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***The European Union-
an emerging superpower or an irrelevant club?***

This Seminar is offered as part of the Master of Law Program in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law

Lars Danielsson is since 2008 Swedish Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macao. Danielsson entered the Swedish Foreign Service in 1980 and has served at the Swedish Embassy in Beijing, at the Swedish Representation to the International Organizations in Geneva and at the Swedish Mission to the United Nations in New York. In 1999, he served as State Secretary for International and EU Policy at the Prime Minister' s Office and from 2002 to 2006, he was the Prime Minister' s State Secretary. Danielsson was Sweden' s representative in the General Affairs Council of the EU between 2002 and 2006 and has also participated in all European Council meetings between 1994 and 2006. He was Sweden' s chief negotiator in the Intergovernmental Conference preparing the Constitutional Treaty, which as signed in 2004.

Talk Outline

The European Union continues to be the most ambitious example of regional integration in the world. For many years, the ambition of European leaders was to both deepen the co-operation ("an ever closer union") and enlarge its membership at the same time. The last decade has seen a reduction of the popular support in many European countries for both more integration and a larger union. (Examples are the "no" s in a number of referendums on treaties.) At the same time, the Lisbon Treaty sets the scene for a strengthened European voice, not least in international affairs. The lecture will discuss the changes in the overall direction of European integration over the last two decades. An attempt will be made to predict where the EU will be heading in the coming years - bigger, deeper, more flexible?

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