

GENERAL RAPPORTEURS

Topic I: The internal market and the digital economy



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In 2014, she was part-time professor at the European University Institute in Florence, and in 2006, she was visiting professor at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Peggy has a broad experience with international and interdisciplinary research projects dealing with legal aspects of IT and media innovation. She has served as an expert for organisations like the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the German Media Concentration Commission, as well as administrations and authorities in Belgium. In 2008-2009, she served as project leader for the EU funded study "Indicators for Media Pluralism in the Member States – Towards a Risk-Based Approach" that designed the Media Pluralism Monitor (MPM).

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Topic II: Taxation, State aid and distortions of competition



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He earned his PhD with a thesis on EU and WTO regulation of tax subsidies and fiscal state aid at Maastricht University in 2003 where he was appointed full professor in 2006.

From 1998 to date he has worked at the Department of Tax Law where he is the current Head of Department. He has also been the vice-dean of the Faculty of Law and he currently is a member of the University Council. Professor Luja is a senior research fellow and programme leader at the Ius Commune Research School and the Maastricht Centre for Taxation.

Next to his near fulltime activities at Maastricht University Professor Luja has been expert counsel on fiscal state aid to Loyens & Loeff N.V. in Amsterdam since 2001. He is also a visiting professor at the Leiden International Tax Center and a member of the editorial boards of the Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law and the Dutch Maandblad Belasting Beschouwingen. Moreover, he lectured in fiscal state aid and harmful tax competition at several European universities and institutions. He has published primarily on issues of European tax law and fiscal state aid in particular.

Topic III: The external dimension of the EU policies: horizontal issues; trade and investment; immigration and asylum



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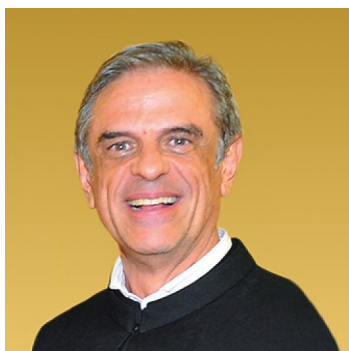
She studied law at Université de Neuchâtel, and continued her education in the United Kingdom (LL.M. at Cambridge University) and in Belgium (master en études européennes à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles). She obtained her PhD from the Université de Neuchâtel.

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Among her most recent publications: *The Transformation of the EU Common Commercial Policy* (2016), *Services financiers : Suisse et Union européenne* (2016), *The European Union in International Organisations and Global Governance* (2015), *Die Zusammenarbeit zwischen der EU und der Schweiz* (2014), *The European Union's Common Values and National Identities: Convergence or Contradiction?* (2014), *European Union Participation in International Financial Organizations* (2014), *Loyauté du commerce et défense des intérêts des Etats membres et de l'Union européenne* (2013), *The Significance of "Precedent" in the Bilateral Agreements between Switzerland and the European Union* (2012), *Libre circulation des personnes et des services* (2012), *Le rôle de la Cour de justice dans l'interprétation de*

L'accord d'association CEE-Turquie (2012), Les compétences de l'Union européenne en matière d'énergie après Lisbonne (2011).



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