

# 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.

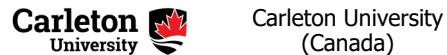
In the light of these developments, it has become important, for scholars and policy-makers alike, to understand the politics – and not just the policy – of international trade agreements.

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

Brexit—the withdrawal of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union (EU) in January 2020—has important implications for transatlantic trade. With the EU's trade rules no longer covering the UK—which they had done for decades—trading arrangements may become more diverse.

- ◆ How much will the UK diverge from EU standards?
- ◆ How much of an economic rivalry will develop between the former partners?
- ◆ How does all this affect the UK's and the EU's transatlantic trading partners, such as the United States and Canada?

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 the specific societal controversies about them.

The module also examines the implications of the coronavirus pandemic, which has led to more emphasis in public discourse on supply chains and the relationship between trade and health—and has triggered disputes between the EU and the UK. Last but not least, the module tracks how such trade policy debates are intertwined with the discursive construction of political and trading communities.

## Recent publications by module scholars

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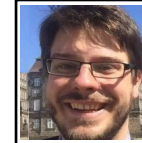
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