



# Newsletter

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Richard Higgott, Denise Hewlett & Eleni Tsingou

## NOTE FROM LEAD SCIENTIST

Welcome to the first Garnet Newsletter. We have been 'formally live' as a network since June 1 of this year. But many of us in the network go back much further than that. A set of *de facto* relations has existed amongst many partners in the network for a number of years and in specific Garnet terms, we have come a long way since the first meeting to discuss the development of a Network of Excellence on Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation in Bruges in early 2003. The difficulties and duration of the application process were a test of our seriousness in its own right and I take this opportunity to thank all partners for their input into that process throughout 2003/2004. I take special opportunity to thank Ana Cristina Costea and Luk Van Langenove from UNU-CRIS Bruges and Nikki Muckle from Warwick, without whom I would not be in a position to write this note today.

As you can see from the Newsletter we are already engaging in a quite extensive programme of activity. Notably, we have held a very successful launch event, described below. What the brief report does not convey however, is the very upbeat and positive spirit that pervaded the launch. I was delighted by the actual sense of camaraderie that prevailed, amongst members of the Network and those members of the Commission who joined us for the day. My thanks to all those who participated in this event. These thanks go especially to my colleagues in the Garnet Management Office at Warwick (Programme Manager, Eleni Tsingou and Programme Coordinator, Denise Hewlett) and the principal Work Package Coordinators, for making it such a good day and indeed for making Garnet such a positive experience to-date.

So, we are off to a good start, but we are at the beginning of this process, not the end. There is a lot of work to do over the next five years. We have an exciting agenda at a time in the life of the European Union when the insights of such a large community of high quality scholars can surely be of both theoretical and policy relevance. To the members of Garnet reading this Newsletter, I look forward to working with you on this journey over the next few years. To those of you reading this Newsletter as interested observers, I invite you to stay with us in the hope that you find out activities interesting and informative.

**Richard Higgott**

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## **MESSAGE FROM PASCAL LAMY, CHAIR OF THE GARNET INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD**



Let me start by expressing my apologies for not having been able to participate at the launch of the Network on Global Governance and Regulation in Brussels on 9 November. As you are no doubt aware, we are reaching a critical stage in the run up to the WTO Hong Kong ministerial meetings in December and are working very hard to make that a success. It is these preparations that kept me in Geneva.

I did, however, want to say a few words about why this network matters. It is an important enterprise, building expertise, both academic and policy oriented on the crucial issues of global governance, regionalisation and regulation, key questions that are at the centre of current developments not only in trade and finance, but also in security, environment and other areas.

We must all explore the multifaceted aspects of globalisation and deepen our understanding of how existing tools of national and regional governance can be used to develop a new and improved system of global governance. In my new function as Director-general of the WTO, I can better than ever appreciate the importance of common disciplines on international trade in our efforts to building further coherence between our various international actions to address the benefits and the costs of globalisation. Indeed, although international trade is only one, but the most visible, dimension of globalization, the WTO system is definitely at the heart of global governance.

It is also in the context of my efforts and work to try to establish further international coherence that I have tried to emphasise the need to ensure a stronger balance among the benefits and costs of trade openings. Indeed, globalization is becoming increasingly politicized because its effects on societies are stronger, calling their balances into question. The opening up of markets (and globalization) produces benefits, but also has its costs. We need what I have called the "Geneva consensus": a belief that trade opening does work for development, on the condition that the imbalances it creates, both domestically and internationally, are properly addressed.

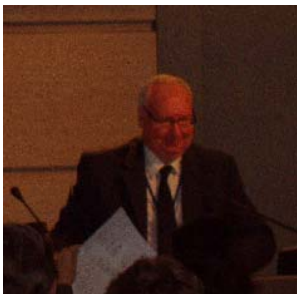
But global governance is not only concerned with trade issues; it is trying to bring together all dimensions of societal values with a view to ensuring a more fair and equitable benefits to all people in their everyday lives. This thus requires multidisciplinary research and extended reflection which I trust Garnet will be able to undertake with success.

