

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Dr. Joris Larik
Title of clinic:	Advancing EU External Relations Law
Number of students:	Max. 4 (preferably including at least one who speaks Dutch)
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	International Justice
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	Having taken any of these courses is considered an asset: Legal Methods Lab; Structure and Functioning of the EU; Foreign Relations Law. Moreover, please specify your working languages in the application.

Research context

In this research clinic, students will assist Dr. Larik with his current projects on EU external relations and their legal aspects, in particular in the current context marked by its “geopolitical awakening”. At its core, the research clinic will take an active part in the preparation of the third edition of the leading textbook “EU External Relations Law: Text, Cases and Materials” (Wessel & Larik eds.). Moreover, the students will assist Dr. Larik in background research for his role as member of the Committee on European Integration of the Advisory Council on International Affairs, an independent advisory body for the Dutch government and parliament, as well as potentially other related research and outputs, including journal articles, book chapters, blog posts, and op-eds.

Students’ tasks and activities

The research clinic will run during Blocks 1 and 2 of acad. year 2024/25. The main activities for students will consist of background research and editing tasks, writing a (short) piece of their own (e.g. a blog post), and discussion/brainstorming on current developments. For the textbook, their input from the students’ perspective in terms of clarity and accessibility will be hugely appreciated. The main learning aims of the clinic are gaining first-hand experience in law and policy research and publishing. Moreover, students will gain deeper knowledge and apply both EU and international law in light of current challenges and developments. Students will be assessed in their performance of these tasks, including an original (short) piece of writing on their own, and on the basis of a final report to be submitted to the supervisor.