



## *Program*

### **How to deal with the criticism of the European Court of Human Rights?**

**12 April 2012**

*Chair: Professor Spyridon Flogaitis, Director of the European Public Law Organisation*

#### Opening and welcoming statements

*11h00*

Welcome on behalf of the Dutch Government

Welcome on behalf of the organisers

Key note address: President Valery Zorkin, President of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation: *The cooperation between the European Court of Human Rights and national courts from the perspective of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation* (to be confirmed)

*12h30* Lunch

#### Panel I: Crisis, what crisis?

*14h00*

Judge Egbert Myjer, Member of the European Court of Human Rights: *Why much of the criticism on the Court is unfounded*

President Marc Bossuyt, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium: *Is the Court on a slippery slope?*

#### Discussion

Discussant: Dr. Lucian Bojin, Lecturer at the Western University of Timisoara

Panel II: The Court's own role

16h00

Professor Tom Zwart, Director of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research: *How the Court can increase its legitimacy*

Judge Wilhelmina Thomassen, former Member of the European Court of Human Rights: *The strengths and weaknesses of the Court*

Discussion

Discussant: Nicole Bürli LL.M., Researcher at the University of Zürich

18h00 Drinks

19h00 Dinner

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*Chair: Professor Menno Kamminga, Chair of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research*

Panel III: The role of the Court vis-à-vis its environment

9h30

Dr. Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Lecturer at the University of Surrey: *The interaction between the Court and the States Parties*

Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom: *The need for dialogue between national courts and Strasbourg*

Discussion

Discussant: Dr. Anton Burkov, Professor at the University of the Humanities, Yekaterinburg

Closing session

11.30

Response: Judge András Sajó, Member of the European Court of Human Rights: *The road ahead for the European Court of Human Rights*

Discussion

Concluding remarks

13h00 Lunch