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## FROM BRUSSELS TO GENEVA THE EU & GLOBAL MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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# PARTICIPATION

## ACADEMIC, EXPERT & OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTORS

- **HE. Ambassador Roberto BALZARETTI** (*Head of the Swiss Mission to the EU*)
- **Pr. Mario TELO** (*Professor at the IEE-ULB and at the LUISS Guido Carli; Emeritus President of the IEE-ULB; President of the Board of the Erasmus Mundus GEM PhD School; Member of the Académie Royale de Belgique*)
- **Prof. Thomas COTTIER** (*Professor of European and International Economic Law at the University of Bern; Former Managing Director of the World Trade Institute and the Institute of European and International Economic Law*)
- **M. Karel DE GUCHT** (*Former EU Commissioner for Trade - from 02.2010 until 10.2014*)
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- **HE Amb. Remigi WINZAP - TBC** (*Head of the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the WTO*)
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- **Prof. Vaïos KOUTROULIS** (*Assistant professor at the ULB Center for International Law; Former adviser to the Counsel and Advocate of Belgium at the International Court of Justice*)
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- **Prof. Vincent CHETAIL** (*Director of the Global Migration Centre and Professor of Public International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*)
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- **HEM. Mario GATTIKER - TBC** (*Swiss State Secretary for Immigration*)
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# OVERALL SCIENTIFIC AGENDA



The European Union (EU) and Switzerland (CH) are both extremely active yet highly unorthodox international actors. They share a unique historical, economic and strategic bond; they equally face the shared challenge of having to juggle the complexities and obligations of their international engagements with the intricacies and imperatives of their respective internal decision-making processes (Orsini 2014: 1-4). These parallels have already prompted substantial research in the field of comparative federalism oft focusing on the efficiency and legitimacy of either polity's democratic decision-making mechanisms. Nonetheless, the lessons and implications for either actors external action has often been overlooked as comparisons with the US federal system where favored.

Although CH and the EU share a compound political system combining both vertical and horizontal separations of power; "in international affairs 'size matters' in the sense that however similar in internal complexities to the EU, CH has in relative terms no international role to play. As such, while systematic comparisons of European and Swiss modes of democratic governance have flourished (Fabbrini, 2010: 6); focused assessments of the EU-CH relationship and their respective international action have remained relatively more margin.

Yet, as internal and external governance become far more permeable, and the EU-CH relationship goes through a realignment effort geared towards overcoming the qualified divorce - on both sides - between authority and sovereignty (Caporaso 2000); the relationship has taken on a new meaning. It exemplifies the challenges facing compound multilevel forms of government in international affairs as they are unable to fully fuse power at the governmental level to counterbalance the territorial separation associated with federalism. These comparable internal complexities are key when considering the commitment, consistency and effects of the EU and CH's respective actions within International Organizations (IOs).

Rather than coming from a systematic research endeavor, the participation of either the EU or CH in the international arena - as well as the EU-CH bilateral relationship - have generally been broached in a 'scattered', 'compartmentalized', and 'issue-specific' way. This has created a research gap in the study of the EU (Jørgensen 2009: 2), which echoes similar challenges facing the study of CH on the international stage. In particular, research from 'the EU as an international actor' or "CH as an international actor' perspective have underestimated two parameters: (1) the complexity of the international environment and (2) the distinctive and determining historical dimension of their participation.

Regarding the first parameter, research has focused on the internal dimension of the equation, whether focused on the complexities of European decision-making or the constraints born from the Swiss model of direct democracy, most studies of the 'CH/EU + the world' treat the international scene as a fixed context.

It is only recently that scholars have started to investigate the influence of the international context on the EU and CH. The key insight is to show how each dimension of the equation is important: the question of the influence of the EU and CH on the international scene and vice-versa.

Concomitantly, recent concerns about the efficiency of the EU's external action on the international scene, and complications in CH's international positioning born from constriction associated with its model of direct democracy, have prompted both the EU and CH to re-explore how receptive and engaged their internal modes of governance and democracy are with the wider world.

