

TP1 Workshop on

Transatlantic Relations after the Mid-Term Elections

World Trade Institute, Anna Nussbaum Auditorium
30 November 2018

Programme

- 14:45 – 15:00 Welcome
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Opening Speech by Bart Kerremans** (Professor of International Political Economy and American Politics, KU Leuven)
- Transatlantic Trade Relations in the Trump Era:
Will the 2018 Mid-Elections Make a Difference?*
- 16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15 – 17:15 **Panel Discussion**
Transatlantic Relations: A Discussion on the Politics and the Law
- Moderator: Manfred Elsig (Deputy Director, WTI)
Speakers: Bart Kerremans
Vanessa M. Frese
Jan Ritter
Sean Stacy
Anqi Wang
- 17:15 – 17:30 Closing

Short Biographies of the Speakers

Bart Kerremans

Bart Kerremans is Full Professor of International Political Economy and American Politics at the Leuven Institute for International and European Studies (LINES) of the KU Leuven. Between September 2013 and November 2018, he was Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at this university. He got his Ph.D. of Political Science at the University of Antwerp in 1994. His research focuses on the political economy of trade and environmental policy-making, particularly in the context of the WTO and with a focus on the US and the EU. He is widely published, including several books, among which two (published in Dutch) are on American Government. In Belgium, he is regularly consulted by the media on issues related to American Government and U.S. elections.

Vanessa M. Frese

Vanessa M. Frese, M Law, obtained her degree with special focus on International Law and Law of the Religions from the University of Fribourg (CH) and the University of Lapland (FIN). Working and publishing in Human Rights Law for many years, she passionately strives to make a positive difference. She divides her time between Fribourg (CH), where she is currently working on her doctoral dissertation in Civil Law, and Allentown, PA (USA).

Jan Ritter

Jan Ritter is research assistant at the chair of private and commercial law as well as legal theory at the University of Fribourg's Law Faculty. He holds a law degree from the University of Fribourg as well as Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) and is preparing his PhD-thesis about the methodological implications of taking into account human rights in commercial law. He is editor and co-founder of the journal *cognitio* – Studentisches Forum für Recht und Gesellschaft.

Sean Stacy

Sean Stacy holds advanced degrees in law (J.D. Harvard) and economics (M.A. (NYU)) and is currently a doctoral candidate at the WTI. Sean's research interests focus on the ability of legal institutions (broadly conceived) to be catalysts for, or facilitators of, economic growth. In addition to his doctoral thesis, which focuses on 'rule of law reforms', Sean is currently researching and writing on legal mechanisms in trade law (e.g. Generalized System of Preferences), which aim at fostering economic development among developing nations.

Anqi Wang

Anqi Wang joined the WTI in September 2017 as a PhD candidate in international investment law. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Southwest University of Political Science & Law, and her master's degree from China Foreign Affairs University. Now Anqi's doctoral research roots on treaty interpretation and International investment Arbitration, with her PhD thesis exploring the interpretation and application of Most-Favored-Nation Clause in International Investment treaties.

Manfred Elsig

Manfred Elsig is Professor of International Relations, Deputy Managing Director and Director of Research of the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern. From 2013-2017 he was the Director of the NCCR Trade Regulation. He earned his PhD at the University of Zurich, Political Science Institute. His research focuses primarily on the politics of international trade, regional trade agreements, European trade policy, international organisations, US–EU relations, and private actors in global politics. He is widely published in journals and books. His courses include international political economy (IPE), international relations theories, international institutions, globalisation and European integration, and research methods.