

The Autonomy of EU Law Under Pressure?

The Changing Landscape of the Interactions Between EU Law and International Law

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The European Union (EU) – and its legal order – occupies a unique position in international law. In this context, the ‘autonomy of EU law’, since its judge-made creation in the 1960s, continues to fascinate international and EU law scholars alike – despite or perhaps even because of its notorious elusiveness and ‘shapeshifting’ character. The conceptual claim to the autonomy of EU law has been not only instrumental to the development of the EU as a ‘new legal order’ but also – from an EU law perspective – continues to guide the grand design of interactions between EU law and international law. The conference, taking an inside and outside perspective, offers a fresh academic appraisal of the multiple dimensions of the relations between the two intersecting legal orders, with the (claimed) ‘autonomy of EU law’ being at the core of – and under pressure in – these dynamic interactions.

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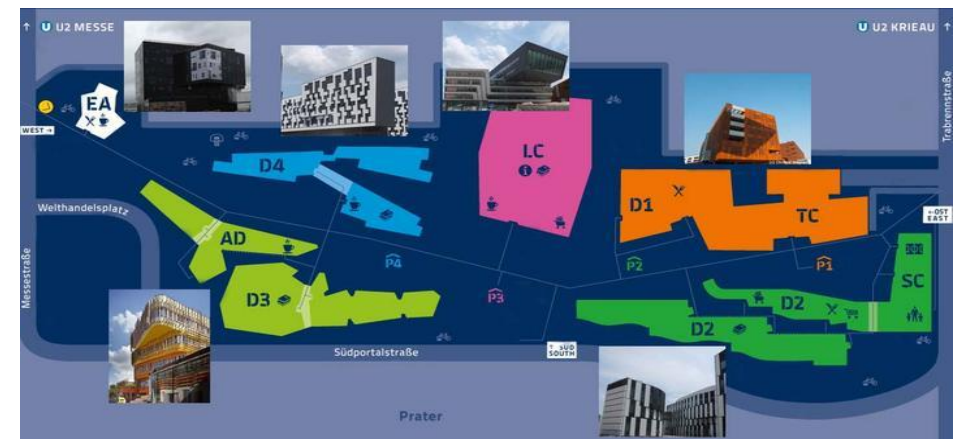
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Thursday, 16 January 2025

WU Vienna, Library and Learning Center (LC), Gallery (LC.0.004)

10:00 Arrival and Registration

10:45 Opening of the Conference

Welcome Address
Verena Madner, WU Vienna

Opening Remarks by the Organisers

Keynote 'Autonomy and the Identity of the EU'
José Antonio Gutiérrez-Fons, Court of Justice of the European Union

12:00 Lunch Break

WU Vienna, Library and Learning Center (LC), Club Lounge (LC.2.400)

13:00 Panel I

Chair: *Marcus Klamert, Federal Chancellery and University of Graz*

Autonomy as Sovereignty? The Autonomy of the EU Legal Order and International Investment Arbitration
Mark Konstantinidis, King's College London

Of Snowballs and Yo-Yos: Some Conceptual Considerations on EU Autonomy
Stefan Mayr, WU Vienna

Between Fiction and Reality: Revisiting the External Autonomy of EU Law as a 'Shapeshifter'
Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi, University of Oslo

Revisiting the Theoretical Conundrums behind the Autonomy of EU Law: Discursive Pluralism as a Way out of the Impasse?
Jan Philipp Huth, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

14:30 Coffee Break

14:45 Panel II

Chair: *Tamás Molnár, WU Vienna and EU Fundamental Rights Agency*

The Third Component of the Autonomy's 'Troika':
Revisiting *Commission v. Luxembourg and Belgium* 60 Years Later
Cristina Contartese, University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli'

Unique, Like All the Others: Analysing EU Autonomy in a Comparative Perspective
Jed Odermatt, City St George's, University of London

On Paper Crowns: Conflicting Conceptions of EU Law's Autonomy in International Law
Nariné Ghazaryan and Sarah Thin, Radboud University

16:15 Coffee Break

16:30 Panel III

Chair: *Stefan Mayr, WU Vienna*

Open Strategic Autonomy – A New 'Autonomy' Concept and its Legal Constraints
Erich Vranes, WU Vienna

The Turn to Strategic Autonomy in EU External Economic Law:
Deterrent for a Geopoliticized Global Economic Order or Departure from European Value Constitutionalism?
Andrej Lang, Georg August University Göttingen

The EU Anti-Coercion Instrument and the Labyrinth of Compatibility with International Law Norms
Raimondas Alisauskas, Mykolas Romeris University Vilnius



Fireside Chat

WU Vienna, Library and Learning Center (LC), Club Lounge (LC.2.400)

18:00 Arrival

18:15 The EU's Increased International Engagement: Consequences also for the Academic Worlds?

