



What Role for Property in European Integration?

An Exchange of Ideas between Maastricht and Helsinki

with Bram Akkermans and Eveline Ramaekers

Chaired by Jan Smits

Property is a key concept for determining how society is organized. The founding fathers of the European integration process were aware of its importance and, as a matter of fact, since the very beginning of the project a provision was introduced which declared that “[t]he Treaties shall in no way prejudice the rules in Member States governing the system of property ownership”. Is this a clause establishing a division of competences between the European Union and its Member States? Shall it be interpreted in some particular context? How does such a provision affect the prospects of creating a law of property for the European Union, especially in fields of particular economic importance such as intellectual property? All these issues will be debated during the seminar.

Venue: Faculty Room – Porthania Building
Tuesday, 7th June 2011, 10:00

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10:00 – Welcome speech (tbd)

10:05 – Presentation and preliminary ideas and questions – *Jan Smits*

10:15 – Meaning and interpretations of Article 345 TFEU – *Bram Akkermans and Eveline Ramaekers*

10:50 – Meaning of Article 345 TFEU: a critique from the public law perspective – *Fernando Losada*

11:05 – Article 345 TFEU and Europeanization of property law – *Teemu Juutilainen*

11:20 – Article 345 TFEU and competition law provisions – *Katri Havu*

11:35 – Article 345 TFEU, competition law and intellectual property law – *Juha Vesala*

11:50 – *Coffee Break*

12:10 – Discussion (open to all participants)

13:55 – Conclusions – *Jan Smits*

14:00 – *End of the seminar*

