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## Conference

Colleagues from UMIT – The Health & Life Sciences University, the University of Innsbruck, the Medical University of Innsbruck, and Management Center Innsbruck organized an international and multidisciplinary conference under the motto of “Healthcare in Europe – A Safe Haven?” on 26 and 27 September 2016, at Management Center Innsbruck.



One of the key objectives was to illustrate various approaches to relevant issues and facilitate dialogue between the disciplines concerned, including law, ethics, medicine, health economics and management, social sciences, etc. With almost 160 participants of 21 nations and four continents, the conference was a major success at both the national and international level and was the kick-off and first activity of this Chair, which officially started on 1 September 2016.

## Guest lectures

In order to give students an insight into topics located at the interface of law and ethics, two experts from their relevant fields gave intriguing guest lectures in different courses at MCI.



### Guest lecture Klemens H. Fischer

On 24 October 2016, Klemens H. Fischer from the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU talked about legal and ethical problems of lobbying and EU policy in a “post-truth” society.



### Guest lecture François Biltgen

On 28 October 2016, François Biltgen, Judge at the Court of Justice in Luxembourg, discussed various cases located at the interface of EU law and ethics, amongst others covering topics such as genetically modified organisms, in-vitro-fertilization, surrogacy and different discrimination cases.

## Open events

In addition to experts invited in regular MCI courses, also open events have been (co-)organized in order to disseminate knowledge and raise awareness in this field.

### Alumni speech Franz Fischler



On 14 October 2016, MCI held an Alumni guest speech of former EU Commissioner **Franz Fischler**, who high-lighted the need to search for a new narrative for the EU.

### Open lecture on migration



The current refugee and migration situation often requires a more objective and multidisciplinary approach. On 18 January 2017, several colleagues organized an open lecture entitled “Current challenges of migration. Social, legal and ethical perspectives”, where Fulbright guest-Professor Marciana L. Popescu (Fordham University, New York) high-lighted the social perspective; and Jean Monnet Professor Markus Frischhut the legal and ethical perspective of this topic.

## Online course No. 1

From 2-10 November 2016, the **first online course** on “EU integration and ethics” took place. After a one day kick-off on-site, the following topics were covered via e-learning: affirmative action, surrogacy, the moral limits of markets, and the migration and refugee situation. The course finished again with a one-day session holding students’ presentations on-site.



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## Online course No. 2

This course will again be offered from **18-28 April 2017**, not requiring any pre-knowledge and open not only to MCI Bachelor and Master students, but also to interested people outside MCI. In case you are interested in this course, please contact the Chair ([markus.frischhut@mci.edu](mailto:markus.frischhut@mci.edu)).



## News and updates

All activities organized by this Chair are always documented on the Chair's webpage [jeanmonnet.mci.edu](http://jeanmonnet.mci.edu). New updates on topics located at the interface of EU law and ethics are regularly posted under the Chair's Twitter account ([@MaFrischhut](https://twitter.com/MaFrischhut)), with the most recent tweets also displayed at the Chair's webpage (see below).



These tweets tend to cover the following topics:

- Cases of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU), of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), as well as cases of selected national courts: German Constitutional Court (BVerfG), Austrian Supreme Court (OGH).
- EU law
- Ethics
- Lobbying
- EU health law
- Brexit
- Migration

## Research and speeches

The following papers and guest speeches were published / held in preparation for this Chair:

- Frischhut, M. (2015). „EU“: Short for „Ethical“ Union?: The Role of Ethics in European Union Law. *Heidelberg Journal of International Law (HJIL)*, 75(3), 531–577.
- “EU” = ‘Ethical Union?’ The Role of Ethics in European Union Law”. Guest speech in the European Parliament. “EPP Working Group on Bioethics and Human Dignity”. Strasbourg, France. 3.2.2016.
- “The role of ethics and bioethics in EU law and ECJ case-law”. VIII Encuentro interautonómico sobre protección jurídica del paciente como consumidor. Santander, Spain. 18.6. 2015.
- “EU – Short for ethical union? The role of ethics (and morality) in European Union law”. UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 10th World Conference Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, Jerusalem, Israel. 6.1.2015.

The following paper was published since the official start of this Chair (on 1 September 2016), others will follow:

- Frischhut, M. (2017). Legal and Ethical Issues of Cross-Border Reproductive Care from an EU Perspective: Chapter 17. In M. K. Smith & L. Puczkó (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Health Tourism* (pp. 203–218). London, New York: Taylor & Francis.

## Outlook – next events at MCI

Next semester's activities will not only bring new guest-lectures and open events, but also a new version of the online course on “EU integration and ethics”:

- 14 March 2017: Alumni guest speech of Thomas Wieser, President, Economic and Financial Committee & President, Euro Working Group, Brussels: „Europe and the Euro“ ([Flyer](#))
- 29 March 2017: Guest lecture of Doris Dialer, Founding Member of ICER, Accredited Parliamentary Assistant – [European Parliament](#)
- 18-28 April 2017: MOOC on “EU integration and ethics”; for further information see [MOOC](#)
- 12 May 2017: Alumni guest speech of Aleksander Kwaśniewski, former President of the Republic of Poland: „Europe in the world“ ([Flyer](#))
- 19 May 2017: Alumni guest speech of Othmar Karas, Gründer & Sprecher des Bürgerforums Europa, Mitglied des Europäischen Parlaments, Brüssel: „EU am Scheideweg. Herausforderungen an der Schnittstelle von Mythos & Wahrheit“ ([Flyer](#))

## Outlook – events outside MCI

- 28-29 September 2017: 6th Conference of the European Association of Health Law (EAHL) „Health right regulations and the distribution of health care“ in Bergen, Norway (Conference webpage: [eahl2017.org](http://eahl2017.org))