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 Regulator means and techniques for services liberalisation
Vassilis Hatzopoulos, Prof. College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

12:45 Discussion

13:15 Lunch
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 Ruscalla, 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
Eric Balate, President, AIDE; Lecturer, Université de Mons, Belgium

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