The second parameter is a response to the predominance of research concentrated on specific temporary policies. As a particularly active set of members of multilateral IOs, much research on the EU and CH focusses on either actor at a given time, in a given context within a specific policy field. Similarly, most assessments of the EU-CH partnership take a topical and time-specific approach focusing on particular policy challenges or political crisis. These elements give important insights on precise circumstances and domains where the EU and CH have been active on the international scene; yet, they tell us very little about what the overall picture might look like on a broader temporal scope.

The summer school's interdisciplinary focus (European Studies, Law, Political Science, International Relations, History, Sociology) along with its transversal agenda covering a variety of IOs - where both the EU and CH have come to play distinctive roles - aims at reintroducing both of the parameters. Questions it will seek to tackle include: (1) are the EU and CH major international player only in certain circumstances? (2) Despite their internal complexities, can the EU and CH take on a distinctive long-term role in the multilateral system? (3) How has the international context impacted upon the compound decision-making mechanisms in both the EU and CH? (4) How does this impact on the specific EU-CH partnership?

To tackle these transversal questions the weeklong summer school will offer a series of day-long topical emphases centered on the EU and CH with(in) a given Geneva-based IOs. Accordingly, attending master and PhD students will jointly explore the European and Swiss foreign policies and diplomatic action within the World Trade Organization (WTO), International Labor Organization (ILO), the United Nations' Human Rights Council (HRC), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

To fully take advantage of the school's location in Brussels - near the EU's main decision-making bodies - mornings will be dedicated to panels including both experts and practitioners able to provide both MA and PhD students with useful empirical insights.

In the afternoon, to meet the differing needs of the participants; MA students will explore the complexities of EU and Swiss foreign policy making through a weeklong simulation of a real-world negotiation between both parties, whereas the PhD students will have the chance to deepen the research issues raised through a series of academic lectures and peer-presentations.

# FORMAT OF THE ACTIVITIES

## PUBLIC PANELS

Overall, the Summer School will see a succession of 4 thematic days each focussing on a transversal theme.

**EVERY MORNING, A 3 HOURS-LONG THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE** will bring together 2 academic experts and 2 high level officials who will - respectively and based on their experience - present the Swiss and EU positions at a one of the following Swiss based International Organisation: WTO; ILO; HRC and UNHCR.

Presentations will be followed by a privileged exchange with the selected 20 MA and 10 PhD participants.

## PhD WORKSHOPS

For the 10 selected participating PhD researchers, afternoons will be dedicated to PhD workshops at the Institut d'Etudes Européennes of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

The lectures given by attending academics are to be followed by a Question & Answer session. Selected PhD papers will be circulated in advance (failure to submit one's paper in a timely fashion will lead to the exclusion of a given presentation) and will only be briefly introduced by the author. The lion share of the 1-hour long session being divided up between the comments prepared by two previously designated discussants (incl. one academic and one fellow doctoral student) and the open floor debate with all attending academics and doctoral researchers.

The presented papers will thus be discussed both by academics, as well as by the PhD student's peers. As a result, paper-givers are provided with ample constructive feedback on their research. Furthermore, selected paper-givers will be offered the opportunity to publish their work.

Participating PhD students not involved in the presentation of a paper will assume the role of discussant and/or contribute towards the introduction of a session's speakers.

The PhD workshops are designed to meet the needs of maximum 10 PhD students.

Candidates must be fluent in spoken and written English, as it is the PhD Summer School's working language. Participants are expected to attend all sessions and auxiliary events of the seminar.

### 4 x DAY-LONG, TRANSVERSAL RESEARCH THEMES ...

... will allow for comparative, global and EU-Swiss specific research questions to be broached from different perspectives ...



#### Research Theme 1 :

EU & WTO - WHAT PARTNERSHIP IN GLOBAL TRADE POLICY ?



#### Research Theme 2 :

EU & ILO - WHAT PARTNERSHIP IN GLOBAL LABOUR POLICY ?



#### Research Theme 3 :

EU & HRC - WHAT PARTNERSHIP IN GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ?



#### Research Theme 4 :

EU & UNHCR - WHAT PARTNERSHIP IN GLOBAL ASYLUM AND MIGRATION POLICIES ?

