

Call for papers

II LAWTTIP Joint Conference

Rights, Values and Trade: Is an Agreement between EU and US Still Possible?

Bologna, Sala delle Armi, School of Law (via Zamboni 22)

12-13 April 2018

The International Research Centre on European Law of the University of Bologna, together with the IODE – Institut de l’Ouest: Droit et Europe of the University of Rennes 1 and the Centre of European Law at King’s College London, are pleased to announce the organization of the II LAWTTIP Joint Conference.

The Jean Monnet Network **LAWTTIP – Legal Ambiguities withstanding TTIP** (www.lawttip.eu) intends to promote a large-scale legal reflection of both the existing EU Free Trade Agreements of new generation and the ongoing negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP).

The II LAWTTIP Joint Conference will put the political and social debate on the substantive implications of TTIP and other EU trade agreements of new generation for the Union’s system of protection of its values and fundamental rights into a legal perspective. Particular emphasis will be given in this respect to the possible developments related to the finalization of the TTIP, the negotiation of which has been provisionally “frozen” by Trumps’ Administration.

In particular, the Conference will aim at:

- offering a comprehensive assessment of the EU general principles and legal tools governing the relations between the EU trade agreements and the European constitutional identity (starting from the principles enshrined in Art. 21 TEU);
- striking a provisional balance between (European) risks and (international) benefits stemming from the bilateral partnership;
- overcoming the information asymmetries between decision-makers and economic actors on the material scope of EU agreements’ negative “interferences” with EU values and fundamental rights.

The Conference will bring together internationally renowned experts together with younger researchers. The Conference is divided in three Sessions. The first session (12 April) will be devoted to general issues concerning the interaction among trade cooperation and EU constitutional identity. Speakers include Federico Casolari (University of Bologna), Thomas Cottier (World Trade Institute, University of Bern) and Inge Govaere (Ghent University). The second session (13 April) will shed light on the way in which such an interaction impacts on specific sectors of cooperation (i.e. intellectual property rights, subsidies and health services). Speakers include Laurent Manderieux (Bocconi University), Andrea Biondi (King’s College London) and Giacomo Di Federico (University of Bologna). The relevant impact on other substantive sectors (namely, environmental cooperation, food law, investments, data protection, labour law) will be analysed in the third

session (13 April). The speakers of this session will be selected under the present Call for papers. Their papers will be discussed by leading experts.

The Conference language is English; please note that the translation service is not provided.

Topics of interest

We welcome a wide variety of proposals analyzing the **interaction among trade cooperation and EU values and fundamental rights** in specific sectors of action of the Union. Topics of special interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental standards;
- Labour law;
- Data protection;
- Investments' cooperation and protection;
- Food law (including the protection of geographical indications).

Submission

Please send an abstract in English of no more than 400 words, as well as one-page CV (including author's contact details and most relevant publications), to info@lawttip.eu by **8 March 2018**. Successful applicants will be notified by **15 March 2018**. Advanced drafts/outlines of the final paper are due by **31 March 2018**. The deadline for submission of the final version of the papers is **31 August 2018**.

The Conference papers will be published in an edited collection which will be included in the LAWTTIP Book series. Abstracts shall thus be submitted on the basis that the paper will be available for the final publication. Inquiries about this call shall be directed to Federico Casolari (federico.casolari@unibo.it).

Costs

Participation in the Conference is free of charge. The conveners will reimburse travel (economy class only), accommodation (1 hotel night) and subsistence expenses of selected participants.

Conference conveners

The Conference is convened by the International Research Centre on European Law (<http://www.cirde.unibo.it/en/>) of the University of Bologna (director: Prof. Dr. Lucia Serena Rossi).

To contact the conveners, please e-mail mgi@cirdce.unibo.it.

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