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**Call for Papers: Proposal for a Workshop in the Netherlands
20-21 October 2011**

**LISBOAN, Workpackage 5:
Area of Freedom, Security and Justice**

Governance changes in the Area of Freedom, Security, and Justice after the Lisbon Treaty: Internalization within the EU and the member states and externalization in foreign policy

European integration is moving forward and entering areas traditionally viewed as being at the very heart of the state. Many of the developments in the area of AFSJ have been driven by heads of state coming together in European Council meetings: the Hague Programme and the Stockholm Programme have been important to establishing the priorities in this area. Justice issues are also an area where national parliaments have at times played a strong role in scrutinizing developments. With the Lisbon Treaty, the European Commission and in particular the European Parliament play an increasingly important role in setting priorities and overseeing implementation.

While we are interested in developments at the EU level, we believe that more research needs to look at the impact which the EU developments in this area have on policy and governance in the member states as part of the implementation process. These challenges involve also the accession countries and the neighbours of the EU. Thus, the external effects of the changes in EU rules can also be analyzed.

The analysis at the states' level should be done in a comprehensive, multidisciplinary way. Questions to be answered could be i.a.:

What is the influence of the EU, in particular after Lisbon, on the activities in the state: implementation of EU law (including Schengen), relation with the European Commission, Court of Justice?

What are the challenges on the national level: crime rate changes, changes in migration patterns, increase/decrease of asylum seekers?

How are these developments tackled by the political system: public opinion, political parties, government (ministry of the interior, police, etc.)?

How have national parliaments been involved in overseeing and scrutinizing national decision making toward AFSJ issues in the member states?

How have justice ministries and other national ministries been involved in developing policy towards AFSJ?

The role of human rights in dealing with these challenges: UN refugee law, Council of Europe's European Convention on Human Rights, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Research questions beyond the state level could be:

Comparison of the roles of the EU and the Council of Europe; European Court of Justice, European Court of Human Rights

The influence of multilevel governance/federal structures on implementation

Data protection policies at the EU and nation state level

The development of criminal law at the EU and nation state level

Foreign policy implications and the influence of the EU External Action Service

In this workshop, we thus welcome both single studies of member states as well as comparative and horizontal studies. We aim to bring together a group of scholars from across the EU, both Western and Eastern Europe. Additionally, we are interested in bringing together scholars across various disciplinary fields, including lawyers, political scientists, sociologists, and others.

The meeting in The Hague on 20-21 October 2011 will be the opportunity to present first drafts for presentation and discussion, with final publishable drafts to follow in mid-December. We are aiming to produce a special journal issue from these contributions.

Representatives from the Fundamental Rights Agency will also take part, both to react to the results of our academic research, and to provide comment from their perspective as policy makers and members of a EU research agency.

Additionally, civil servants from the Dutch government will be present, to react to our research results as part of the dissemination process, and to share the Dutch government perspective on changes to governance in this policy area.

Please send a 1 page proposal of your paper by May 20th, 2011 to R.L.Holz hacker@rug.nl and Paul.Luif@oiip.ac.at. Thank you.

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