

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

EU-MERCOSUR AGREEMENT: BUSINESS AS USUAL OR LEGAL (R)EVOLUTION?

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Faculty of Law and Criminology, Paddenhoek 1.1

The aim of this student conference is to discuss the long-awaited agreement between the EU and Mercosur countries from various angles: the competence of the parties concerned, transparency issues, the effects on economy, environmental concerns and dispute settlement. The main question of the conference is to identify key lessons learnt by the contracting parties, in light of previous EU FTAs. It will be answered by the student panelists with active participation of the audience. This event constitutes a contribution of the students to the academic community.

11h30-11h35: WELCOME ADDRESS: Prof. Dr. I. Govaere

11h35-11h40: INTRODUCTION: Mathilde Rocour

11h40-12h20: COMPETENCE

Introduction by the Chair

Role of the Member States and EU institutions

Felix Juranek

Mixity: A boon or bane for EU-Mercosur

Goh Pei Xuan, Ang Yu Jia

Member States in opposition: EU-Mercosur in danger

Yuliia Babych, Veronika Vodoviz

Discussion

12h25-13h20: TRANSPARENCY

Introduction by the Chair

Transparency of the EU institutions

Gaia Volpi, Ida Kristoffersen, Valeria Cavallari

Transparency within the frame of the Mercosur Agreement

Caroline Coyle, Augusté Abukauskaite

Transparency issues as seen through the public's eye

Harold Lenfant, Samuel Hudson, Daniele de Benedectis, Beba Zagar

Discussion

13h20-13h50: Sandwich lunch for all participants

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13h55-15h00: EFFECTS ON ECONOMY

Introduction by the Chair

Which European sectors will benefit the most?

Alejandro Fuentes González, Alvaro Vigon, Carmela Marquina de Saracho

The improvement of workers' rights

Bjarne Van Damme, Juan de Juan Mas

Specifics of agricultural problems

Evelyne Deldycke, Wannes Bellaert

IP aspect: potential impact and consequences

Albulena Uka, Bulda Oksana, Pieterjan Declerck

Discussion

15h05-16h10: ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS

Introduction by the Chair

Direct impacts of environmental provisions

Bruno Bovsovers, Nathalie Dequick, Sondre Lid Riise, Johanna Röhrig,

Current developments in EU strategies promoting sustainability

Paloma Cid, Sofia Cevallos, Sean Parramore, Daan Walpot

Private investors initiative

Maria de los Angeles Chavarri, Jovita Bislyte, Simon Graff

Discussion

16h10-16h20: *Coffee Break*

16h25-17h20: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Introduction by the Chair

(Non-)Compliance: what now?

Inès Nelly, Marie-Sofie Thiriaux

The EU vs. Mercosur: who settles it now?

Ana Sofia Rolim, Glenn Deblander, Louis Vandercruysse

Lessons from the past?

Chloe Chen Wei, Lai Wen Le, Donika Bunjaku, Paulien Debu

Discussion

17h20-17h25: **CONCLUSIONS** Maria Nowicka

17h25-17h30: **CLOSING** Prof. Dr. I. Govaere