8,000-10,000 words) by **1st November 2024**. The conference conveners aim to partially cover travel and accommodation costs.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. Samantha Besson (Collège de France, Fribourg University)