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## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES/PAPERS GIVEN**

Video links to presentations:

- Selected to present my research at the [Euroscience Open Forum 2012](#), 12 July 2012, Dublin, Ireland ([video clip of my presentation](#))
- “[On Climate Change and Major Developing Countries](#),” Speaker at the *VII Brazilian Conference on Public Litigation, Contracts, and Public Procurement*, Bahia Othon Palace Hotel, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 17-19 August 2011

Invited Academic Presentations:

2020:

- “A sustainable and prosperous future: The role of climate clubs and international trade,” Speaker, *The Energy Transition in a Climate Constrained World – International, Comparative and Domestic Approaches*, annual conference, hosted by the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources (EENR) Center at University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, USA, 17 April 2020
- “Making use of mega-RTAs for sustainable energy,” **Keynote speaker** in conference ‘Achieving Just Energy Transitions through Law and Policy: Challenges and Solutions,’ [6th international energy law and policy conference ‘Energy Transitions 2020,’](#) University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, 27-28 February 2020
  - Chairperson in parallel sessions in the same conference
- “Exploring the links between international trade law and climate change,” Speaker, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, Windsor, Canada, 24 February 2020

2019:

- “[How can trade agreement contribute to sustainability?](#)” Speaker, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Ottawa, Canada, 18 November 2019
- “Exploring the links between climate change and international trade agreements,” Speaker, Yale Law School, 1 November 2019
- “Exporting the energy transition – the case of the Energy Community,” Speaker, “Europe’s Energy Transition – Climate Change, Energy and Environmental law two years after the Paris Agreement” Brussels, Belgium, 24-25 October 2019
- “Developing an effective and integrated electricity market: The EU experience,” Speaker in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Table ‘Regional Electricity Sector Integration in GCC and MENA:

Imperatives & Challenges,' King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre (KAPSARC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 22 October 2019

- “[How can trade agreements contribute to sustainability?](#)” Speaker, [EUCROSS Webinar](#), University of Leuven, Belgium, 9 October 2019
- “The modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty: Climate change and clean energy,” Speaker, 4th Athens Conference on European energy law and policy: Energy Arbitration and Judicial Dispute Settlement, Athens, Greece, 27 September 2019
- “Smart grids in the European Union: A new form of decentralized energy. The case of WiseGRID,” Speaker, BIT’s 6th Annual Global Congress of Knowledge Economy-2019, 20-22 September 2019, Qingdao, China
- “The Commission’s new role: enforcer or moderator?” Speaker, *Great Energy Transition: The first Steps*, 7th Vienna Forum on European Energy Law, Vienna, Austria, 19-20 September 2019
- “The modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty: Approaches to environmental protection,” Speaker, International high-level conference on *Multilateral reform of Investor-State dispute resolution: A dialogue between different approaches*, Xi’an, China, 15-16 September 2019
- “[The trading system as a tool to enhance energy security](#),” Speaker, In Memoriam Anita Rønne – The North Sea and Beyond, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 24 May 2019
- “[Smart grids in the European Union: A new form of decentralized energy. The case of WiseGRID](#),” Speaker, BIT’s 6th Annual World Congress of Emerging InfoTech-2019, 10-12 May 2019, Nanjing, China
- “Can trade agreements contribute to climate mitigation?” Speaker, University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law, 16 April 2019
- “The links between international and EU law,” Speaker, EIPIN Congress, London, UK, 4-6 April 2019
- “[Sustainability as a goal in international economic development law](#),” Speaker, University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, 26 March 2019
- “International trade, climate change and energy security: Aiming at sustainability,” Speaker, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, 1 March 2019
- “Energy and climate change challenges,” Speaker, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, 27 February 2019
- “Exporting the energy transition: The case of the Energy Community,” Speaker, Europe’s energy transition: Climate change, energy and environmental law two years after the Paris Agreement, Brussels, 24-25 January 2019

2018:

