

## International Conference European Union - Russia relations and Sustainability



**Monday 19 March and  
Tuesday 20 March 2018**

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration**

**Venue: OV 3.37**

This Conference is jointly organized by The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS) and by the Erasmus School of Law (ESL), Erasmus University Rotterdam. THUAS and ESL are members of a Consortium working on a **Project on the European Union - Russia relations in the framework of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)**. The other members of the Consortium are the European Studies Institute of MGIMO University (Moscow/Russian Federation and coordinator of the project), the Vienna School of International Studies, Hamburg University, the University of Craiova/Romania and Erasmus University Rotterdam. The project is sponsored by a EU Erasmus + Jean Monnet Grant.

The project explores the economic relations between the EU and Russia, with particular attention to the mutual rights and obligations created by the WTO legal framework. In this context, the project aims at gaining a better understanding of the bilateral relations between the EU and the Russian Federation; the implications of their relations for energy and environmental policy; the significance of the existence and activities of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU); the possibilities for cooperation between the EU and the EAEU; and the impact of the sanction regimes related to the Ukraine crisis.

The Hague-Rotterdam Conference addresses more particularly pressing questions of Trade, EU-EAEU relations and Sustainability. In that last context the Conference delves into the issues of sustainability with a specific focus on transition to renewable energy.

**The conference is hosted by THUAS in The Hague. The Conference is co-organised by Prof. Dr. Jaap de Zwaan, Fellow and former Professor European Integration (THUAS) as well as emeritus Professor of European Union Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Dr. Alessandra Arcuri, Associate Professor International Economic Law, Erasmus School of Law.**

### MONDAY 19 MARCH

<b>8.30 to 9.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9.00 to 9.10</b>	<b>Welcome</b> - Susana Menéndez, Member University Board THUAS
<b>9.10 to 9.30</b>	<b>Introduction</b> - Jaap de Zwaan, Fellow and former Professor European Integration (THUAS)
<b>9.30 to 11.00</b>	<b>Panel 1 – International Trade and Investment</b> Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University Rotterdam): Chair and Moderator <i>Speakers:</i> - Thomas Cottier (World Trade Institute, University of Bern/Switzerland) - Tatiana Isachenko (MGIMO University, Moscow/Russian Federation)
<b>11.00 to 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30 to 13.00</b>	<b>Panel 2 – EU-Russia/EAEU relations (economic and political aspects)</b> Antje Grebner (THUAS): Chair and Moderator <i>Speakers:</i> - Golam Robbani (THUAS) - Tony van der Togt (Clingendael Institute) - Daniela Obradovic (University of Amsterdam)
<b>13.00 to 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14.30 to 16.00</b>	<b>Panel 3 - Energy and environment</b> Helen Kopnina (THUAS): Chair and Moderator <i>Speakers:</i> - Anna Marhold (Tilburg University) - Marian Paschke (University of Hamburg/Germany) - Lucian Bernd Sauleanu and George Girsteanu (Craiova University/Romania)
<b>16.00 to 17.00</b>	<b>General discussion</b> - Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Jaap de Zwaan (THUAS): Moderators
<b>17.00</b>	<b>End of the first day of the Conference</b>

### TUESDAY 20 MARCH

<b>9.00 to 9.30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea</b>
<b>9.30 to 11.00</b>	<b>Panel 4 – EU-Russia/EAEU relations (legal and governance aspects)</b> Jaap de Zwaan (THUAS): Chair and Moderator <i>Speakers:</i> - Anton Naku (MGIMO University, Moscow/Russian Federation): EAEU Court Overview of Dispute-settlement - Luca Pantaleo (THUAS): Regional Economic Integration Organisations (REIOs) as legal actors in a changing global landscape - Anastasia Makarenko (MGIMO University, Moscow/Russian Federation): The CETA's investment Court system
<b>11.00 to 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30 to 12.30</b>	<b>Final discussion</b> - Alessandra Arcuri (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Jaap de Zwaan (THUAS): Moderators
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.30</b>	<b>End of the Conference</b>

Registration; <https://www.formdesk.com/dehaagsehogeschool/WTO>

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## Route description

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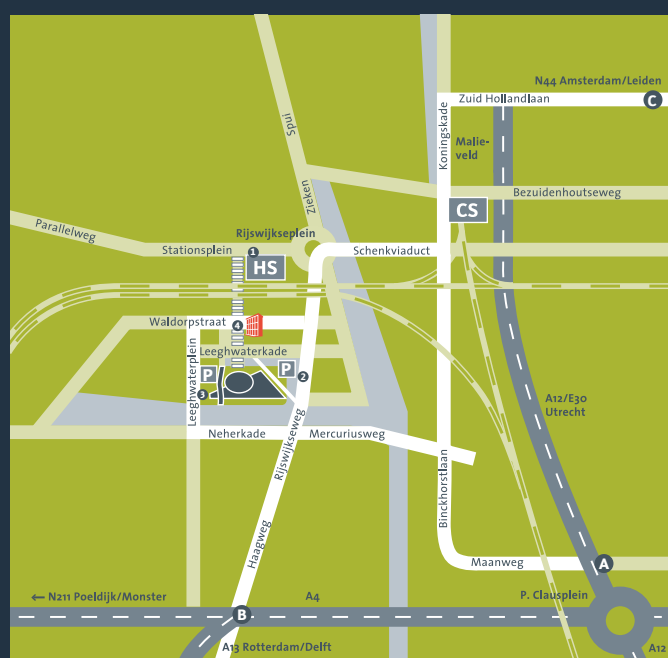
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### By car

- From Utrecht/Zoetermeer A12/E30, take exit 4 (Voorburg) and take Maanweg to Binckhorst. From Binckhorstlaan turn left onto the fourth side street at the traffic lights, take Mercuriusweg towards Neherkade and cross the second bridge on your right (Leeghwaterplein).
- From Delft/Rotterdam A13, take the exit for Rijswijk Centrum and follow Haagweg to Rijswijkseweg. Turn left before the bridge (Neherkade) and then cross the first bridge on your right (Leeghwaterplein).
- From Amsterdam/Leiden N44, follow Den Haag centrum RING and continue along the same road. Enter the tunnel towards Binckhorst/Nw Laakhaven, turn right onto Mercuriusweg, and then cross the second bridge on your right (Leeghwaterplein).

### Parking

You can park your car in Q-park Parking garage, Rijswijkseweg 27, 2516 ED Den Haag.  
**Exit F** is the closest to the entrance of THUAS.



### By train

The Hague University of Applied Sciences is located directly behind the Hollands Spoor railway station in The Hague. From the Laakhaven exit, it's only a three-minute walk to the school. The Hague University of Applied Sciences can also be reached by train from Den Haag Centraal railway station (travel time to Hollands Spoor railway station is 3 minutes by public transport).

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