

# CETA Roundtable

## The Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement: The Never Ending Story?



### CETA Roundtable Discussants:



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Why are Canada and the EU having such trouble closing the deal on a Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA), which they have been negotiating since 2009? This agreement would have a broader scope than any of Canada's existing free trade agreements, including NAFTA. It has been suggested that 90 to 95 per cent of issues involved in the CETA have been addressed and agreed to in principle, but sticking points remain. Some of the likely contentious areas may be access to agricultural markets, patent protections on pharmaceuticals and government procurement.

Canadian government spokespersons continue to downplay any sense of urgency, but the initiation of negotiations between the US and EU to conclude their own Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) may upstage the Canada-EU agreement. The US -EU economic relationship is ten times larger than Canada's relationship with the EU.

Bringing European and Canadian perspectives to bear, the roundtable speakers will discuss current obstacles to reaching an agreement on CETA, and whether and how these obstacles can be overcome. In addition, speakers will discuss the potential economic and political consequences for both Canada and the EU if negotiations are not successfully concluded.

**Tuesday, October 1st, 2013  
3:30pm-5:30pm. Roundtable**

**Senate Room,  
608 Robertson Hall  
Carleton University**

**\*Light refreshments available at 3:15 pm**

**Moderated by:  
Chris Waddell, Director of Carleton's  
School of Journalism and Communication**

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