I wish you all the best and I am sure that the network will get off to a great start. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you at another network event in the near future.

***Pascal Lamy  
Director General  
World Trade Organisation***

**LAUNCH EVENT, BRUSSELS,  
9 NOVEMBER 2005**

The network's launch event was held in Brussels on 9 November 2005 with a programme that included an address by Professor Richard Higgott and by Theodius Lennon, Director for Social Sciences and Humanities at the Research Directorate of the European Commission.



Theodius Lennon

The event also comprised a roundtable on 'Key Issues in Global Governance and European Regionalism', which included contributions from Mario Telo (ULB) on 'Global Governance and the Role of the EU', Karoline Postel-Vinay (CERI/Sciences Po) on 'Europe as a Model of Regionalisation', Furio Cerutti (Florence) on 'Normative Issues in European Integration: Legitimacy and Identity', Brigitte Young (Muenster) on the 'International Political Economy and the Role of the EU' and Elzbieta Stadtmuller (Wroclaw) on 'The EU and Eastern Europe'.



Mario Telo, Richard Higgott, Karoline Postel-Vinay & Furio Cerutti

These contributions were followed by lively discussion, setting the tone for stimulating debates within Garnet. The event was attended by wide-ranging members of the network (representing 33 partner institutions) and invited guests from the European Commission and other public and private Brussels-based bodies.



Helge Hveem



Angela Liberatore

**CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP, 'TRADE,  
GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT', BUDAPEST  
21-23 SEPTEMBER 2005**

***Karine Zufferey***

The first Capacity Building Workshop, one of Garnet's key activities designed to spread excellence, took place at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, 21-23 September 2005. The Evian Group, in partnership with the Centre for Policy Studies at CEU, coordinated the gathering of over 50 delegates representing 23 nationalities from all continents.

Both senior and junior researchers drawn from the Garnet network as well as policy makers, business and NGOs representatives spent three days reflecting intensively on the reasons and stakes of the current paralysis of the Doha Development Agenda and the key role of governance.

Participants explored how the research, policy and business communities could better interact and engage with each other. Garnet's central role as a platform of collaborative work within the research sector but also cross-sectors was made particularly pertinent in this multi-stakeholders' environment. To this end, working groups' sessions produced roadmaps towards bridging the divide in specific trade-related areas. These roadmaps and the general report are available from the Garnet website.

The level of satisfaction was high among participants, as evidenced by the spontaneous and dynamic exchange of ideas and references that took place afterwards, the continuing networking activity resulting from particular working groups, especially "women and trade".

Overall the inaugural Garnet Capacity Building Workshop was a success and the Garnet community at large is warmly encouraged to take part in the ones to come, advertised through the website and this newsletter.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

**THE EU AND EASTERN EUROPE (5.1.2) – ‘THE EU AND EASTERN EUROPE: TOWARDS EFFICIENT INTEGRATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE’, WROCLAW, 24 SEPTEMBER 2005**  
**Elzbieta Stadtmuller**

The inaugural workshop was organised with a view to (i) learning about research interests and ongoing projects of the participants and their institutions; (ii) establishing (personal) contacts among researchers; (iii) locating research sub-areas among the participants within the JERP and dividing the work accordingly; and (iv) discussing additional deliverables and possibilities of further co-operation among the participating institutions.

The first part of workshop focused on specific presentations on ‘**Outer Space**’: The EU, its Foreign and Security Policy, Neighbourhood-Policy and problems of regionalism; ‘**Inner Space**’: Decision-making in the enlarged EU; and ‘**Economic Space**’: Transition, development, trade policy and the future of EU transfers. The panels were intended to allow for all participants to understand and define the scope of issues to be discussed within the project and within individual working groups which were created in the second part of our workshop. The aim of the working group discussions was to establish a common research framework. In the final part of the workshop, the working groups presented their results to all participants; working group rapporteurs will prepare reports, in view of the next workshop in Ljubljana in July 2006.

