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Highlights

Members voice support to an ambitious EU-Japan trade deal

INTA examines EU's Trade and Investment Strategy

MEPs look at enhancing trade ties with Tunisia

Next Meeting

Thursday, 12 November 2015 (09.00-12.30)

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 4B001

Thursday, 19 November 2015 (09.00-12.30)

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002

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Recent events

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INTA mission to Tokyo



During its 4-6 November visit to Tokyo, INTA delegation led by its Chair Bernd Lange congratulated the Japanese government on the conclusion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations and urged the partners to strive for an even more ambitious outcome in the EU-Japan trade talks. During the meetings with key interlocutors in the EU-Japan trade negotiations, members expressed their full support for the talks that should lead to a balanced and ambitious agreement. MEPs stressed that a deepened

economic partnership between Japan and the EU should benefit global economic governance, including via increased convergence and cooperation on international standards and sustainable development. The delegation met the members of the Diet, ministers of economic revitalization and economy, senior officials for foreign affairs, agriculture and transport, chairmen of major industry associations, leaders of trade unions and civil society organisations.

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Chair's activities:

- ✓ 21/10: Meeting Jean-Luc Demarty (Director General EC-DG Trade)
- ✓ 22/10: Meeting Norwegian State Secretary for Trade
- ✓ 21/10: Meeting Japanese Ambassador
- ✓ 28/10: Meetings with the Korean Ambassador, the Dutch Trade Minister and the Pakistani Trade Minister
- ✓ 3/11 to 6/11: INTA delegation to Japan

Quote of the month

"The EU must exercise strict controls and at the same time make sure that export control policy is flexible to be able to react rapidly <...> if a country reintroduces the death penalty or new techniques are developed."

Marietje Schaake, INTA Rapporteur on the "Anti-Torture Regulation"

[Watch the plenary debate](#)

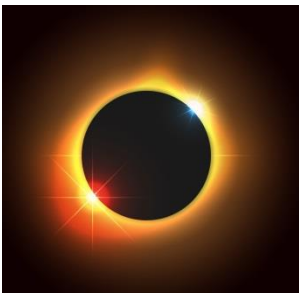
Comparing investment chapters of EU's trade, investment agreements

Presentation of the study

Prof. Dr. Steffen Hindelang from the Department of Law at the Freie Universität Berlin, will present a study assessing differences in the investment chapters of the EU's international trade and investment agreements. The study was commissioned by INTA in early 2015 in the midst of a heated debate on Investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), in the framework of drafting the Parliament's resolution on EU-US trade talks (TTIP). It compares the investment chapters of the EU/Singapore FTA, EU/Canada CETA, the 1998 Energy charter treaty, the 2001 USA-Lithuania bilateral investment treaty and the 2010 Germany-Jordan bilateral investment treaty. The study will contribute to the work of INTA, and the Parliament as a whole, in the field of the investment dispute settlement in EU trade and investment agreements.

MEPs consider progress in "Green Goods" talks

State of play



Following the 10th round of negotiations on the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) that ended on 4 November, the Commission will brief INTA committee on the state of play in the negotiations aiming to remove barriers to trade in goods that are crucial for environmental and climate protection. The negotiators continued streamlining the list of environmental goods to be included in the EGA, as well as working on the text of the Declaration including review clause, services and non-tariff barriers. The 11th round is scheduled for 30 November – 4 December, with the aim of having the main points of the deal in place before the WTO's Tenth Ministerial Conference to be held on 15-18 December in Nairobi, Kenya.

Codification of "Market Access Regulation" to boost legal clarity

Consideration of draft report

The so-called "Market Access Regulation" (MAR) ensures a duty-free, quota-free access to the EU market to the ACP countries that have embarked upon putting in place the WTO-compatible Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with the EU. The ongoing "recast" exercise will allow putting the numerous amendments to the basic act together in one consolidated version, thus ensuring legal clarity for the economic operators.

