

NCCR Trade Regulation Brown Bag Series

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NEGOTIATING TRADE TREATIES WITH THE EU: THE CAUTIONARY TALE OF CETA

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Abstract

Treaty-making with the United States has been notoriously difficult in the past with legal and political obstacles affecting negotiations and preventing the adoption of a number of very important treaties. It seems that the European Union is going down the same path as the United States with ever more complex legal procedures being made even more complex by the twists and turns of domestic EU politics. This will be illustrated by telling the story of the negotiation of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the EU. A salutary tale that many other countries should hear and take to heart.

Biography of the Speaker

Armand de Mestral is Emeritus Professor at McGill University and Jean Monnet Chair in Law of International Economic Integration. He was Co-Director of McGill - Université de Montréal at the Institute of European Studies from 2002-2008. He

was Interim Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University from 1998-2002. In December 2014, he was appointed a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). He was Director of the Institute of Comparative Law at McGill University from 1984-1989. He was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the UN Law of the Sea Conference from 1973-1980. From 1999-2001, he was President of Canadian Red Cross Society. He has served on WTO and NAFTA dispute settlement and arbitration tribunals and was made Member of the Order of Canada in December 2007.

His recent publications include: International Law 7th Ed, 2006 (co-author), Law and Practice of International Trade (2nd edition; 1999) ; The North American Free Trade Agreement – A Comparative Study, Hague Academy of International Law, Recueil des cours (2000)

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