



Call for papers

TTIP and Beyond

Negotiating and implementing EU's Free Trade Agreements in an uncertain environment

Conference

Rennes (France), 15th-16th June 2017

*The Jean Monnet Network LAWTTIP associating University of Bologna, King's College London and University of Rennes 1 holds its **First Joint Conference** in Rennes on June 15th and 16th 2017. Organised by the Institut de l'Ouest: Droit et Europe (IODE UMR CNRS 6262) (Western Institute: Law and Europe) for the account of the LAWTTIP network, the Conference will take place at Rennes' Faculty of Law and Political Science.*

For this event the LAWTTIP Jean Monnet Network sends the present call for papers.

Scientific objectives of the Conference

TTIP has been quite a hot topic on EU's Agenda as far as External Action is concerned. Symptom, Model, Symbol? Legal questions raised by TTIP exceed the TTIP negotiation process itself especially in a context of important changes both for the European Union and the United States.

TTIP has become – this being relevant or not – the symbol of a new generation of EU's Free Trade Agreements (FTA) conceiving trade relations in a deep and comprehensive way including new topics within the negotiation.

Still in negotiation, TTIP brought light on a rising generation of Free trade agreements. Citizen's, local powers, stakeholders, National Parliaments... discovered that new issues were at stake with such a deep and comprehensive form of trade agreements aiming at interconnecting economies and legal systems. As a snowball effect, raising question within the TTIP negotiation spilled over other ongoing negotiations. For example, EU-Canada CETA which was at a more advanced procedural stage became all of a sudden a major European topic. Its signature implied last minute changes and its conclusion and provisional application are subject to several procedural uncertainties (mixture, potential referenda within Member States...).





The purpose of this conference is to go over institutional, procedural, democratic issues raised by the negotiating and implementation of TTIP *per se*, and also as a symbol/revealer of new legal issues implied by the new scope of EU's free trade agreements.

The papers will focus on some of the following topics:

1 Negotiating, signing, concluding TTIP and EU's FTAs

- Negotiating method :

Within this topic, papers may, for example, focus on:

- the legal status of negotiating directives, on the composition of negotiating teams ;
- the impact of legal nature of the partners, a Federal State on one side, a *sui generis* Legal entity on the other side on the negotiating and implementing process ;
- the application of some general principles of EU law such as transparency principle or loyalty principle at the negotiation stage and their impact on the conduct of the negotiation might be discussed ;
- the capacity of stakeholders to influence the negotiation process and content.

- Democratic issues :

Papers dealing with democratic issues may discuss both representative and participative democracy issues including for example:

- the role of the European Parliament ;
- the role of National et local Parliaments of the Member States ;
- the potential use of referendum within Member States on TTIP or other FTAs
- the use of the Citizen Initiative instrument
- the role of the Consultative Organs of the EU

- Procedural issues for the EU :

Procedural issues include papers raising issues such as:

- the scope of EU's competency to sign and conclude its new generation of FTAs (legal basis, mixity...) ;
- the provisional application of the new generation of FTAs in a uncertain environment ;
- the potential need for procedural adaptations of the conventional process within a Brexit context.

2. Implementing TTIP and EU's FTAs

- Institutional framework established by the agreements:

TTIP and EU's FTAs establish common/joint organs in charge of implementing and developing the partnership on a long term perspective. The capacity of these agreements to generate new norms derived from their primary provisions raises many questions:

- Which normative role for common organs created by agreements for their implementation ?
- Which parliamentary involvement in their normative activities ?
- Which legal effect (binding effect, direct effect...) for the acts they adopt?

- Systemic issues :

- Interactions between EU's FTAs (potential impact of TTIP on EU's pre-existing agreements)





Submission informations

Submission deadline

Proposal of contributions of 500 to 1000 words can be sent in English (or exceptionally in French) to pasquale.breger@univ-rennes1.fr before **March 31st 2017**. Contributors will be selected by the scientific committee and will be notified in mid-april. Please note that contributions might be selected either as keynote speaker or as contributor.

Transportation and accommodation costs of the participants are covered by the conference organisers.

Publication

After the Conference, contributors will send a final English version of their contribution to be published in a book. Please note that although two working languages (French and English) will be used during the Conference, the results of the conference will be published in English only.

Final English written version of the paper (max. 10 000 words) will be due by September 30th for publication process.

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