Rapporteur:	Jarosław Wałęsa (EPP)	TIMETABLE	
Administrator:	Mindaugas Kojelis	Exchange of views:	22 October
Procedures:	2015/0128(COD)	Consideration of draft report:	19 November 2015
Lead committee:	INTA	Planned vote in INTA:	25 January 2015
Opinion on the recast technique:	JURI	Planned vote in Plenary:	March 2015

Adopted in previous INTA meetings:

15/10/2015

- [The state of play of the Doha Development Agenda in the view of 10th WTO Ministerial Conference](#)

Co- rapporteurs: Bernd Lange (S&D) Pablo Zalba Bidegain (PPE)

Vote on draft resolution

in favour	against	abstentions
33	8	0

Selected trade news

LDCs drug patent waiver extended until 2033

The WTO members agreed to extend the nearly expired drug patent waiver for the poorest countries, allowing production and access to cheaper generic medicines for next 17 years. Least-developed countries (LDC) will until 2033 continue to be exempt from key provisions of the WTO's intellectual property agreement (the TRIPS) on pharmaceuticals, remaining free to choose whether to protect drug patents and clinical trial data. LDC members are exempted from applying all substantive TRIPS standards until 2021, a period that may also be extended. There are currently 48 least-developed countries, 34 of which have become WTO members. The EU has supported LDCs' call for an indefinite exemption from WTO intellectual property rules for pharmaceuticals

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TFA could boost annual trade by up to \$3.6 trillion

Implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) can boost trade more than would elimination of all the tariffs and it has a potential to create up to 30 million jobs, estimates the World Trade Organization (WTO). The TFA that will cut red tape and streamline customs procedures would add between \$1.8 trillion and \$3.6 trillion to annual global exports. Overall boost to world export growth per annum is estimated at up to 2.7%, and full implementation of the TFA could reduce trade costs by an average of 14.5%. "You could say that it's global trade's equivalent of the shift from dial-up internet to broadband," said WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo.

[World Trade Report 2015](#)

G20 trade restrictions stable, but stockpiling

Although the latest WTO's G20 trade monitoring report shows relative restraint by G20 economies in introducing new trade restrictions, the stockpile of such measures continues to grow. Of the 1,441 trade-restrictive measures introduced by G-20 economies since 2008, only 354 had been removed by mid-October 2015. The total number of such restrictive measures in place stands at 1,087.

[WTO Report on Trade Measures](#)

Asia-Pacific and Nordic countries top the ease of doing business report

The 2016 release of the World Bank's Doing Business report names Singapore, New Zealand and Denmark as economies with the most business-friendly environments. Costa Rica, Uganda, Kenya, Cyprus, Mauritania, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Jamaica, Senegal and Benin are the top improvers with most regulatory reforms since last year. The report assesses the ease of starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency.

[Doing Business 2016](#)

OECD trims growth forecasts

A dramatic slowdown in global trade and the persisting weakness in investment continue to weigh in on the global economy, warns the OECD. It predicts the global economic growth will stay below 3% this year and will gradually strengthen to 3.3% and 3.6% of in 2016 and 2017 respectively. In 2015 global trade is expected to grow by a meagre 2%. Over the past five decades there have been only five other years in which trade growth has been at 2% or below, coinciding with a sharp downturn of global growth.

[OECD Economic Outlook](#)

WTO dispute settlement system nears its 500th case

With Ukraine filing a complaint against Russian railway equipment import restrictions (DS499), the WTO is nearing an important milestone. Over the past 20 years, the WTO has dealt with nearly 500 dispute cases. Since 1995, the rules-based WTO's dispute system has proved its swiftness, efficiency, transparency and a high compliance rate.

[List of disputes cases](#)

Publications

Latest publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- [Update note on TTIP - State of play](#)

Upcoming publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- Dual use export controls (follow up to the workshop held in June)
- Ukraine: Opening a free trade area in a landscape pitted by obstacles

See [more](#)

Recent publications by the EP Research Service

[The CJEU's Schrems ruling on the Safe Harbour Decision](#)

Shara Monteleone and Laura Puccio, EPRS At a Glance, 26 October 2015, 2 p.