- [“Energy security and decarbonization in the EU,”](#) **Keynote speaker**, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Athens conference on European Energy Law, Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 7 December 2018, Athens, Greece
- “China-European Union trade relations: Lessons for China-US trade relations,” Speaker, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China, 2 November 2018
- “Energy security and decarbonization,” Speaker, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China, 6 November 2018
- “New frontiers of international economic law: The nexus of trade-energy-climate change,” Speaker, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China, 9 November 2018
- “A Green Belt and Road Initiative: China’s Opportunity for Global Leadership,” Speaker, China’s One Belt One Road Initiative conference, The Chinese University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, 9-10 October 2018
- “Introductory remarks: [International trade, investment and the rule of law](#),” Jean Monnet workshop organizer and co-chair, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom, 10-11 September 2018
- “Legal aspects of international trade in the light of the Brexit referendum,” Speaker, conference on *Rediscovering the European Union project in the light of the Brexit referendum*, University of East London, London, UK, 20 July 2018
- “Brexit and International law,” [Keynote speaker](#), conference **Brexit: Recap, Rethink, Re-Calculate(?)**, University of East Anglia, 9 July 2018
- “Ways to implement the Paris Climate Agreement,” Speaker, Law and Climate Change Toolkit, The Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom, 4-5 June 2018
- “Energy security, environmental protection, international trade, and citizens’ rights,” Speaker in the Round Table ‘International trade regulation and the social and political model,’ University of Granada School of Law, 24-25 May 2018
- “Energy Trade in the MENA Region: Looking beyond the Pan-Arab Electricity Market,” Speaker in the Round Table ‘Regional Electricity Sector Integration in GCC and MENA: Imperatives & Challenges,’ King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre (KAPSARC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 10 May 2018
- “Achieving sustainable energy and mitigating climate change: The role of international trade,” Speaker, International Energy Forum, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 9 May 2018
- “Exploring issues in EU external relations: Trade, climate change and sustainable energy,” Speaker, Bocconi University School of Law, 13 April 2018
- “The trading system, climate change, and energy governance,” **Keynote speaker**, International Conference on Energy Law, European Law Students’ Association (ELSA), The London School of Economics, 17th and 18th March 2018
- “Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in the Energy Sector,” **Keynote speaker**, 9-10 February 2018, Department of Management Studies, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Amethi, India

2017:

- “Introductory remarks: Trade and climate change,” Speaker and conference organizer, ‘UNIVERSITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE: The Role of Climate Change Research and Projects in Fostering Climate Action,’ London, UK, 12th-13th December 2017
  - Chairperson in the plenary session and parallel sessions in the same conference
- “How the Trade Regime intersects with the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Tensions and opportunities,” Speaker, Yale Workshop on Trade and Climate Change, Yale University, 30 November-1 December 2017
- “Mega-RTAs as Facilitators for Climate Action and Access to Clean Energy,” Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 15-16 November 2017
  - Panel chair in the same conference
- “Trade, climate change and social justice,” Speaker, University of Strathclyde Law School, Glasgow, UK, 26-27 October 2017
- “[EU climate and energy policy: Decarbonization and energy security](#),” Speaker, Summer Academy ‘Energy and the Environment,’ Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility, 19 July 2017, Berlin, Germany
- “The governance of renewable energy,” Speaker, Bocconi Governance of renewable energy law seminar series, Bocconi University Law School, Milan, Italy, 30 June 2017
- “Trade and environment interactions: Governance issues,” Speaker, 35<sup>th</sup> Round Table on Sustainable Development, OECD Headquarters, Paris, France, 28-29 June 2017
- “Smart grids in the European Union,” Speaker, seminar on Wisegrids in the EU, Kythnos, Greece, 7 June 2017
- “Enhancing EU energy security: The role of the Caspian region and Central Asia,” Speaker, International Energy Charter Ashgabat Forum, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 30-31 May 2017
- “The Brexit referendum: How it happened and its implications for renewable energy,” School of the Judiciary of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil, 26 May 2017
- “Energy security and decarbonisation,” Federal University of Pernambuco, School of Law, Recife, Brazil, 24 May 2017
- “The quest for energy governance via regional energy integration: The European Energy Union,” Speaker, Roundtable on “The Future of International Energy Governance,” Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, 28-29 April 2017
  - ‘Disconnected Paradigms in Decarbonizing the Grid: EU and WTO Law between Liberalization and Entrenching the Status Quo,’ commenter in the same conference
- “Prosumers as partners for a more stable energy system,” Speaker, 2017 Innovative Smart Grid Technology Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, 23-26 April 2017

