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Modelling convergence of the EU with the world: taking, receiving and becoming EU law

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Northampton Suite, City, University of London, 10 Northampton Square (main campus), EC1V 0HB, UK

Programme

8.45-9.00am: **Coffee, Welcome and Workshop Aims – Elaine Fahey, City Law School**

Session 1:

9.00-10.00:

Chair:

Discussants:

Framing methodology and convergence

Elaine Fahey

Chijioke Chijioke-Oforji and Adrienne Yong

Three Early Stage Researchers (ESRs/ PhDs) briefly reflect on the methodological challenges of framing convergence between the EU and global governance. They consider methodological issues with reference to their own casestudies (without giving a full paper thereon). The session encourages debates about framing the directions of casestudies as to EU law and global governance and the appropriate place of *inter alia* international law, international relations and political economy therein. A series of questions are circulated to the ESRs and participants to help the framing exercise.

• **Alice Manzini, Birmingham Law School**

Towards a Global Reach of EU public procurement law through EU FTAs? Unpacking the components and delineating boundaries

• **Francesco Pennisi, Erasmus Law School Rotterdam**

Is the EU a rule maker or a rule taker in the field of finance? The extraterritorial effect of EU financial law

• **Isabella Mancini, City Law School**

The Reach of EU Free Trade Agreements to the Rights of the Global Others

Session 2:

10.00-11.15:

Chair:

Discussant:

Convergence and international economic law, policy and political economy

Anastasia Nesvetailova tbc

Gabriel Siles-Brügge, Warwick/House of Commons International Trade Committee Advisor

This session reflects upon the broader question of formulating convergence in the contemporary international political economy generally, featuring reflections on the significance of shifts in the US administration and UK in recent times.

• **Steven Schooner, George Washington University Law School**

'On America First'

• **David Henig, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)**

EU and US regulatory coherence in TTIP - similarities and differences

• **Sam Lowe, Centre for European Reform (CER)**

Can the UK escape the EU's regulatory gravity? Brexit and the Convergence

11.15-11.30: **Coffee break**



Session 3:

11.30-13.00:

Chair:

Discussant:

Convergence: Deeper, wider or lower (I)?

Diamond Ashiagbor

Diamond Ashiagbor, Kent Law School

This session considers the question of the direction of EU convergence with global governance from the perspective of standard-setting and regulation and its normative framing.

- **Fabian Amtenbrink and Marijn van der Sluis, Erasmus Law School, Rotterdam**
The race to the bottom? EU Global Convergence
- **Jeff Kenner and Aakriti Bhardwaj, University of Nottingham Law School**
Global Governance and EU Labour Standards
- **Enrico Partiti, Asser Institute, the Hague/ University of Amsterdam**
EU and responsible business conduct: Convergence through global value chains regulation and private standards

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

Session 4:

14.00-15.45:

Chair:

Discussant:

Convergence: Deeper, wider or lower (II)?

Anne Thies, University of Reading

Jed Odermatt, City Law School

This session focusses upon framing the objectives of the EU in the world as a policy and procedural exercise. How do specific actors and legal tools generate outcomes of convergence? What actor interactions promote wider convergence in particular? What legal tools support those actors.

- **Frank Hoffmeister, European Commission**
The EU's Free Trade and Investment Agreements: Setting Global Standards?
- **Fergal O' Regan, EU Ombudsman**
The EU Ombudsman and EU International relations
- **Ramses Wessel, University of Twente, and Paul Cardwell, University of Strathclyde**
The concept of international law territoriality in EU law trade agreements
- **Mauro Gatti, University of Luxembourg**
Flexible internationalists: The EU and its Member States vs Investment Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

15.45-16.00:

Coffee break

Session 5:

16.00-17.00:

Keynote address and discussions

- **Anu Bradford, Columbia Law School**
'The Brussels Effect' and Global Politics: On Drivers and Trends

17.00-17.15am:

Wrap up and next steps – Elaine Fahey, City Law School

Followed by dinner for speakers, chairs and discussants.