**NORMATIVE ISSUES OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (5.2.1) – ‘A BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE ON POLITICAL IDENTITY AND LEGITIMACY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION’, FLORENCE 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2005**  
**Furio Cerutti**

The Jointly Executed Research Project 5.2.1 on *Normative Issues of Regional and Global Governance* comprises 20 institutions and is coordinated by Furio Cerutti (executive coordinator, Political Philosophy Group, Florence, [polphil@unifi.it](mailto:polphil@unifi.it)) Andrew Gamble (Sheffield) and Mario Telo` (ULB). At the end of the first workshop, a brainstorming exercise held in September 2005 and whose minutes will soon be available, its members, some of whom will meet again at the ECPR Joint Session of Workshops (Nicosia, April 2006, workshop on *Political Identity and Legitimacy in the Politics of the European Union*, convened by JERP-member Sonia Lucarelli, [lucarell@tiscalinet.it](mailto:lucarell@tiscalinet.it)), have decided to hold a final conference in Florence at the end of May 2007.



Furio Cerutti



Reimund Seidelmann, Mario Telo and Andrew Gamble

This group, in which political philosophy, political science, psychology and law are represented, is focusing on the issues of legitimacy and political identity in the EU. After the French and Dutch referenda have signaled a deep crisis in the Union, there can be little doubt on the paramount importance of these two issues. Without designing a conceptual frame of reference as well as methodical tools that fit the uncertain, only partly political nature of the EU, it will remain difficult to grasp the deep-seating expectations and frustrations of the European citizens, first and foremost the lack of a sense of allegiance to a polity that remains in the making. Beyond the philosophical inquiry into how to understand the link between *political* identity and a complex notion of legitimacy, the analysis of specific EU policies (foreign, biosafety/biotechnology, environmental policies are presently some of the research topics) should make visible which elements of a self-identification of the Europeans (values, images of the world and principles) they reveal and how far this contributes to legitimise the existence of the Union and the possible enhancement of its *political* integration.

**GLOBAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY GOVERNANCE:  
SECURITY THREATS AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE  
(5.3.2) – WORKSHOP, TRENTO,  
22-24 SEPTEMBER 2005  
Emil Kirschner**

The research interests of JERP 5. 3. 2 relate to the following categories: (i) How to conceptualise the changing security environment? (ii) An assessment of new security threats and threat perception in the G-8 countries plus China; (iii) An analysis of preferred institutional response to security threats in the G-8 countries plus China; (iv) An evaluation of the level of convergence or divergence in the perception of threats and institutional response within the Atlantic Community, within the EU, and between the Atlantic and the Pacific great powers and (v) A comparison of the level of convergence or divergence in the perception of threats and institutional capabilities within the Atlantic Community, within the EU, and between the Atlantic and the Pacific great powers.

In the short-term, project participants are working on a volume edited by Emil Kirchner and James Sperling on *Global Security Governance: Threat*

*Perception into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Routledge (probably to be published in 2006). As an expansion of the initial research, more empirically oriented research is envisaged on security threats and institutional response in the G-8 countries plus China for the medium term. This will be based on a questionnaire survey of government officials, parliamentarians and security experts in the G-8 countries plus China. A similar survey will be conducted with European Commission officials and MEPs. The results of these findings will be published in a working paper for each of the nine countries plus the EU, authored or-co-authored by the respective country/EU research partner.

A workshop was held in Trento Italy, September 22-24, to deal with two main components. Firstly, to review the draft chapters of the book on *Global Security Governance: Threat Perception into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Secondly, to develop the questionnaire for the second phase of the research. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from Garnet partner institutions, associated members of Garnet, and invited guests. It proved to be a very fruitful exchange and was praised by participants as a stimulating and rewarding exercise.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**FUTURE EVENTS: FIRST PHD SCHOOL, BRUSSELS,  
12-16 DECEMBER 2005**

The Garnet PhD School's Academic Council (AC) convened its first meeting on 29 June 2005. Its main aim was to set up the organizational framework allowing the PhD school to launch its activities in accordance with the GARNET program. The AC nominated the following professors as its members:

