

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE POLICY AND LAW-MAKING IN AN ERA OF SOFT LAW: IS THE EU A LEADER OR A LAGGARD?

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday, 21 June 2024

10.45am-11.00am Coffee, Welcome (Elaine Fahey)

11.00am-12.30am *Key directions of IEL/ IPE/ EU international relations: law, policy & practice*

- David Henig, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), *Does soft trade law show the limits of trade agreements or is it a foundation for new ones?*
- Maria Belen Gracia, University of Maastricht, *Soft law in EU's foreign trade policy to promote sustainable value chains and the transition to a circular economy*
- Anne Thies, University of Glasgow, *The EU's strategic partnerships on trade and technology: scope for the promotion of gender equality and women's economic empowerment?*
- Josephine Norris, European Commission Legal Service, tbc

Discussant, TBC

12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm-2.30pm *Institutional issues of the soft law shift- The place of parliaments, institutions- and less so courts in contemporary trade?*

- Fabia Jones, European Parliament Liaison Office (ELPO), UK, *The European Parliament Liaison Office in the United Kingdom (TBC)*
- Joseph Dunne, outgoing director EPLO Washington DC, *The de facto exclusion of the European Parliament in the TTC with the US*
- Alexander Horne, Barrister, Cornerstone Chambers/ Durham University, *Treaty Scrutiny: The Role of Parliament in UK Trade Agreements*
- Rosalind Stevens, Civil Society Alliance, *Comparing Civil society and the EU DAGs and EU-UK TCA (TBC)*
- Marc Jütten, EPRS, TBC

Discussant: Oana Stefan, Kings College London

2.30-3.00pm Coffee

3.00pm-4.30pm *Framing the key 'movers' in trade and tech: on the 'West' and key 'contra powers'*

- Paarth Naithani, Jindal Law School, India, *Towards an EU Data Protection Adequacy Decision for India*
- Xuechen Chen, Northeastern University London, *Understanding China's approach to multilateral and regional digital trade governance*
- Thomas Verellen, Utrecht Law School, *Balancing Power and Protecting Rights: A Study on Soft Law Instruments in EU-Canada Trade and Technology Relations*
- Alex Bakos and Christos Karetos, City Law School, City, University of London, *Security Creep in a Minilateral European Trade Framework*

Discussant: TBC

Closing reflections followed by reception and dinner for speakers