

## **The Spatial Politics of Trade: Constructing Transnational Spaces and Communities through EU and UK Trade Agreements**

*Academic Workshop, University of Warwick, Friday, April 21, 2023*

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**A note on the workshop format:** With papers having been circulated previously, we are hoping to encourage an in-depth discussion of drafts. With this in mind, we will focus on each paper in turn. It will first be presented by another author who will also act as discussant. They should spend no more than 5 minutes presenting and 5 minutes providing comments. This will be followed by comments from the workshop organisers and a wider discussion involving other participants.

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA – Friday, 21 April 2023**

#### **8:30-9:30 – Keynote Address**

Ben Rosamond (University of Edinburgh) – TBD

#### **9.30-9.45 – Coffee break**

#### **9:45-11:00 – Panel 1: Space in Political Economy of Trade**

Benjamin Forest, Juliet Johnson, and Zarlisht M. Razeq (McGill University) – Spatial Analysis in the IPE of Trade

- Presented and discussed by: Ben Rosamond (University of Edinburgh)

Ken Stiller (University of Oxford) – Joint Negotiations or Going Alone? The Emergence of Trading Blocs as Transnational Actors

- Presented and discussed by: Stefan Hee (University of Salzburg)

#### **11.00-11.15 – Coffee break**

### **11:15-12:30 – Panel 2: Making Trade Agreements, Imagining Trading Communities (1): The UK**

Maria Garcia (University of Bath) – Transcending Geography and Space: The UK's Application to Accede to CPTPP

- Presented and discussed by: Elena Escalante-Block (University of Antwerp)

Ben Richardson (University of Warwick) – Labour Rights in UK Trade Policy: Mapping the Workers Who Matter

- Presented and discussed by: Caroline Bertram (University of Copenhagen)

### **12:30-1:30 – Lunch – Venue TBD**

### **1:30-3:15 Panel 3: Making Trade Agreements, Imagining Trading Communities (2): The EU**

Scott Hamilton (University of Antwerp) – EU Trade Policy as Orientalist Practice: Defending Interests, Projecting Values, or Hierarchizing Spatial Imaginaries?

- Presented and discussed by: Benjamin Forest (McGill University)

Simon Happersberger (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Caroline Bertram (University of Copenhagen) – EU or Co-created Normative Space? The Role of the EU and Trading Partners on Trade and Sustainable Development in PTAs

- Presented and discussed by: Ben Richardson (University of Warwick)

Federica Marconi (University of Roma Tor Vergata) – FDI Regimes in EU-UK Relations: Overview, Perspectives and Future Trends of National (?) Security Concerns

- Presented and discussed by: Maria Garcia (University of Bath)

### **3.15-3.30 – Coffee break**

### **3:30-4:45 – Panel 4: Spatial Interests and Identities in the Contestation of Trade Agreements**

Stefan Hee (University of Salzburg) – The Dividing Force of Trade on the Subnational Level: Spatial Differences of the Distributional Effects of Trade

- Presented and discussed by: Scott Hamilton (University of Antwerp)

Elena Escalante-Block (University of Antwerp) – Trade, Populism, and Identity: Examining the Discursive Construction of External Trading Partners on the TTIP and EU-Mercosur Trade Agreements

- Presented and discussed by: Juliet Johnson (McGill University)

### **4.45-5.00 – Coffee break**

### **5:00-5:30 – Concluding Discussion, Next Steps**

### 7.30 – Conference dinner – Venue TBD

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