Agencies, Accountability and Association: Legal issues of agencies in the EU legal order and in relations with neighbouring States

Morning: Legal issues concerning agencies within the EU: Discretion and accountability, and two case studies on financial regulation and data protection

(i) Joana Mendes “Discretion of EU Agencies Beyond the Veil of Meroni”
Has Meroni's long-lasting influence in the institutional design of agencies prevented the creation of suitable mechanisms of control for the wide discretionary powers of agencies?

(ii) Ellen Vos “EU agencies as in-betweeners: what about accountability?”
The relations between agencies and Member States as regards accountability. EU agencies in-between EU institutions and Member States. Agencies at times operate on behalf of Member States; they obtain operational powers intermingling with the powers of national authorities.

Case studies:
(iii) Heikki Marjosola, “Review of shadow rulemaking by the European Supervisory Authorities”

(iv) Cristina Blasi Casagran, “The European Data Protection Board”

Afternoon: External questions concerning agencies

(v) Merijn Chamon “External relations of EU agencies”
Issues such as: agreements with third country authorities, external action, what role is there for EU agencies in regulatory cooperation under external agreements, what are the limits to their external action.

(vi) Tarjei Bekkedal “Third country participation - modalities and accountability”
To what extent are agencies open for third countries and what are the modalities for the participation of third countries; what constitutional issues arise in relation to effects within third countries.

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