

European Association for Education Law and Policy

Conference on 'Commercialisation and Competition in Education'
20-21 November 2009, Belgium

The annual ELA Conference on Commercialisation and Competition in Education, which is being held on 20 and 21 November 2009 in Antwerp (Belgium), is organized by the European Association for Education Law and Policy in cooperation with the College of Europe (Bruges), hosted by the University of Antwerp and the City of Antwerp, and convened under the auspices and with the support of the Ministry for Higher Education and Research of Luxembourg.

Thursday 19 November

Venue: Congrescentrum Elzenveld, Lange Gasthuisstraat 45, 2000 Antwerp

From 19.00 on - Inofficial welcome drink and buffet

**Friday 20 November – ELA annual conference
Commercialization and competition in education
FIRST THEMATIC SESSION**

Chair: **Jan De Groot** Professor at the College of Europe and Tilburg University

Venue: Lessius raadzaal, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerp

8.90 – registration

9.00 Speakers:

Introduction by Jan De Groot, Professor at the College of Europe and Tilburg University

Rosa Greaves - Professor at the University of Glasgow

'Challenges to the application of the prohibition in Article 81 EC and the abuse of a dominant position in Article 82 EC to the education sector'

Magnus Schmauch - European Court of Justice

'Competition law protecting competition in education and the relevancy of competition law for the competing educational institutions'

9.45 Discussion

10.15 Coffee Break

10.30 Speakers:

Filippo Amato - Associate at Jones Day - Brussels

'The definition of the relevant markets for the application of competition law in the education sector'

Jules Stuyck - Professor at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

'The application of the Directive 2005/29 and 2006/123 in education'

11.30 Discussion

12.30 Buffet Lunch (Venue: 't Brantijser (Foyer), Sint-Jacobsmarkt 9-13, Antwerp)

14.00 Speakers:

Massimo Gelosa Grosso - OECD – Trade Directorate

'International trade in higher education: issues to consider for successful liberalisation'

Peter Baur - Directorate General of Education – European Union

'University-business cooperation in the EU Member States'

Charles Glenn - Professor at Boston University – USA

'Is competition among schools good or bad? Yes!'

16.30 Discussion & Concluding remarks

18.30 Dinner (Venue : 'The Foyer' – Bourlaschouwburg – Komedieplaats 18 – Antwerpen)

21.00 (Optional) Concert 'Anima Eterna' (Venue: AMUZ – Augustinus Muziekcentrum, Kammenstraat 81, Antwerpen)

Saturday 21 November 2009 - ELA Annual conference
Commercialization and competition in education - SECOND THEMATIC SESSION
Chair: **Germain Dondelinger** Premier Conseiller de Gouvernement au
Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche
Venue: Conference Room at the Hof Van Liere, second floor, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerp

9.00

Speakers:

Dieter Timmermann - Rector of the University Bielefeld
'Reciprocal partnerships in higher education'

David Palfreyman - Professor at New College Oxford
'The corporate infiltration of higher education'

9.45 Discussion

10.15 Coffee Break

10.30 Speakers:

Henri Swennen - Professor at the University of Antwerp
'Economic activities and education'

Georgiy Kasianov - International Renaissance Foundation - Ukraine
'Commercialization of education in Ukraine: how to guarantee that public institutions promote concern for public good?'

11.30 Discussion

12.30 Buffet Lunch by Agora (Venue: Hof Van Liere, second floor, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerp)

13.30 Speakers:

Michael Rainer - Professor at Salzburg University, member of the Austrian Accreditation Board
'The relationship between reduction in funding in a time of rising costs and commercialization of higher education'

Rafael Caballero - Professor at the University Complutense of Madrid
'Commercialization and competition of higher education in Spain and in Latin-America'

14.20 Discussion

14.45 Break

15.00 Speakers:

Charles Russo - Professor at the University of Dayton - USA
'On-line instruction: practices, pratfalls and emerging legal issues'

Tie Fatt Hee - Professor at the University of Malaya - Malaysia
'Competition Law and Education in South-East Asia'

16.00 Discussion

16.30 Concluding remarks *Gracienne Lauwers* - 'Legal pitfalls for continued liberalisation in education'

18.00 - PIET AKKERMANS LECTURE 2009 (Venue: Plantin-Moretus Museum on Vrijdagmarkt 22-23)
Chair: *Jan De Groot*

Laura Lundy - Queen's University Belfast
'The 20th Anniversary of the Convention of the Child: the impact on education rights in Europe'

Movie about the Stasi and the Stasi prison in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen

Hans-Eberhard Zahn - Stiftung Gedenkstätte Berlin-Hohenschönhausen
'The 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall - Using the remains of the Stasi headquarters as a space for truth and for educating against indifference'

Cocktail reception

20.00 Dinner (Venue: Zuiderterras Ernest van Dijckkaai 37, 2000 Antwerpen)