

# MEGA-REGIONALS

and the Future of International Trade and Investment Law

## Programme

Conference Venue: Schloss Eckberg, Bautzner Str. 134, 01099 Dresden, Germany

### **THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2014**

**From 08:15**

#### **Registration**

**09:00 - 10:40**

#### **Welcome Address**

Thilo Rensmann (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)

#### **Key Note Speech**

Peter-Tobias Stoll (Georg-August-University Göttingen)

#### **State of Play: The Status Quo of the TTIP Negotiations**

Edouard Bourcieu (Directorate-General Trade, European Commission)

*Coffee Break*

**11:10 - 12:50**

#### **Panel 1: Structural and Legitimacy Issues**

Chair: Christian Tietje (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg)

1. Democratic Legitimacy and the TTIP Agreement  
Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann (European University Institute, Florence)
2. Taking the Preferences out of Preferential Trade Agreements:  
Mega-Regionals as Providers of Public Goods  
Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
3. Dispute Settlement in Mega-Regionals – Implications for the WTO  
Gabrielle Marceau (Legal Affairs Division, WTO)
4. Interaction between Investment Chapters in Mega-Regionals and BITs  
Karsten Nowrot (University of Hamburg)

*Lunch Break*

**14:50 - 16:30**

#### **Panel 2: The Investment Chapters: Protection, Liberalization and Dispute Settlement**

Chair: Thilo Rensmann (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)

1. The Scope of Investment Protection Standards in Mega-Regionals  
Stephan Schill (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg)
2. General Exceptions Clauses in Mega-Regionals  
Armand de Mestral (McGill University, Montreal)
3. Investor-State Dispute Settlement in Mega-Regionals  
Hege Kjos (University of Amsterdam)

*Coffee and Snacks*

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## **FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2014**

**09:00 - 10:40**

### **Panel 3: Energy Governance and the Green Economy**

Chair: Jim Mathis (University of Amsterdam)

1. Facilitation of Trade in Energy-Related Environmental Goods  
Christopher Frey (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)
2. Environmental Regulation as Non-Tariff Barriers  
Robert Howse (New York University)
3. Liberalizing Trade in Energy Services and Domestic Regulation  
Markus Krajewski (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg)
4. Mega-Regionals and the Regulation of Unbundling Measures in the EU Energy Sector  
Tilman Dralle (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)

*Coffee Break*

**11:10 - 12:50**

### **Panel 4: Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights**

Chair: Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan (Cambridge University)

1. Setting the Scene – The Prospects of TRIPS Plus Protection in Future Mega-Regionals  
Thomas Cottier (World Trade Institute, Bern)
2. Patent Protection for Pharmaceuticals in TPP Negotiations  
Carlos Correa (University of Buenos Aires)
3. Intellectual Property Rights, International Investment Agreements and Health:  
Be Alert but not Alarmed  
Bryan Mercurio (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

*Lunch Break*

**14:50 - 16:30**

### **Panel 5: Novel Regulatory Areas**

Chair: Gabrielle Marceau (Legal Affairs Division, WTO)

1. Introducing Labour Standards into Mega-Regionals  
Franz Christian Ebert (Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and Intl. Law, Heidelberg)
2. Competition Law in Mega-Regionals  
Anestis S. Papadopoulos (KPP Law, Athens)
3. Government Procurement: GPA+ Provisions in Mega-Regionals  
Bernard Hoekman (European University Institute, Florence)
4. Big Agreements, but What's in Them for Small Businesses?  
Karsten Pötschke (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)

**16:40**

### **Concluding Remarks**

Thilo Rensmann (TU Dresden, Global TranSAXion)

*Coffee and Snacks*