

Dr Alison Bisset, Report on ILGSPD Visiting Fellowship to Université Libre de Bruxelles, 4-7 November 2025.

Following successful application, I was awarded an ILGSPD Visting Fellowship at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in November 2025. This report documents my activities while at ULB.

1. Delivery of Masters Lecture

I delivered a two-hour interactive lecture on Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes under the International Criminal Court to students studying an optional module, International and European Criminal Law, on ULB's Specialized Masters in International Law. As well as teaching students about the core international legal principles and developments, I discussed with them current negotiations at the United Nations on a new treaty on crimes against humanity and recent efforts to bolster the inter-state cooperation regime around core crimes via the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention. The content of the lecture dovetailed with our expert roundtable (see below) which students were actively encouraged to attend.

2. Roundtable on the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on Core International Crimes

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Round Table

**The Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on
international criminal cooperation for
core international crimes :
Challenges and Prospects**

Vaios Koutroulis
Professor of Public
International Law, ULB

Julia Burchett
Postdoctoral Researcher
(research associate) at the
Centre for European law, ULB

Chloé Brière
Professor of European Law,
ULB

Alison Bisset
Associate Professor in
International Human Rights
Law, University of Reading

Thursday 6 November > 18.30
Room Baugniet - S.01.326
Building S - Av. Jeanne 44
1050 Brussels

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The Roundtable brought together International and European law experts to discuss different dimensions of the recently adopted Ljubljana-The Hague Convention. We designed it around three axes: (1) state obligations (Alison Bisset and Vaïos Koutroulis); (2) inter-state cooperation (Alison Bisset and Chloé Brière); and (3) victims' rights (Alison Bisset and Julia Burchett. The event was well attended, particularly by ULB students, who gained the opportunity to learn about one of the newest developments in International Criminal Law and to engage in a Q&A as part of the event (and more informally during a drinks reception). The blend of EU Law and International law perspectives drew out some interesting dimensions and seemed particularly appropriate given Brussels' position as host to many EU institutions.

3. Networking

The Visiting Fellowship also enabled the forging of new networks and identification of possibilities for collaboration. Colleagues in the Centres for International and European Law at ULB were very welcoming and generous with their time and there was space for effective discussion of shared research interests. Professor Koutroulis is one of the few academics also working on the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention and it was incredibly useful to exchange with him and gain his insights on the Convention as I embark upon a new research project connected to the Convention's mutual legal assistance and cooperation regime. Likewise, discussions with Professor Brière unveiled shared research interests on inter-state cooperation and a possibility to work together on a project combining EU and International Criminal Law.

In sum, this was a highly successful visit to ULB and I extend my thanks to the ILGSPD Visiting Scholar scheme for the opportunity to participate.

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