**Transatlantic Perspectives: The Future of European Law and Policy VI**

*Institute of European Law: 28-29 June 2018 University of Birmingham*

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (Draft)**

**Thursday 28 June 2016, 11.00 am-12.45 pm: Lecture Theatre 1**

**Opening plenary session: “Transatlantic Perspectives”**

**Chair:** Dr Maria Anna Corvaglia, University of Birmingham  
**Opening:** Professor Martin Trybus, Director, Institute of European Law, University of Birmingham  
**Keynote address:** The Changing Structure of International Economic Law and the Future of Regulatory Cooperation: Professor Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute, Berne, Switzerland  
**Responses:** Professor Roberto Caranta, University of Turin, Italy, Professor Gabriel Felbermayr, IFO Institute, Munich, Germany, + Professor Jean-Baptiste Velut, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, France

**Lunch 12.30-2.00 pm, Law Senior Common Room**

**Workshops 1: Thursday 28 June 2018, 2.00-3.30 pm**

**1A: Free Trade Disagreements?, Lecture Theatre 2**

**Discussant:** Professor Thomas Cottier, World Trade Institute, Berne, Switzerland  
Connectivity and cross-border infrastructures in a fragmented economic framework: the case of the XL Keystone pipeline: Maria Anna Corvaglia *(University of Birmingham, UK)*  
Institutional Inertia and Changing Regulatory Preferences in Trade and Investment Regimes: Melanie Theisinger *(Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)*  
Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters in EU FTAs after Opinion 2/15: Iulianna Romanchyshyna *(University of Passau, Germany)*

**1B: Foreign- Security- Trade- Policy, Law Board Room**

**Discussant:** Dr Aris Georgopoulos, University of Nottingham, UK  
A European geo-economic strategy? EU trade policy and changing global power relations: Tobias Gehrke *(Egmont: Royal Belgian Institute of International Relations, Brussels, Belgium)*  
The Future of European Defence: Julia Schmidt *(University of Exeter, UK)*  
The future of pre-emption in EU foreign affairs. A comparative perspective: Luigi Lonardo, King’s College London, UK  
Enhanced cooperation – a suitable means for flexible integration? Robert Böttner *(German University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer, Germany)*

**1C: The Economics of EU Trade and Investment Policy, Law 114**

**Discussant:** Professor Gabriel Felbermayr, IFO Institute, Munich, Germany  
The impact of trade agreements on the agri-food system, diet and health in Europe: Jorge Soguero Escuer *(University of Birmingham, UK)*  
Firm-level responses to EU FTAs on outsourcing decisions (EU-FIREOUT): Sonali Chowdhry *(IFO Institute, Munich, Germany)*  
Investment regulation in BITs (bilateral investment treaties) and other IIAs (International Investment Agreements: Gerard Masllorens *(ETH Zurich, Switzerland)*
**1D: Human Rights, Harding Moot Room**

**Discussant:** Professor Jean-Baptiste Velut, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris, France

- Fundamental rights and EU trade agreements: democratising global governance? *Isabella Mancini (City University London, UK)*
- A price for human rights? A policy-based approach for the protection of human rights in Europe: *Stephanos Xenophoros (University of Birmingham, UK)*
- Is there a need for amending the cross-compliance conditions in CAP funding to include labour and human rights standards? The case of agricultural workers in Sicily: *Alessandra Asteriti (Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany)*

**Tea 3.30-4.00 pm, Law Senior Common Room**

**Workshops 2: Thursday 28 June 2018, 4.00-5.30 pm**

**2A: Free Trade Agreements, Lecture Theatre 2**

**Discussant:** Professor Roberto Caranta, University of Turin, Italy

- EU’s Association Agreements with the Eastern Partners and the Limits of Transformative Power: *Rilka Dragneva and Kataryna Wolczuk (University of Birmingham, UK)*
- Regulatory coherence, market access and the acceptability of regional agreements: *Camille Réverdy (CIREM, Paris, France)*
- Regulatory Cooperation in the EU FTAs: Legitimate Implementation and External Projection: *Kornilia Pipidi (German University of Administrative Science Speyer, Germany)*

