

# 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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## Reconfiguration of Transatlantic Trade after Brexit



## Jean Monnet Network on Transatlantic Trade Politics

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# Reconfiguration of Transatlantic Trade after Brexit

Brexit—the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU)—has had important implications for transatlantic trade. With the EU’s trade rules no longer covering the UK, which they had done for decades, trading arrangements have become more diverse. This raises a number of questions:

- ◆ Which new trade arrangements will be developed post-Brexit between the UK, the EU, and their transatlantic trading partners, such as the United States and Canada?
- ◆ How will post-Brexit trade policy debates contribute to the discursive construction of the UK and the EU as political and trading communities? How do these entities build their own image as a trade power? How do trade processes feature in their narratives about transnational relations?

Within the Jean Monnet Network on Transatlantic Trade Politics, these kinds of questions are examined in the module on *The Reconfiguration of Transatlantic Trade after Brexit*. This module analyzes the political debates about transatlantic trade post-Brexit. This includes the negotiation of (new) trade agreements (for instance between the UK and Canada), as well as societal controversies about them. The module also tracks how post-Brexit trade policy debates are intertwined with the discursive construction of political and trading communities.

## Module workshop

The Spatial Politics of Trade: Constructing Transnational Spaces and Communities through EU and UK Trade Agreements, University of Warwick, April 2023

Contributions by: Ben Rosamond; Benjamin Forest, Juliet Johnson & Zarlusht M. Razeq; Ken Stiller; Maria Garcia; Ben Richardson; Scott Hamilton; Simon Happersberger & Caroline Bertram; Federica Marconi; Stefan Hee; Elena Escalante-Block.

## Forthcoming publication



Imagining Space in the Politics of Trade

Special Issue of *Geopolitics* (contributions currently under review)

Edited by Ece Özlem Atikcan, Achim Hurrelmann, and Gabriel Siles-Brügge

This Special Issue will make the case for examining trade through the lens of spatial politics. From this perspective, trade is not just about economics, but also about how a polity places and legitimizes itself in a geopolitical setting. Our analysis focuses on Europe, specifically the trade politics of the EU and the UK.

## Module Co-Leaders



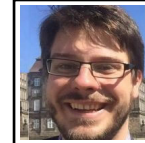
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