## MA NEGOTIATION SIMULATION

For the 20 selected (10 Swiss based and 10 EU based) participating MA students, afternoons will be dedicated to a negotiation simulation exercise on an institutional framework governing EU-CH bilateral relations with a focus on a real case study selected among the currently ongoing EU-CH negotiations.

This simulation exercise will take place at the Mission of Switzerland to the EU under the patronage of HE. Amb. Roberto Balzaretti. After the morning public panel and the lunch, MA participants will thus gather and go to its premises where they will be split into groups representing Swiss and EU negotiators.

Under the stewardship of 2 experienced researchers, they will be introduced to negotiation theories and methodologies and guided through a 4-day long simulation exercise which will recreate the conditions of Euro-Swiss negotiations and agreement.

After having been selected, participating MA students will be provided with background preparatory material so as to be best prepared in view of the simulation exercise they will be due to take part in.

The MA simulation is designed to meet the needs of maximum 20 MA students.

Candidates must be fluent in spoken and written English, as it is the MA Summer School's working language. Participants are expected to attend all sessions and auxiliary events of the seminar.



## JOINT EXCURSION

The weeklong summer school will also provide the opportunity for all its participants to gather for a joint excursion activity on Wednesday June 24th.

At present this includes:

- Visit of a European Institution
- And a private keynote of exchange with HE. Ambassador Roberto BALZARETTI - Head of the Swiss Mission to the EU - followed by a walking social dinner at the Swiss Mission to the EU's premises.



# DRAFT SCHEDULING

	Mo. 22.06.2015		Tu. 23.06.2015		WE. 24.
	THE EU & THE WTO What partnership in global TRADE POLICY		THE EU & THE ILO What partnership in global LABOUR POLICY		JO EXCU
09.00	PUBLIC PANEL (MA & PHD)  COMPARING EU & SWISS POSITIONS AT THE WTO  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pr. André SAPIR (Bruegel Think Tank / Université Libre de Bruxelles)</li><li>Pr. Thomas COTTIER (University of Bern / World Trade Institute)</li><li>M. Karel DE GUCHT (Fmr. EU Commissioner for Trade)</li><li>HE. Amb. Remigi WINZAP - TBC (Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the WTO)</li></ul>		PUBLIC PANEL (MA & PHD)  COMPARING EU & SWISS POSITIONS AT THE ILO  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Eleni XIARCHOGIANNOPOULOU (Université Libre de Bruxelles)</li><li>Pr. Lorenzo MECHI (University of Padova)</li><li>Ms. Evelyne PICHOT (EC DG EMPL)</li><li>M. Ursula RENOLD - TBC (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)</li></ul>		FREE
12.00	LUNCH BREAK		LUNCH BREAK		
	PhD WORKSHOPS (@ IEE-ULB)	MA SIMULATION (@ Swiss Mission to the EU)	PhD WORKSHOPS (@ IEE-ULB)	MA SIMULATION (@ Swiss Mission to the EU)	
13.30	Academic Lecture	TRANSPORT TO VENUE	Academic Lecture	PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO VENUE	SOC PROGR
14.00	Pr. Cottier	MA Negotiation Simulation (Part 1)	Dr. Xiarchogiannopoulou	MA Negotiation Simulation (Part 2)	
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14.30	Doctoral Presentation		Doctoral Presentation		
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15.00	Paper Discussion		Paper Discussion		
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15.30	BREAK		BREAK		
15.45	Academic Lecture		Academic Lecture		
16.00	Pr. Orsini		Pr. Mechi		
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16.30	Doctoral Presentation		Doctoral Presentation		
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17.00	Paper Discussion		Paper Discussion		
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17.45	BREAK	TRANSPORT TO VENUE	/		
18.00		BREAK			
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18.30	BOOK LAUNCH PANEL (MA & PHD)				
18.45	"THE EUROPEAN UNION WITH(IN) INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS Commitment, Consistency and Effects across Time"				
19.00	By Pr. Amandine ORSINI (Université Saint Louis) and Pr. Anne WETZEL (University of Mannheim)				
19.15					
19.30	OPENING DRINK (@IEE-ULB)				
19.45					
20.00					

