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For the past twenty years (with Mike Smith) he has contributed the chapter on EU external relations to the Journal of Common Market Studies Annual Review of the European Union. His research area includes contributions on EU foreign policy, British foreign policy, EU cohesion policy and UK nuclear weapons. His most recent publications include 'The Common Foreign and Security Policy' in The Oxford Handbook of European Integration (OUP, 2012 forthcoming); 'The UK Coalition Government's European Policy, *Integration*, 3/2011, pp. 197-213; 'New Labour and Nuclear Weapons' in *British Foreign Policy: The New Labour Years* (Palgrave, 2011);

contributions on cohesion policy to the 2010 edition of *Policy-Making in the EU* (OUP), to *EU Cohesion Policy after Enlargement* (Palgrave, 2008) and contributions on "Sports and the European Union" (2008, Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary European Research*).

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He is editor in chief of Egmont's journal *'Studia Diplomatica'* and of its *'Egmont Papers'*; member of the board of the Flemish United Nations Association; foreign languages book review editor of the journal *'European Foreign Affairs Review'*; and member of the editorial board of the journals *'Internationale Spectator'* (Clingendael Institute, The Hague) and *'European Security'*. His recent research and publications have focused inter alia on European strategy, on which he has recently published *'Europe, Strategy and Armed Forces – The Making of a Distinctive Power'* (Routledge, 2011, with Jo Coelmont). Currently he is co-editing *'The Routledge Handbook of European Security'* (with Richard Whitman, forthcoming).



Robert Cooper has been appointed to the post of Counsellor in the European External Action Service in December 2010. Robert Cooper was previously the Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. Before moving to Brussels in 2002 he was Special Representative of the British Government on Afghanistan. He joined the British Diplomatic Service after his studies and has served in New York, Tokyo, Brussels and Bonn. His Foreign Office career was divided broadly between Asia and Europe. He has published a number of essays and articles on international affairs and, most recently, a book of essays "The Breaking of Nations".

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Steven Everts has been working for about 15 years on EU foreign policy, first as analyst and now as advisor and policy-maker. He is currently a Member in the Cabinet of HR/VP Catherine Ashton with responsibility for Asia and the Pacific; Turkey; and the general issue of how to frame and strengthen the EU's relations with its Strategic Partners. Previously, he covered the EU's relations with the US, Canada and the UN.

Between 2005 and 2009, Steven Everts worked for SG/HR Javier Solana, both as his Personal Representative for Energy and Foreign Policy and as a Member of his Cabinet.

Before his time at the EU, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the London-based Centre for European Reform and Director of the CER's transatlantic programme, which covered the full range of US-European relations. At the CER, his research focused on trends in EU foreign policy, both in terms of the policies the EU should pursue and the institutional reforms necessary to make the EU a more influential global actor.

Steven Everts has been the author of numerous articles on EU issues in leading European and North American publications, including *Survival*, the *World Policy Journal*, *Internationale Politik* and the *International Spectator*. He has written many articles for the *Financial Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *die Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *Le Monde*, and *NRC/Handelsblad*.

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Stephan Keukeleire's research and publications on EU foreign policy mainly focus on the CFSP, EU diplomacy, structural foreign policy, informal governance in EU foreign policy, the EU-BRICS relationship, and the EU's security sector reforms policies towards Kosovo and the DR Congo. He is co-author of the widely used textbook "The Foreign Policy of the European Union" (Palgrave Macmillan) and coordinator of the specialized Online Resource Guide Exploring EU Foreign Policy (<http://www.exploring-europe.eu/foreignpolicy>).

At the creation of the EEAS in late 2010, **Christian Leffler** was appointed by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton to be Managing Director for the Americas (North, Central and South America and the Caribbean).

Before that, Mr Leffler held the post of Deputy Director-General at the Commission's Directorate-General for Development Cooperation. In 2010 he has also acted as an adviser to the High Representative on issues concerning the creation of the EEAS. Prior to this he was Head of Cabinet of Commission Vice President Margot Wallström and, earlier, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the then External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten.

Mr Leffler began his career path at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He served at the Embassies in Egypt and France and at the Ministry in Stockholm before going to Brussels in 1991 to participate in Sweden's EU accession negotiations. He worked on institutional issues and external relations at the European Commission from 1996 until he joined the EEAS in 2010.