- Symposium on ‘Climate Change: Law, Policy, and Regulation Going Forward,’ Speaker, Buffalo School of Law, NY, USA, 11 March 2017
- “The European Energy Union,” **Keynote speaker**, [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Transitions conference](#), University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, 9-10 March 2017
  - “International Energy Law and Energy Disputes,” Panel Chair in the same conference

#### 2016:

- “Trade, climate change and sustainable energy: The challenge for the future,” invited speaker, EMN Meeting on Environmental and Pollution Research, Hong Kong, 11-15 December 2016
- “The concept of sustainability in environmental and energy law and policy,” Speaker, Winter law school on environmental and energy law, Komotini, Greece, 5-9 December 2016
- “UK trade negotiations: What to expect,” **Keynote Speaker**, International Chamber of Commerce United Kingdom’s Global Debate, London, UK, 23 November 2016
- “Brexit implications for UK trade and investment with the EU,” Speaker, roundtable *In search of a legal framework for UK trade and investment after Brexit*, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, 23 November 2016
- “The role and future of subsidies in the energy market,” Panel Chair, *The London Energy Forum*, London, UK, 17 November 2016
- “Brexit and its consequences for the UK’s participation in the WTO,” Panel Chair, Jean Monnet lecture series, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK, 14 November 2016
- “Transition towards decarbonisation: A legal and policy exploration of the European Union,” **Keynote Speaker**, *Climate change and energy security in South East Europe*, Opatija, Croatia, 26-28 October 2016
  - “Climate change and renewable energy,” Panel Chair in the same conference
- “New challenges in maritime energy exploration and dispute resolution,” Speaker, *Stress testing the Law of the Sea: Dispute Resolution, Disasters and New Challenges*, 30 Sept-1 October 2016, King’s College School of Law, London, UK
- “The trade dimensions of clean energy diplomacy,” Speaker, *Strengthening Europe’s sustainable energy and climate technology diplomacy: Harnessing networks for norm leadership*, Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Brussels, Belgium, 1 June 2016
- “The European Energy Union: Implications for EU-Russia energy relations,” Speaker, *International Forum on WTO law*, Kaliningrad, Russia, 15 April 2016
- “2°C The New Boiling Point,” Speaker, *London Climate Change Forum*, London Business School, 17 February 2016

- “Alternatives to ECT investment arbitration for EU energy disputes?” Panel Chair, *The EU and investment arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty*, London, UK, Barts and the London Dental Hospital, 11-12 February 2016
- “The European Energy Union: Exploring ways to decarbonize the economy,” Speaker, *Exploring the Energy Union: A policy-law-finance approach*, 11th Annual EU Energy Law & Policy Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 9-10 February 2016
- “Science, Law and Climate Change - Innovating sustainable solutions,” Panel Speaker, *The London Energy Forum*, The Law Society, London, UK, 4 February 2016

#### 2015:

- “Energy Security in Europe and Geopolitics of Energy,” Speaker, *International Energy Security: Energy co-operation, energy governance and geopolitics of energy*, 16-18 November 2015, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- “Challenges for global energy security,” Speaker, *3<sup>rd</sup> international symposium on energy challenges and mechanics – towards a big picture*, 7-9 July 2015, Aberdeen, United Kingdom
- “Multilevel energy trade governance,” Speaker, Transnational Law Institute, King's College, London, School of Law, 24 June 2015, London, United Kingdom
- “The fragmented governance of the international energy (investment) regime,” Speaker, *The International Investment Regime in Extractive Industries: Understanding Each Other*, University of Dundee, 6 June 2015, Dundee, United Kingdom
- “TTIP’s Investor-State Dispute Settlement and its possible consequences for UK and EU Environmental law,” Speaker, 9<sup>th</sup> annual Public Interest Environmental Law conference *Satisfying Consumption: Trade and the Environment*, Cass Business School, City University London, London, UK, 9 April 2015
- “Using trade law instruments to mitigate climate change,” Speaker, Lancaster University School of Law, Lancaster, UK, 25 February 2015