06.2015	TH. 25.06.2015		FR. 26.06.2015		
INT RSION	THE EU & THE HRC What partnership in global HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY		THE EU & THE UNHCR What partnership in global ASYLUM AND MIGRATION POLICIES		
TIME	PUBLIC PANEL (MA & PHD)  <b>COMPARING EU &amp; SWISS POSITIONS AT THE HRC</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pr. Vaios KOUTROULIS (Université Libre de Bruxelles)</li> <li>Pr. Frederic BERNARD (Université de Genève)</li> <li>Pr. Dan Van RAEMDONCK - TBC (Fédération International des Droits de l'Homme / ULB)</li> <li>M. Emmanuel BICHET (Swiss Mission to the EU)</li> </ul>		PUBLIC PANEL (MA & PHD)  <b>COMPARING EU &amp; SWISS POSITIONS AT THE UNHCR</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pr. Philippe DE BRUYCKER - TBC (Université Libre de Bruxelles / EUI Florence)</li> <li>Pr. Vincent CHETAIL (Graduate Institute Geneva)</li> <li>MEP Roberta METSOLA - TBC (European Parliament - EPP)</li> <li>HEM Mario GATTIKER - TBC (Swiss State Secretariat for Migration)</li> </ul>		09.00
	LUNCH BREAK		LUNCH BREAK		12.00
	PhD WORKSHOPS (@ IEE-ULB)	MA SIMULATION (@ Swiss Mission to the EU)	PhD WORKSHOPS (@ IEE-ULB)	MA SIMULATION (@ Swiss Mission to the EU)	
ACADEMIC PROGRAMME	Academic Lecture Pr. Koutroulis	PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO VENUE          MA Negotiation Simulation (Part 3)          /	Academic Lecture Pr. De Bruycker (TBC)	PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO VENUE          MA Negotiation Simulation (Part 4)          /	13.30
	Doctoral Presentation		Doctoral Presentation		14.00
	Paper Discussion		Paper Discussion		14.15
	BREAK		BREAK		14.30
	Academic Lecture Pr. Bernard		Academic Lecture Pr. Chetail		14.45
	Doctoral Presentation		Doctoral Presentation		15.00
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# APPLICATION PROCESS

## PhD Applicants

## MA Applicants

### GENERALITIES

Selected PhD Students will be expected to present the suggested paper after having circulated it at least one week in advance. Both an attending academic and a fellow student will discuss the presented research.

They are expected to attend the full week and participate in all the Summer School's various sessions and activities.

Applicants are free to suggest any presentation topic of their choosing which fits the broad scientific agenda of the summer school (see above).

Selected MA students will be expected to read through the preparatory material sent to them a week prior to the summer school.

The Swiss based students will constitute the Swiss negotiation team; whereas the EU based one will constitute the EU one.

Training requirements and workload will be overseen by the simulation's two academic coordinators (1 Brussels-based and 1 Swiss-based)

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic profile
- Relevance of the Suggested Presentation

- Student track record
- Familiarity with Switzerland and/or the EU

### CONTENT OF APPLICATIONS

- An academic CV
- Title of the fellow's ongoing thesis project - Incl. Supervisor(s)
- A 1 page long abstract describing the candidate's suggested presentation

- A CV
- A one-page long personal motivation letter

### TIMING OVERVIEW

- May 24th 2015: Submission Deadline
- May 29th 2015: Notification of Results
- June 18th 2015: Receipt of Approved Papers
- June 22nd-26th 2015: Summer School

# TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION EXPENSES 100% COVERED

This summer school is a closed door event for selected participants.

The organisers aim at gathering a limited number of informed and motivated participants who will be offered the unique opportunity of exchanging with high level academics, experts and policy makers.

Selected MA and PhD participants will see their travel (excluding taxis) and accomodation (youth hostel) costs entirely covered beforehand by the organisers.

Lunches on monday 22nd, tuesday 23rd, thursday 25th and friday 26th of June are also provided.

Any other encured costs are at of the participants' own expense.



**APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO:**

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**BY SUNDAY 24th OF MAY 2015 MIDNIGHT CET**



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