**Bjorn Hettne**  
(Göteborg University)

**Attila Agh**  
(Corvinus University Budapest)

**Richard Higgott**  
(University of Warwick)

**Nicholas Levrat**  
(University of Geneva)

**Elżbieta Stadtmüller**  
(University of Wrocław)

**Mario Telo**  
(Institut des études  
européennes –Université Libre  
de Bruxelles)

**Anne Deighton**  
(Oxford University)

**Janine Goetschy**  
(CNRS Paris)

**Riccardo Scartezzini**  
(University of Trento)

**Reimund Seidelmann**  
(University of Giessen)

**Karen E. Smith**  
(London School of  
Economics)

**Luk Van Langenhove**  
(UNU-CRIS, Brugge)

principles and rules of the PhD school and decided upon the themes of the first two seminars (« EU and global governance: the challenge of legitimacy » & « EU and globalization: the external implications of the Lisbon strategy for a European knowledge society»). Furthermore, the AC launched two long-term projects: the elaboration of an ideal “curriculum studiorum” for PhD students regarding EU and global governance studies and the compilation of a data base comprising of all the current programs organized by the various GARNET members on the topic of global governance and the EU.

Concerning the first seminar, the AC received over 50 applications, originating from over 33 different universities and accounting for more than 26 different nationalities. Consequently, the AC was pleased with the enthusiastic response and the high quality of the submitted applications. Final preparations are currently underway for the first seminar; the programme includes contributions from the following academics: Prof. Barbara Delcourt (IEE-ULB), Prof. Bjorn Hettne (Göteborg University), Prof. Richard Higgott (University of Warwick), Prof. Justine Lacroix (IEE-ULB), Prof. Luk Van Langenhove (UNU-CRIS), Prof. Paul Magnette (IEE-ULB), Prof. Mario Telo (IEE-ULB), Prof. Karen E Smith (London School of Economics) and Professor Robert O. Keohane (Princeton University).

The AC also elected Professor Björn Hettne as its president for 18 months. It also clarified the aims,

## FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS

### Global Financial and Monetary Governance, the EU, and Emerging Market Economies, Amsterdam, 28-30 September 2006

In line with the broad thematic remit indicated in its title, this conference aims to integrate research and expertise across several disciplines and professional backgrounds, bringing together

- Policy makers, NGO and private sector representatives, and academics
- Current issues from monetary politics, financial regulation and 'economic development'
- Expertise focusing on the national, the regional (European and other) and the global level
- Issues confronting highly industrialised countries, emerging market economies, developing countries and countries in transition
- Normative and empirical questions.

The financial crises in the last decade have generated a consensus that there is room for improvement in the *global financial architecture* (GFA). After initial radical ideas were rejected as impractical, the discussion has become limited, however. This conference wants to help broaden its scope again, in particular in relation to poverty reduction, development goals and financial stability issues in a range of countries around the world.

General questions the conference will address include:

- What is the appropriate balance between public and private forms of authority in global financial governance in rules setting, enforcement, and decision-making?
- What is the appropriate public-private balance in terms of burden sharing in both crisis prevention and resolution?

- How might the international financial architecture be made more compatible with the specific aspirations of countries in terms of economic development and legitimate national political processes?
- How best to balance issues of accountability and legitimacy at the national and global level, with the need to build an architecture which is sensitive to both national policy concerns and other social developmental objectives?
- What are the implications of monetary and financial governance for questions of gender across a wide range of societies?
- How can the economically disadvantaged best be represented in the international financial architecture, recognizing that improving their development prospects is a principal aim of global financial governance?
- What role can and should the EU play in monetary and financial governance in the light of both efficiency and legitimacy considerations?

In addition to plenary sessions and a limited number of roundtables a range of workshops will form the heart of the conference. These are meant to facilitate active participation by all those attending. Backed up by conference papers or speeches provided and disseminated beforehand, both practitioners and academics will present their vision on the central question or theme of the workshop. The programme of workshops will be drawn up on the basis of paper proposals submitted.

For further information on the conference in general, suggested workshop themes, the selection procedure and deadlines for papers, and GARNET in general please visit the Garnet website ([www.garnet-eu.org](http://www.garnet-eu.org)).

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