On 6 October 2015, the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) declared invalid the European Commission's decision on the adequacy of the US data protection system (Safe Harbour Decision). The implications for businesses, governments and EU institutions, as well as for EU-US relations, remain to be clarified.

[Brazil: Economic situation](#)

Elena Lazarou, EPRS At a Glance, 3 November 2015, 2 p.

[Myanmar/Burma: The next tiger?](#)

Martin Russell, EPRS At a Glance, 22 October 2015, 2 p.

New print and online books in the EP Research Service library collection

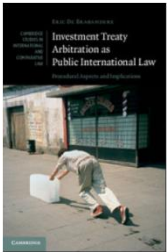
[Économie internationale](#)



Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, Marc J. Melitz, Gunther Capelle-Blancard, Matthieu Crozet, Pearson, 2015, 754 p.

"Panorama des théories du commerce international détaillant l'évolution des politiques et des accords commerciaux. Cette 10ème édition fait l'objet d'une adaptation minutieuse aux spécificités francophones et plus généralement européennes. Elle prend notamment en compte les craintes de dumping social au sein de l'UE, la politique agricole, les politiques régionales, la gestion et la stabilité de la zone euro.

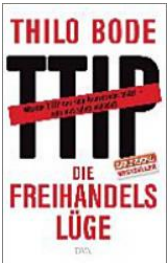
[Investment Treaty Arbitration as Public International Law: Procedural Aspects and Implications](#) [e-book: Login as guest user]



Eric De Brabandere, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2014, 266 p.

"The book presents an account of investment treaty arbitration as a part of public international law as opposed to commercial law. The author examines the procedural implications of conceiving of investment treaty arbitration in such a way, with regards to issues such as the principles of confidentiality and privacy, and remedies. He demonstrates how the public international law character of investment treaty arbitration derives from and has impacted upon the dispute settlement procedure."

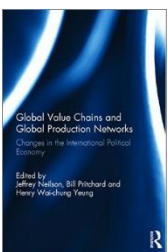
[Die Freihandelslüge : Warum TTIP nur den Konzernen nützt – und uns allen schadet](#)



Thilo Bode, Stefan Scheytt, DVA, 2015, 272 p.

"Der Staatsstreich der Konzerne In Deutschland und Europa wächst der Widerstand gegen das geplante Freihandelsabkommen TTIP. Thilo Bode schildert anschaulich und mit analytischer Schärfe, wie TTIP Verbraucherrechte und Umweltstandards gefährdet. Die Konzerne drohen über unsere Zukunft zu bestimmen – stärkere Arbeitnehmer- und Verbraucherrechte hängen ebenso wie ein wirkungsvoller Umweltschutz von ihrer Gnade ab."

[Global Value Chains and Global Production Networks : Changes in the International Political Economy](#)



Jeffrey Neilson, Bill Pritchard, Henry Yeung Wai-Chung, Taylor & Francis, 272 p., 2015

"The emergence of globalised production and distribution systems, which bring together diverse constellations of economic actors through a complex regime of global corporate governance, state regulation and new international divisions of labour, demands corresponding and innovative explanatory models. Global value chains (GVCs) and global production networks (GPNs) have been particularly useful as conceptual frameworks for understanding the global market engagement of firms, regions and nations."

For more information please visit intranet pages on [International Trade](#)

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Coming soon

INTA/European Parliament:	
<p>Votes in INTA:</p> <p>19 November 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Investment Bank (EIB) - Annual Report 2014 - Annual report on EU Competition Policy 	<p>Trade files in plenary:</p> <p>November 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The state of play of the Doha Development Agenda in the view of 10th WTO Ministerial Conference
<p>INTA meeting dates</p> <p>30 November - 1 December 2015 10 December 2015</p>	

European Union	World Trade Organisation												
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