

**THE PEACE OF UTRECHT 1713:
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE BALANCE OF POWER**

A MINI-SYMPOSIUM IN PREPARATION OF THE
2013 COMMEMORATION OF THE PEACE OF UTRECHT
AND MARKING THE RETIREMENT FROM UTRECHT UNIVERSITY OF
PROFESSOR KEES ROELOFSEN

The Utrecht Peace Treaties of 1713 are a watershed in the history of the European political system. They marked the end of half a century of armed conflict between France and an English/Dutch/Habsburg coalition. France had to give up the pretension to dominate Europe and was forced to accept cooperation with the other Great Powers in a balanced system. 'Utrecht' inaugurated a 25 years period of peace in Western Europe and arguably established the model to which European statesmen were to revert in Vienna in 1815.

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Thursday, 17 November 2011

PROGRAM

2.00-2.10 Opening by Prof. Fred Soons

Session chair: Professor Terry Gill

2.10-2.40 Prof. Martti Koskenniemi (University of Helsinki):
The Peace of Utrecht: an utopian European order?

2.40-2.50 Commentary by Prof. Kees Roelofsen (emeritus, Utrecht University)

2.50-3.15 Discussion

3.15-3.45 Tea break

Session chair: Professor Eric Myjer

3.45-4.15 Prof. Randall Lesaffer (University of Tilburg):
The Peace of Utrecht: a conventional balance of power?

4.15-4.25 Commentary by Dr. David Onnekink (Utrecht University)

4.25-4.50 Discussion

4.50-5.00 Prof. Fred Soons:
On the retirement of Prof. Kees Roelofsen

5.00-6.00 Drinks

Admission is free, but places are limited. You need to register before 31 October 2011
with Mrs Thea Richardson at: T.Richardson@uu.nl
Abstracts of the two main papers will be available in advance.