

## ***Taming the many-headed monster? Secondary Sanctions in the International Legal Order***

### ***Call for Abstracts – Conference 2-3 December 2021***

On **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 December 2021**, the Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute ([GRILI](#)) and the Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe ([RENFORCE](#)) will host a **two-day international conference on secondary sanctions**. The conference seeks to explore both the international legal framework governing such sanctions and the potential remedies to challenge them, as well as how these measures may shape the international legal order. Separate **panels** will be devoted to the impact of secondary sanctions; their compatibility with the law of jurisdiction and international economic law, and; to commercial practices and domestic litigation pertaining to secondary sanctions. A final panel will offer an outlook for the future, having regard, for instance, to the preparation of an EU ‘anti-coercion instrument’. In addition, **the organizers are inviting promising legal scholars in an earlier stage of their academic career to submit an abstract to participate in a panel dedicated to ‘emerging voices’**. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- specific sanctions regimes, e.g. the re-imposition of US sanctions against Iran, the NordStream2 sanctions, or Title III of the Helms-Burton Act;
- specific proceedings at the international, regional or national level (e.g. the *1955 Treaty of Amity* case (ICJ); the *Bank Melli* case (CJEU); or the Meng Wanzhou case (Canada));
- the international legality of re-exportation restrictions based on the origin of certain goods;
- extradition proceedings in connection with breaches of secondary sanctions;
- the enforcement of the EU Blocking Statute;
- secondary sanctions’ impact on inter-state relations, their compatibility with the principles that govern the international legal order; etc.

Critical and interdisciplinary approaches to secondary sanctions are also welcome. Interested participants are invited to take a closer look at the provisional conference programme (attached) to limit overlap with other panels/speakers. **Abstracts (of 500 words max) must be submitted by e-mail to [a.s.hofer@uu.nl](mailto:a.s.hofer@uu.nl) before 30 June 2021** and should be accompanied by a brief CV. Applicants will be informed of the outcome by 31 July. Full papers (ca. 8.000-12.000 words) are due by 15 November 2021. **Subject to peer review**, the selected papers **will be included in an edited volume to appear in 2022/23**. The conference will take place in Ghent (speakers are normally expected to participate in person inasmuch as circumstances permit). Successful applicants can apply for funding to cover **travel and accommodation costs** for an amount of up to EUR 300.

The conference is co-organized by Tom Ruys (Ghent University), Cedric Ryngaert (Utrecht University), Nicolas Angelet (Université libre de Bruxelles), Frédéric Dopagne (Université catholique de Louvain), Alexandra Hofer (Utrecht University), Kim Van der Borght (Vrije Universiteit Brussel).



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### ***Provisional Conference Programme, Ghent, 2-3 December 2021***

#### **Thursday 2 December 2021:**

- Keynote - *tbc*
- Panel 1 - Setting the stage: secondary sanctions – concept & impact
  - Secondary sanctions – what’s in a name? - Prof. Charlotte Beaucillon (Lille/Paris)
  - Secondary sanctions – impact on trade - Prof. Christopher Hartwell (Zürich)
  - Secondary sanctions - impact on international finance - *tbc*
  - Secondary sanctions – humanitarian impact - Prof. Alena Douhan (UN Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Coercive Measures)
- Lunch break
- Panel 2 – secondary sanctions and the law of jurisdiction (chair Prof. Cedric Ryngaert)
  - Access restrictions as an exercise of jurisdiction – Prof. Patrick Terry (Un. of Kehl)
  - Currency-based exercise of jurisdiction and questions of anti-circumvention – Prof. Susan Emmenegger (Bern)
  - Secondary sanctions and the law of jurisdiction – approaches in US case-law – Prof. Bill Dodge (UCDavis)
- Coffee break
- Panel 3 – capita selecta – emerging scholars panel (chair Dr. Alexandra Hofer)
  - 4 speakers to be selected on the basis of an open call for abstracts
- Reception & conference dinner

#### **Friday 3 December 2021:**

- Panel 4: secondary sanctions and international economic law:
  - Secondary sanctions and international monetary law - Prof. Anna Viterbo (Turin)
  - Secondary sanctions and WTO law - Prof. PT Stoll (Göttingen)
  - Secondary sanctions and international investment law - Prof. Eric De Brabandere (Leiden)
  - Reviewability of the security exception? - Dr. Geraldo Vidigal (Amsterdam)
- Coffee break
- Panel 5: secondary sanctions – commercial practices and domestic litigation (chair: Prof. Nicolas Angelet)
  - Secondary sanctions and re-exportation of US-origin goods - Dr. Marie-José van der Heijden (Deloitte Amsterdam)
  - Secondary sanctions as mandatory overriding provisions/mandatory provisions of law - Maya Lester QC
  - Secondary sanctions – the M&A aspect - Robert Dura (Debevoise)
  - Sanctions clauses in commercial contracts - Roger Kaiser (European Banking Federation)
- Lunch Break
- Panel 6: secondary sanctions – what lies ahead?
  - Revamping the EU Blocking Statute - Alinea Nedea (European Commission)
  - Secondary sanctions - the Chinese perspective - Prof. Congyan Cai (Xiamen Un.)
  - Special purpose vehicles to facilitate trade - *tbc*
  - Confronting secondary sanctions - Jonathan Hackenbroich (ECFR)