**2B: Dispute Settlement, Law Board Room**

**Discussant:** Professor Wolfgang Weiss, German University of Administrative Science Speyer

- The Relationship between State-to-State Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in EU FTAs and WTO: *Cornilia Fuculita (German University of Administrative Science Speyer, Germany)*
- The Metamorphosis of Investor State Dispute Settlement Mechanisms and the European Union: *Adit Warrier (DGS, India)*
- EU and the reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS): *Aveek Chakravarty (Univeristy of Turin, Italy)*

**2C: Energy and Trade, Law 114**

**Discussant:** Dr Maria Anna Corvaglia, University of Birmingham, UK

- The Role of Energy Security in EU Trade and Investment: *Simon Dekeyrel (University of Nottingham)*
- The Impact of the Post Lisbon Energy Policy on EU Natural Gas Supplying Countries: *Andrea Rocco (University of Birmingham, UK)*

**Conference reception: 7.00-8.00 pm and conference dinner 8.00-10.00 pm, Astor Suite, Staff House, University of Birmingham**
Workshops 3: Friday 29 June 2018, 9.30-11.00 am

3A: Public procurement and international trade, Lecture Theatre 2
Discussant: Professor Martin Trybus, University of Birmingham, UK
Liberalisation of Public Procurement Markets through Free Trade Agreements? Alice Manzini (University of Birmingham, UK)
The Internationalisation of Public Procurement: Aris Georgopoulos (University of Nottingham, UK)
Transatlantic Defence Procurement Regulation: Luke Butler (University of Birmingham, UK)

3B: Environmental Law and Policy, Law Board Room
Discussant: Dr Aleksandra Cavoski, University of Birmingham, UK
The roles of Feed-in Tariffs (FITs) in accelerating renewables industry in the EU: Yunxiang Shi, University of Birmingham, UK
The Right to a Healthy Night Environment in European Union Context: Pedithep Youu yenyong (Chiang Mai University, Thailand)
X Marks the Spot: Where EU Environmental and EU Cohesion Policies Meet: Petya Dragneva (University of Sheffield, UK)

3C: Social Policy and Workers, Law 114
Discussant: Professor Anthony Arnell, University of Birmingham, UK
Does the future look bright or was the past so grim? The re-emergence of the "social" as an EU priority: Konstantinos Alexandris Polomarkakis (University of Lincoln, UK)
Status EU migrant workers and job-seekers in the UK pre- and post-Brexit: Rufat Babayev (University of Leicester, UK)
Towards Regulatory Coherence in Labour Standards, Environmental Protection and Governance in Transatlantic Trade and Investment Agreements: Aakriti Bhardwaj (University of Nottingham, UK)

Coffee 11.00-11.30 am, Law Senior Common Room

Workshops 4: Friday 29 June 2018, 11.30-13.00 am

4A: Competition and State aids, LT2
Discussant: Dr Luke Butler, University of Birmingham, UK
Collusive Computing: An Analysis of Antitrust Issues Pertaining to the Algorithm Driven Markets: Arushi Gupta and Sanchit (WIPO Ltd., India)
Tax Rulings and State Aids: is National Fiscal Sovereignty Under Siege? Gabriella Perotto (University of Turin, Italy)
A critical appraisal of the Cross-border Mergers Directive: Thomas Papadopoulos (University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus)

4B: Financial services, Law Board Room
Discussant: Professor Joanna Gray, University of Birmingham, UK
The EU and Global Financial Governance: what role for EU Law? Francesco Pennesi (Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
Brexit: UK’s Double-edged Sword: Financial Services Devendra Singh and Pradyum Chaudhary (Amity University Noida, India)

Barbecue, 1.15-2.30, lawn in front of Birmingham Law School (weather permitting)