

Why this Network?

In the past decade, issues of international trade have become increasingly contentious in the EU and its Member States, with tens of thousands protesting against major trade deals.

In the light of these developments, it has become important, for scholars and policy-makers alike, to understand the politics – and not just the policy – of international trade agreements.

What is driving these reactions? Why are some trade agreements reviled, and others ignored? What are the politics of trade?

Our Network of researchers is here to answer these questions.



The Jean Monnet Network brings together scholars from five universities, located on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Transatlantic Trade and Global Trade Challenges



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Transatlantic trade between actors such as the European Union (EU), the United States (US), Canada, or the United Kingdom (UK) occurs in the context of global trade flows and forms part of the participating entities' broader trade strategies. This raises important questions:

- ◆ How do geopolitical tensions between the EU and actors such as Russia or China shape its view of like-minded trading partners across the Atlantic? How have events such as the Russian war in Ukraine influenced the transatlantic relationship?
- ◆ How does transatlantic trade fit into the EU's attempts to project its worldviews and regulatory standards through its trade agreements across the globe? How successful has the EU been in these efforts?

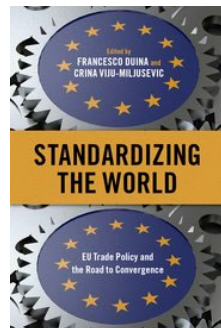
Within the Jean Monnet Network on Transatlantic Trade Politics, these kinds of questions are examined in the module on *Transatlantic Trade and Global Trade Challenges*. This module situates the transatlantic trading relationship in an interconnected global environment.

The module focuses on the EU and its constellation of trading partners. It examines how Brussels advances—including with its transatlantic partners—its commitment to a 'new generation' of trade agreements and regulatory standardization.

Module workshops

- ◆ Standardizing the World, Bates College, May 2022
- ◆ Transatlantic Trade in a Global Context, Carleton University, January 2024

Module publication



Standardizing the World: EU Trade Policy and the Road to Convergence

Edited by Francesco Duina and Crina Viju-Miljusevic

Oxford University Press, 2023.

Drawing on economic sociology and constructivist strands in international political economy, this volume presents an assessment of the EU's efforts to standardize a wide array of economic, political, and social aspects of life through its trade agreements.

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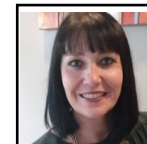
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