#### 2014:

- “Extraterritoriality and climate change: The case of the EU,” Speaker, *Extraterritoriality and environment seminar*, University of Utrecht School of Law, 8 December 2014
- “The international and EU legal aspects of energy law and climate change law,” Speaker, *Beyond Pluralism? Co-Implication, Embeddedness and Interdependence between Public International Law and EU Law*, Queen Mary University of London, School of Law, London, UK, 3 December 2014
- “Global and European energy governance,” **Keynote Speaker**, *The European Union – Where to?*, Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration, Bar Ilan University, Israel, 30 September 2014
- “Global energy governance,” Speaker, *International Energy Credit Association Training Program*, Reed Smith LLP, London, UK, 11 September 2014

- “Global energy governance,” Speaker, *Politics, Policy and Pricing*, 28<sup>th</sup> International Energy Credit Association Annual European Conference, Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso, Athens, Greece, 22-24 June 2014
- “The challenge of securing energy and governing international energy relations in a rapidly changing global landscape,” Speaker, *The Executive Training Programme for Tomorrow’s Energy Decision Makers*, Astana, Kazakhstan, 12 June 2014
- “Turning the energy challenge into sustainability as a precursor to a modern energy economy,” Speaker, *The Executive Training Programme for Tomorrow’s Energy Decision Makers*, Astana, Kazakhstan, 11 June 2014
- “Using the international trade experience to multilateralize the investment, energy and climate change regimes,” Speaker, *Advanced seminars series on Globalization and International Economic Law*, University of Antwerp, Faculty of Law, Belgium, 17 May 2014
- “Global and regional energy governance,” Panelist, *Addressing Energy Challenges at Regional and Global Levels by Applying Common Rules and Good Governance Practices*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Training Program for Young Energy Professionals, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium, 14-16 May 2014
- “The fragmentation of international law: Trade, investment and climate change,” Galatasaray University School of Law, 29 April 2014, Istanbul, Turkey

#### 2013:

- “Energy security, investments and risk assessment: what to do when markets fail and governance institutions falter?” Panelist, *Rising to the energy security challenges of tomorrow by applying effective investment protection strategies today*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Training Program for Young Energy Professionals, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium, 30 October 2013
- “Creating an effective regulatory environment in order to stimulate investments in global energy,” Panelist, *Rising to the energy security challenges of tomorrow by applying effective investment protection strategies today*, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium, 29 October 2013
- “Human Rights in EU Development, Trade and Investment Policies,” Chair at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on *Emerging Human Rights Research*, Panel: ‘Human Rights in EU Development, Trade and Investment Policies,’ School of Advanced Studies, University of London, London, UK, 9-10 September 2013
- “Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements: Complementing or Supplanting Multilateralism?” Speaker, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 4 July 2013
- “Challenges in EU-China trade relations,” Speaker at the *China-EU Economic Partnership: Making the best of interdependence*, High-level conference of the Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Paris, France, 10 April 2013
- “Climate Change and International Trade,” Featured Speaker, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland, 9 April 2013

- “BRIC countries: How their growing participation shapes the Soft Commodities sector,” Speaker, 3rd Annual Soft Commodities Trading Summit, Geneva, Switzerland, 26-27 February 2013

#### 2012:

- “Analyzing the European Union-China Trade Relations,” Panelist in The 29<sup>th</sup> Taiwan-European Conference, *New Security for the New Era: EU, East Asia and Beyond*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei, Taiwan, 28-30 November 2012
- “Lessons learned from concluded and ongoing FTA negotiations between the EU and East Asian countries,” Panelist, *Trading Freely with Asia: Challenges and opportunities for EU FTAs with partners in East Asia*, Annual high-level conference of the Institut Francais des Relations Internationales, Paris, France, 13 November 2012
- “Framework of analysis: The Doctrine of Multilayered Governance,” Discussant, World Trade Forum 2012, 12-13 October 2012, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland
- “Top-down and Bottom-up Approaches in Climate Change and International Trade,” Speaker at the *Trade Policy Research Forum 2012: African Trade under Climate Change and the Green Economy*, Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa, 7-8 August 2012, Arusha, Tanzania
- “China: Working towards creating an East Asia Free Trade Area?” Speaker, conference on East Asia Regional Integration and the Role of the U.S., University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China, 3-5 August 2012
- “Suggestions from the International Trade System for the Creation of a Global Climate Change Regime,” Speaker at the *Euroscience Open Forum 2012*, 12 July 2012, Dublin, Ireland
- “From the Bottom up: The Global Climate Change Regime,” Speaker at the *Euroscience Open Forum 2012*, 11 July 2012, Dublin, Ireland
- “Human Rights within a Multilayered Constitution: the Example of Freedom of Expression and the WTO.” Discussant of paper by Prof. Maya Hertig, NCCR Annual conference: International trade regulation, multilevel governance and the EU: The network takes a critical look, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland, 4 July 2012
- “Climate Change Chapters in Regional Trade Agreements,” Speaker, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, 14 February 2012

