

## CONFERENCE

### **“Europe and the Price of Well-Being” How to secure “good” regulation and enforcement in Europe?**

Museum Speelklok (Transeptzaal), Steenweg 6 Utrecht, 9 December 2022

Countering security threats, securing a human migration and asylum system, a stable, sustainable and social - digital - market economy, a strong position of Europe in the global arena, the preservation of the commons, reducing poverty and inequalities as well as protecting the rule of law have become ever more pressing concerns these days, in Europe, its Member States and beyond. “Good” regulation and enforcement play a key role in addressing these concerns, serving the goals of the EU as enshrined in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union; to secure peace, to protect Europe’s core values and to ensure people’s well-being more generally. Following the 2019 Conclusions of the Council of the European Union on the “Economy of Wellbeing”, the EU is to put people and their wellbeing at the centre of policy and decision-making. This implies the establishment of a "virtuous circle" in which a new concept of *multi-dimensional economic growth* as envisaged by the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the ever-evolving concept of *well-being* work together to the benefit of people and society.

At this conference we aim to discuss what “good” regulation and enforcement beholds in the eyes of both citizens and institutions and how this can be realised in the interconnected global, European and national context; how we can conceptualise and determine what such “good” regulation and enforcement means and implies; how we can research and measure it properly, by taking what approaches and applying what methodologies; and how it can be – better – realised and what new trade-offs that may entail? What are the substantive and institutional problems and challenges to overcome to secure good regulation and enforcement? Or, at what expense may it come so as to make sure regulation and enforcement are fit for purpose, when it comes to secure the well-being of current and future generations and for people of all backgrounds and societal positions.

The conference - organised by professor Linda Senden and professor Elisabetta Manunza with Dr. Sebastian Meyer - originates in the Utrecht University Law School RENFORCE program that focuses on researching shared regulation and enforcement in many different policy domains in Europe (see Utrecht University Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe). The conference falls under its building block project that focuses on its Conceptual, Constitutional and Theoretical foundations, in short CoCoT, in collaboration with the new Institutions for Open Societies Platform “The Transactional State as an Institution for Good”. The conference takes stock and compares research approaches and findings on the questions posed here above in the different policy domains over the past years.

But it also seeks to reflect – with the future in mind - on these questions and the outcomes of the RENFORCE research from a broader, external, empirical and multidisciplinary perspective. It therefore also brings together speakers and participants from legal practice and the policy making domain, and includes amongst others research journalists, philosophers, economists and social and political scientists. Confirmed keynote speakers include Katherine Scrivens (OECD), Mara Yerkes (UU), David Levi Faur (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Bernard Hoekman (EUI).

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**Programme:**

9.15 Walk in with coffee/tea

9.30 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Janneke Plantenga (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Utrecht University)

9.40 Appetizer by Prof. Dr. Linda Senden and Prof. Dr. Elisabetta Manunza

**9.45 Keynote Katherine Scrivens, MSc (Policy Analyst OECD Centre for Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity) – Securing well-being; concept, indicators and measurement**

**10.05 Keynote Dr. Mara Yerkes (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Utrecht University) – A multidisciplinary social justice and capability approach**

Q&A

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee/tea

**11.00 Pitching RENFORCE research**

- Good evidence as a basis for better regulation and enforcement – Dr. Esther van Schagen & Prof. Dr. Ton van den Brink (Building Block Legislation in an EU Context)
- Mainstreaming social justice in EU regulation and enforcement – Dr. Alexandra Timmer (Building Block Equality and Social Justice)
- Enforcement challenges – Prof. Dr. Michiel Luchtman (Building Block Towards Successful Enforcement of EU Laws and Policies)
- Citizenship, migration and crisis responses – Dr. Hanneke van Eijken (Building Block Citizenship and Migration)
- Combating illegal markets – Dr. Daan van Uhm (Building Block Illegal Environmental Markets)

Q&A

12.15 – 12.30 Amuse Parcival Weijnen (Philosopher, historian and journalist)

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

**13.15 Keynote Prof. Dr. Bernard Hoekman (Global Economics, EUI Florence) – Better achieving the Lisbon Treaty goals through soft powers**

**13.35 Pitching RENFORCE research**

- Constitutionalising public procurement – Prof. Dr. Elisabetta Manunza (Building Block CoCoT and Utrecht University Centre for Public Procurement)
- The unilateralisation of EU trade policy: a constitutional perspective – Dr. Thomas Verellen (Building Block EU Values in International Trade)

- Securing core values in the digital internal market – Prof. Dr. Sybe de Vries (Building Block Digitalisation & Technological Innovation in Europe)
- Public Interest Ecosystems; securing shared public-private responsibility – Dr. Jasper Sluijs (Building Block Public Interest Ecosystems)
- Securing well-being through a constitutional responsibility approach – Prof. Dr. Linda Senden & Dr. Sebastian Meyer (Building Block CoCoT)

## Q&A

### 14.50 Poster Walk-In with coffee/tea

### **15.10 Keynote Prof. Dr. David Levi Faur (Department of Political Science and School of Public Policy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) – Regulatory reform via intermediaries**

**15.30 A multidisciplinary perspective on good regulation and enforcement (processes) –** panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Rutger Claessen (Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University) | Dr. Lucian Cernat (European Commission) | Prof. Dr. Anoeska Buijze (Utrecht Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law) | Dr. Mira Scholten (RENFORCE/Jean Monnet Network on EU Law Enforcement) | Nathan Meershoek, LL.M. (RENFORCE/ Utrecht University Centre for Public Procurement)

### 16.20 Digestif Dr. Hanneke van Eijken (RENFORCE, Utrecht University)

### 16.30 – 17.15 Drinks