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Understanding the EU as a Good Global Governance Actor Workshop

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Biographies of the Speakers

Ignacio Garcia-Bercero, European Commission

Ignacio Garcia Bercero is Director at the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG TRADE). He currently oversees activities related to the US, Canada and the EU Neighbouring Countries. Mr Garcia Bercero coordinated the work of the EU-US High Level Working Group on Growth and Jobs, which recommended the launch of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations. He joined the European Commission in 1987 and has thorough experience in a large number of trade-related policy areas. Mr Garcia Bercero authored several papers and publications on the subjects of Trade Laws, GATT and WTO System, Safeguard Measures, Trade and Competition, WTO Dispute Settlement Reform and bilateral dispute settlement rules in European Free Trade Agreements.

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Kalypso Nicolaïdis is Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and a governing body fellow at St Antony's College at the European Studies Centre. She teaches the theories and practice of international relations, European integration, international political economy, negotiation and game theory, and research methods. Previously Professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, she has worked with numerous EU institutions. Prof Nicolaïdis' interests revolve around internal and external aspects of EU integration as well as global affairs, theatres of recognition, democratic theory, solidarity and empathy, global governance and international trade, sustainable integration, post-colonialism, myth and politics and the import of new technologies on international relations. Her latest book titled 'Exodus, Reckoning, Sacrifice: Three Meanings of Brexit' was published in 2019.

Ramses Wessel, University of Groningen

Ramses Wessel is a Professor at the Faculty of Law at University of Groningen. He teaches and publishes on European law, with a focus on the interface between EU law and international and domestic law, EU external relations law, and the law of international organisations. He is author of more than 300 publications including books, book chapters, journal articles, working papers, etc. Recently, Prof Wessel co-edited the paper 'EU Trade Agreements and the Duty to Respect Human Rights Abroad' published by Centre for the Law of European External Relations (CLEER). His latest co-edited book entitled 'EU External Relations Law: The Cases in Context' is expected to be published in July 2021.

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Jean-Baptiste Velut is an Associate Professor in American Studies at the Sorbonne Nouvelle University of Paris. His research focuses on state-market relations, trade policy and globalization debates in the United States. He is also an external consultant on EU trade agreements for the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission. One of his major works is the co-edited book entitled 'Understanding Mega Trade Deals: The Political and Economic Governance of New Cross-Regionalism' published by Routledge in 2017. He is also author of journal articles, law reports, book chapters, etc.

Martin Trybus, University of Birmingham

Martin Trybus is Professor of European Law at University of Birmingham. His research aims to make a contribution to the understanding and development of the Law of the EU, especially its economic and constitutional aspects, to establish EU Defence and Security Law as a separate legal subject, and to contribute to the understanding and development of public procurement regulation and policy. He is the author of three monographs and seven edited collections. Prof Trybus is currently working on research projects relating to the use of public procurement to promote the participation of SME, national security in EU law after the Defence Package, and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

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Tonia Novitz is Professor of Labour Law at the University of Bristol. Her research interests focus predominantly on labour law, international and EU trade and the protection of human rights. She has also been engaged in critical analysis of the Trade Union Act 2016 as it made its passage through parliament and much of her work on this has appeared in recent issues of the Industrial Law Journal. Prof Novitz is currently engaged in research on the protection of labour standards under EU trade law, as well as worker-related issues arising in the context of trade agreements and global supply chains.

Eva Pander Maat, City, University of London

Eva Pander Maat is a PhD candidate at City, University of London. Her thesis focuses on the incorporation of the EU's climate ambitions in EU trade policy and law. The European Green Deal sets unprecedented climate aims, most notably that of climate neutrality by 2050. The EU is intent to merge these aims with economic growth and the expansion of international trade. However, the incorporation of climate concerns and environmental protection in EU trade policy and law invokes political and legal challenges: climate concerns are often antithetical to trade interests and at tension with the rule-based multilateral trade order. Her thesis will investigate how the EU faces these challenges whilst observing the coherence of EU external action and WTO law. Besides her research, she teaches on EU law courses at City Law School.

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Dr Clair Gammage is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol. As a critical scholar of international economic law, Dr Gammage has published extensively in the field of law and development. Her research interests relate to the relationship between trade and human rights, and the trade: (sustainable) development nexus. She is a scholar of WTO law and writes on regional trade agreements and the EU's external trade policy. Dr Gammage's first monograph, 'North-South Regional Trade Agreements as Legal Regimes: A Critical Assessment of the EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement' (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017) has been widely celebrated for its interdisciplinary account of the EU's trade relationships with its former colonies in the African, Caribbean and Pacific region.

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Xuechen Chen is Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the New College of the Humanities. Prior to joining NCH, She was a Teaching Fellow in Politics and International Studies Department at SOAS, University of London. She completed a PhD in European Studies at King's College London in 2020. Dr Chen's research primarily focuses on the EU-ASEAN interregionalism, exploring the EU's norm and policy diffusion towards Southeast Asia. She also held research positions at the European Institute for Asian Studies, and at the EU Centre in Singapore. Dr Chen's recent work, a co-authored book chapter entitled 'Exploring the Dynamic Nexus between the European Union's Trade and Foreign Policy Toward East Asia', was published in February 2020 in 'European Yearbook of International Economic Law'.

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Maria Garcia is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at University of Bath since 2014. Her current projects include a book on the divergent free trade agreement strategies of large and small economies in Asia-Pacific and their effects on the development of future economic governance in the region. Her research interests embrace international trade and economic governance, EU-USA trade negotiations and Transpacific Partnership negotiations, EU-Asia, EU-China, EU-Australasia and EU-Latin America relations, Regional integration and inter-regionalism, societal impacts of trade agreements/ values and trade, international political economy, in the field of which she has published a number of articles, working papers and reports.

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Ewa Zelazna joined the Leicester Law School as a lecturer in September 2017. Her main research interests are in the fields of EU constitutional law, EU external relations and international investment law. She has recently completed a PhD entitled 'The EU Investment Policy after the Treaty Lisbon 2009: an Institutional Perspective'. Dr Zelazna is currently working on projects, which focus on issues relating to the participation of parliaments in international treaty-making practice, the EU's proposal to establish the Multilateral Investment Court and the ongoing UNCITRAL negotiations, as well as the rule of law crisis in Poland.

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