

# Ghent European Law Institute



## MISSION

The Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.) – originally European Institute – was created in 1988. Since then, it has developed a distinct expertise in the study of the European Union with a particular focus on EU external relations law.

The study of EU law, including its external dimension, pertains to questions of the **EU's role as an international actor**, vertical and horizontal **competence delimitation**, substantive analyses of **bilateral and multilateral relations** between the EU and third countries or international organisations and **the legal dimension of EU policies** such as EU enlargement and the European Neighbourhood Policy.



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## TOPICS

### THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A GLOBAL LEGAL ACTOR

#### EU norms and values and their export to third countries

How does EU law affect the national legal order of third countries in its neighbourhood and beyond?



#### EU legal personality and external representation

How does the EU force international law to adapt in order for the EU, as a non-state actor, to contribute to the development of international law and international organisations?



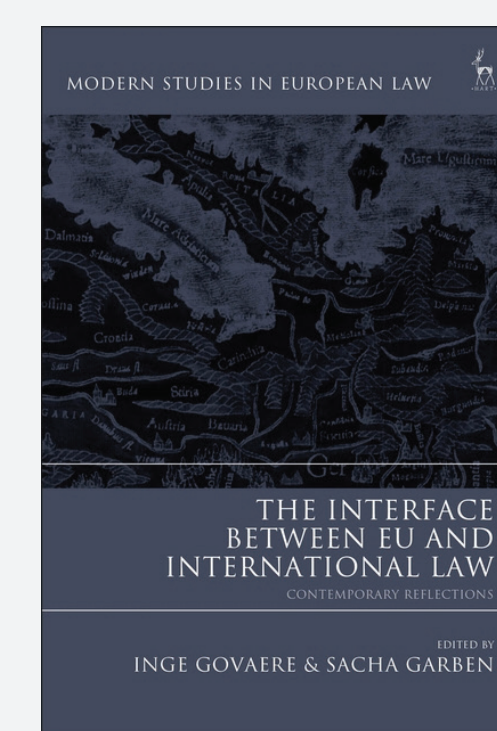
#### EU policies: internal and external dimensions

What are the spill-over effects of domestic EU law and politics in a multi-layered legal order?



#### The interface between European and international law

How can and how does the autonomous EU legal order interact with international and national constitutional law?



#### The division of competence and mixity

In a system where the EU and Member States can act concurrently, how do we determine when and how they may act alone or together?

