

The TTIP - Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Issues & Perspectives for International Commercial Law

Bruges - 15 April 2016

Academic Workshop organized by the « Association Internationale de Droit Economique »
and the « College of Europe »

The theme of the Academic Workshop is the « Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership ». It aims at offering a critical analysis of the agreement in the context of international trade regulation. The legal issues will be discussed both in a general and a sector-specific perspective with a view to keep a distance from the classical controversy : « for or against the TTIP ».

The workshop will be bilingual French and English and will be structured along the following lines.

Program

9:00 **Welcome of participants**

9:15 **Welcome Speech**

Alexia Autenne, Prof. Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium; Research associate FNRS

Chair : Inge Govaere, Director of the European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe, Bruges; Prof. UGent

9:30 **General introduction**

Hanns Ullrich, Prof. College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

9:45 **Key note speech**

The main axis of the TTIP from the point of view of the European Commission

Édouard Bourcieu, European Commission representative for commercial questions in France and in Belgium

10:30 TTIP — issues and problems from the point of view of academia

Michael Hahn, Prof. University of Bern; Director, World Trade Institute

11:00 Coffee break

Chair : Clotilde Jourdain-Fortier, Prof. Université de Bourgogne, France

11:15 The place of the TTIP in the international legal order

Henri Culot, Lecturer Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

11:45 Regulatory Cooperation : Principles and implementation

Alberto Alemanno, Prof. HEC Paris, France ; Prof. New York University, USA

12:15 Regulatory means and techniques for services liberalisation

Vassilis Hatzopoulos, Prof. College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

12:45 **Discussion**

13:15 Lunch

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Chair : Sacha Garben, Prof. College of Europe

- 14:20** The impact of the TTIP on the health sector
Clotilde Jourdain-Fortier, Prof. Université de Bourgogne Franche-Comté, France
- 14:40** The impact of the TTIP on the non-market sector
Philippe Coppens, Prof. Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium; Senior research associate FNRS
- 15:00** The impact of the TTIP on the agricultural sector
Francois Collart Dutilleul, Prof. Université de Nantes, France
- 15:20** The TTIP Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism
Gabriele Ruscilla, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris)
- 15:40** **Discussion**
- 16:00** Coffee break

Chair : Hanns Ullrich, Prof. College of Europe

- 16:15** **Round Table with Q&A**
- The economical importance of the TTIP : **Jacques Pelkmans**, Prof. College of Europe, Bruges; CEPS economist
 - The geopolitical importance of the TTIP : **Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann**, Prof. EUI, Florence, Italy
 - Three fundamental objections to the TTIP : **Pierre Defraigne**, Prof. College of Europe-Madariaga
- 17:15** **Conclusions**
Inge Govaere, Director of the European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe, Bruges; Prof. UGent, Belgium and **Eric Balate**, President, AIDE; Lecturer, Université de Mons, Belgium
- 17:30** **End of the workshop**
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Organizing committee

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