



Ghent University, 27 November 2025 – Young BEDER

Doctoral Workshop A European Union of Values: Quo Vadis?

Programme

09:15 Registration

09:30 Introduction – Ilaria Gambardella and Ellen Cantraine (Young BEDER Presidency)

First panel

Chair: Timothée Ceurremans (Saint-Louis University)

10:00 Keynote speech – Paul Nihoul (Judge, General Court of the EU)

10:30 Jarne De Geyter (FWO Fellow, Ghent University)

“The EU as a Union of Values: Lessons and Observations from the Brexit Case Law of the Court of Justice”

10:50 Discussants: Ilaria Gambardella (KU Leuven and ULB) and Merijn Chamon (VUB)

11:10 Sophie-Charlotte Lemmer (KU Leuven)

“Navigating ‘value complexities’: An Evaluation of EU Standards for Judicial Appointment Procedures”

11:30 Discussants: Olivia Loyens (Hasselt University) and Mathieu Leloup (Ghent University and Tilburg University)

11:50 Emilia Sandri (Antwerp University)

“Rule of Law Capta Ferum Victorem Cepit: Opportunities for Judicial Cooperation to Safeguard the rule of law in AFSJ”

12:10 Discussants: Marleen Kappé (KU Leuven) and Chloé Brière (ULB)

12:30 Lunch break



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Second panel

Chair: Ellen Cantraine (Ghent University)

14:00 Keynote speech – Geert De Baere (Judge, General Court of the EU)

14:30 Adeodata Kanyamihanda (Antwerp University)

“Human Rights in a Changing Climate: Embedding Climate Displacement in EU Asylum Law”

14:50 Discussants: Marthe Delodder (VUB) and Ellen Desmet (Ghent University)

15:10 Georgios Athanasiou (Antwerp University)

“Balancing National Security and Non-Refoulement: The Expanding Role of Essential State Functions in EU Migration Policies”

15:30 Discussants: Timothée Ceurremans (Saint-Louis University) and Sarah Ganty (UCLouvain)

15:50 Paola Lo Bue Oddo (European Commission)

“EU Values in CFSP : Political Aspirations or Judicially Enforceable Norms ?”

16:10 Discussants: Ellen Cantraine (Ghent University) and Stanislas Adam (Court of Justice)

16:30 Jeroen De Ceuster (Ghent University)

“Transparency under pressure: does the settlement procedure impede the motivation of cartel decisions?”

16:50 Discussants: Tom Buytaert (Saint-Louis University) and Nathan Cambien (Antwerp University)

17:10 Announcement of the Young BEDER prize

17:30 Closing of the event