



FACULTÉ DE DROIT, D'ÉCONOMIE ET DE FINANCE

The Future of EU Trade Policy: The Implications of Opinion 2/15 (EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement)

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ABSTRACT

European Court of Justice's Opinion 2/15 (of May 16, 2017) is deemed to be a watershed moment for the EU's external competence to conclude the new generation of Free Trade Agreements (FTA). The Opinion, dealing with the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, further delineates the contours of the EU Common Commercial Policy (CCP) and of the Union's implied external competences. Taking Opinion 2/15 as a starting point the conference will evaluate the extent to which has the Lisbon Treaty really changed anything in relation to the CCP, especially as regards the Foreign Direct Investment.

In addition, Opinion 2/15 lays down the foundations for the development of the EU Trade Policy agenda, and specially, the conclusion of 'new generation' FTAs. The conference will focus on whether Opinion 2/15 further advances the EU Trade agenda or puts further obstacles. Issues of such relevance like the nature of the future EU-UK FTA after Brexit, the fate of the ratifications of the new FTAs, or the feasibility of a Multilateral Investment Court will be heavily affected by the Court's Opinion.

To comment and discuss these issues, among many others, the conference brings together a varied group of scholars and practitioners and benefits from the participation of ECJ Judges Ilesič and Bay Larsen.

Friday 19 May 2017

From 10.00 am – 18.30 pm

-Location

University of Luxembourg
Weicker Building
Conference room B 001 (Ground floor)
4, rue Alphonse Weicker
L-2721 Luxembourg

-Language

English/French

-Registration

Free event, followed by a cocktail.
Maximum number of attendants: 80

Please register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/the-future-of-eu-trade-policy-the-implications-of-opinion-215-eu-singapore-free-trade-agreement-registration-34028814099>

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10:00-13:00 – Workshop

OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF EU FREE TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

Dr Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi (Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo)

The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and the Member States' Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

Nicolas Pigeon (PhD Candidate, University Paris 1)

L'interférence du droit international public dans l'exercice des compétences externes de l'UE

Alberto Quintavalla and Titiaan Keijzer (PhD Candidates, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Free Trade Agreements Have Bitten off More than They Can Chew?

Discussants:

Dr Karine Caunes (Academy of European Law, Trier)

Dr Magdalena Lickova (Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union)

Dr Andrea Ott (Associate Professor, Maastricht University)

14:00-18:30 – Round Table

OPINION 2/15 OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE: IMPACT ON EU LAW AND TRADE POLICY

With the participation of **Judge Marko Ilešič** and **Judge Lars Bay Larsen**

(Court of Justice of the European Union)

14:00-16:00 – Panel 1

Prof. Piet Eeckhout (University College London)

Dr Andrés Delgado Casteleiro (Max Planck Institute Luxembourg)

Julien Miéral (Head of Industry, Innovation and Legal Affairs, Embassy of France in Germany)

Dr Andrea Ott (Associate Professor, Maastricht University)

Moderator: **Prof. Eleftheria Neframi** (University of Luxembourg)

16:30-18:30 – Panel 2

Prof. Pieter Jan Kuijper (University of Amsterdam)

Prof. Emmanuel Castellarin (University of Strasbourg)

Dr Karine Caunes (Academy of European Law, Trier)

Dr Mauro Gatti (University of Luxembourg)

Dr Luca Pantaleo (Lecturer, The Hague University of Applied Sciences)

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