Karolina Pomorska is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Politics at Maastricht University. She was awarded a PhD at Loughborough University in 2008. In Maastricht, she teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses, such as External Relations of the European Union, Negotiation Skills, EU as an International Player and she coordinates a six-month Minor European Studies program. Karolina's main research interest include attitude formation and socialization among the officials involved in the European Foreign Policy and Europeanisation of national foreign policies. She has published the results of her work in journals such as *European Journal of Public Policy*, *Comparative*

European Politics or *Journal of European Integration*. In 2012, together with Sophie Vanhoonacker and Petar Petrov, she co-edited a Special Issue of the *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*: "The Emerging EU Diplomatic System". Karolina's project on the European External Action Service has been selected for a two-year Marie Curie Fellowship, starting in July 2012 at the University of Cambridge.



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The principal areas of research of Professor Smith are transatlantic relations, relations between the EU, the US and Asia, the making of EU external policies and the role of the EU in post-Cold War Europe and global governance, as well as more general issues of foreign policy and international political economy. Recent and current projects include work on role-theoretical approaches to the EU in international politics, regime analysis and the EU's role in global governance, the EU's role in European and international order, the evolution and functioning of the EU's diplomatic

system, EU relations with Asia, and the study of competition and convergence between the EU and the US in the global arena.

In 2010, Michael Smith received the Award for Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary European Studies from the University Association for Contemporary European Studies, the UK professional association for academics working in this field.

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He has published widely on European affairs. In addition to various articles on the Commission and the EU, on CFSP, and on effective multilateralism, he is the editor with Brian Hocking of *'Foreign Ministries in the European Union: integrating diplomats'*, Palgrave, 2006, *'The European Commission'*, Harper, 3rd edition 2006, *'The EU and Terrorism'*, Harper, 2007 and *'The EU and Security Sector Reform'*, Harper, 2008. His most recent publications are *'EU Governance and Global Governance'* in *'Global Governance and Diplomacy: worlds apart'* published by Palgrave in 2008, and edited by A. Cooper, B. Hocking and W. Maley; *'Days of Dogs and Roses: the European Commission between foreign policy and external relations'* in *Revue des Affaires européennes* 2009-2010/1; *'Deconstructing EU Governance: how the European Commission constructed EU governance policy and how it attempts to export it'* in J. Wunnerlich and D. Bailey, *'The EU and Global Governance'*, Routledge, 2011. Since arriving at the LSE he has published *'The Early Days of the European External Action Service: A Practitioner's View'* in the *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, 2012.



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impact of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) on national administrations; Brussels-based bureaucracies in the field of security and defence; the development of a European External Action Service (EEAS).

Professor Vanhoonacker teaches various courses on EU institutions/decision making and on EU foreign policy both at Bachelor and Master level and supervises several PhD students. She currently co-directs an Initial Training Marie Curie Research Network (2010-13) that investigates EU inter- and intra-institutional cooperation. Since September 2011, she is also co-director of the new Maastricht Centre for European Governance (MCEG), an EU-funded 'Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence' (see: www.mceg-maastricht.eu).

Toby Vogel covers foreign relations and justice and home affairs for European Voice, an Economist Group newsweekly in Brussels. Previously, he was a contributing editor of Transitions Online and a writer on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's daily Newslines. He was educated at the University of Zurich (MA, philosophy, 1995), completed his PhD coursework in politics at the New School for Social Research (1998), and was a Mellon Foundation fellow on security and humanitarian action at City University of New York (2003). He has worked for the Open Society Institute, the International Rescue Committee, and the UN Development Programme, mostly in New York, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he lived in 1999-2005.



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the governance and future priorities of the EU. He is on the editorial boards of 'European Security' and 'Studia Diplomatica'.

Professor Whitman is a regular media commentator, working with print and broadcast media at home and overseas. He has been interviewed widely on Europe and European integration. Recent coverage has included BBC radio and television, CNN, Bloomberg, CNBC, Newsweek, Reuters, the International Herald Tribune and the Wall Street Journal. Professor Whitman was elected an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in October 2007 and is currently the elected Chair of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES).

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Prof. Wouters is Editor of the International Encyclopedia of Intergovernmental Organizations, Vice-Director of the *Revue belge de droit international* and editorial board member in ten international journals. His current research agenda includes study on the relationship between global multilateral organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, and the European Union; study on the accountability of international organizations; study on multilevel regulatory interactions between global, European and national/subnational rules and standards, including private standards and study on the contribution of the European Union to the international rule of law. Recently he (co-)authored inter alia a treatise on international law (*Grondlijnen van Internationaal Recht*, 2005), 'The World Trade Organization' (2007) and 'Upgrading the EU's Role as Global Actor' (2011).