Moderator: *Birgit Hollaus, WU Vienna*

Introductory Remarks on '[Interactions Between EU Law and International Law: Juxtaposed Perspectives](#)'
Verena Madner, WU Vienna

Discussion

Ramses A. Wessel, University of Groningen
Katja S. Ziegler, University of Leicester

20:00 Light Refreshments

Friday, 17 January 2025

WU Vienna, Building AD, Conference Room 1 (AD.0.114)

09:00 Arrival and Breakfast Coffee

9:30 Panel IV

Chair: *Jed Odermatt, City St George's, University of London*

Autonomy Undermining Autonomy?
Attila Vincze, Masaryk University Brno

The CJEU Adjudicating on the Status of Intergovernmental Organizations
Nikoleta Paraskevi Chalanouli, NATO Mission Appeals Tribunal

Scope of Jurisdiction of the CJEU in the Field of CFSP for Human Rights Violations and EU Accession to the ECHR
Péter Budai, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest

Long-Arm Jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court – The Interplay Between Brussels Regulation, Lugano Convention and UPCA
Marko Andjic, University of Osnabrück

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Panel V

Chair: *Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi, University of Oslo*

The Autonomy of EU Law Through the Lens of Investment Tribunals: A Costly Clash of Principles
Johannes Tropper, University of Vienna

Jurisdictional Objections before Investment Treaty Tribunals Based on the Argument of the Autonomy of the EU Legal Order
Umut Parlar, University of Zurich

The Autonomy of EU Law Under Threat: The Role of the Interpretive Community in International Investment Arbitration
Gabriel M. Lentner, University of Continuing Education Krems

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Parallel Panel VIa

Building AD, Conference Room 1 (AD.0.114)

Chair: *Birgit Hollaus, WU Vienna*

The EU's Climate Accountability in International Law: A Case Study of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
Agata Bidas, University of Vienna

The EU as a Global Regulator on Ship Recycling: The Complex Interactions Between EU and International Law
Ioanna Hadjiyianni, University of Cyprus; and Kleoniki Pouikli, Utrecht University

Audaces Fortuna Iuvat: The EU's Quest for Autonomy in AI and Cybersecurity
Michał Byczyński, University of Lodz

The European Stability Mechanism as a Common Backstop for the Single Resolution Fund: A Closely Interwoven Web of EU and International Rules
Paul Weismann, University of Salzburg



13:45

Parallel Panel VIb

Building AD, Conference Room 2 (AD.0.122)

Chair: *Tamás Molnár, WU Vienna and EU Fundamental Rights Agency*

A 'Genuine Link': Necessity or Flexibility in the EU's Approach to Nationality in Light of International Jurisprudence?

Patrik Marek, University of Vienna

Does the EU Need International Law to Prevent the Sell-Out of EU Citizenship?

Mario Gervasi, University of Bari

Balancing Autonomy with Accountability: The EU's Non-Refoulement Obligations in an Evolving Global Legal Landscape

Kalypto Sofia Sdrali and Valeria Anna Kokkinou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30

Panel VII

Building AD, Conference Room 1 (AD.0.114)

Chair: *Katja S. Ziegler, University of Leicester*

The 'Delicate' Autonomy of EU Law vis-à-vis International Human Rights Law

Farah Julie Yassine, Kuwait International Law School

EU Target Sanctions – Enforcing or Undermining International Law?

Marina Aksenova, IE University

The Settled Case Law of the ECtHR: A Supplementary Incentive and a Hint for a Possible Solution to Close the Gap in the Seemingly 'Complete' Legal Protection System under EU Law?

Theresa Gierlinger, JKU Linz

New Dimensions of the Right to an Effective Remedy in the Jurisprudence of the CJEU – At the Intersection of Legal Orders

Ágoston Mohay, University of Pécs

Closing Roundtable

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17:30 Future Challenges at the Interface of EU and International Law

Moderator: *Stefan Mayr, WU Vienna*

Josephine Norris, European Commission Legal Service

Gregor Schusterschitz, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (BMEIA)

Ramses A. Wessel, University of Groningen

19:00 Farewell Drinks

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