#### 2011:

- “Climate Change and International Trade Regulation,” Speaker, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland, 19 December 2011
- “Climate-based RTAs and the Building Blocks Approach,” Speaker at the *International Conference on Trade, Science, Technology, and Justice*, National Chiao Tung University, Hsin Chu, Taiwan, 1-2 November 2011



- “Alternative Architecture for Climate Change,” Speaker, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland, 19 October 2011
- “Top-down versus Bottom-up Approaches for Climate Change Negotiations,” Speaker, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland, 3 October 2011
- “Alternative Architecture for Climate Change: The Role of Great Powers in a new Multipolar World Order” Speaker at the conference *Great Powers, World Order and International Society: History and Future*, Jilin University, Changchun, China, September 3-4, 2011
- “The BRICs and climate change mitigation,” Speaker, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco School of Law, Recife, Brazil, 21 August 2011
- “[On Climate Change and Major Developing Countries](#),” Speaker at the *VII Brazilian Conference on Public Litigation, Contracts, and Public Procurement*, Bahia Othon Palace Hotel, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 17-19 August 2011
- “Proliferation of Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements: Complementing or Supplanting Multilateralism?” Speaker at the *Trade Policy Research Forum 2011*, Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa, 8-9 August 2011, Arusha, Tanzania
- “Linking Trade and Climate Change,” Speaker at the *Global Fellows Forum*, New York University School of Law, New York, USA, April 7, 2011
- “Towards the Creation of a Global Climate Change Agreement based on the Success of International Trade Agreements,” Speaker at the conference *The Third Lagos State Summit on Climate Change*, Lagos, Nigeria, 8-10 February 2011

#### 2010:

- “Issues of International Relations and International Law in Global Governance,” Commentator at the conference *Global Governance and International Rule of Law*, Jilin Center for Jurisprudence Research, Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, July 31, 2010
- “China’s Reactions to Global Economic Governance and the Rule of Law,” Speaker at the conference *Global Governance and International Rule of Law*, Jilin Center for Jurisprudence Research, Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, July 30, 2010
- “Linking Regionalism to Multilateralism in International Economic Law,” Speaker, School of Law, Sciences Po, Paris, France, 25 May 2010
- “Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements: Complementing or Supplanting Multilateralism?” Panelist at the Tenth Annual WTO Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, UK, 20 May 2010
- “What Role for Newly Acceded WTO Members in the World Trading System?” Speaker, De Montfort University School of Law, Leicester, UK, 8 March 2010
- “Trade Relations between the EU and Emerging Economies: The Case of China,” Speaker at the conference *Global Governance, Regionalism and the Role of the EU*:

*Facing the emergence of a multipolar world*, Residence Palace, Brussels, Belgium, 4 March 2010

- “China’s Attitude to Multilateralism in International Economic Law: Challenges for the World Trading System,” Reading University School of Law, Reading, United Kingdom, 23 February 2010

2009:

- “Creating a Nexus between the EU and China: Trade, Investment, and Rule of Law,” Hamburg University School of Law, Hamburg, Germany, 5 November 2009
- “China in the Far East and South-East Asia: The Economic Nexus,” Speaker at the workshop *China in the Arab World and Emerging East Asia-Middle East Nexus*, University of Durham, School of Government and International Affairs, 29-30 September 2009
- “A Comparison between the European Integration Process and the Creation of an East Asia Free Trade Area,” Nankai University, Tianjin, China, 18 September 2009
- “Toward the Creation of an East Asia Free Trade Area,” Speaker at the workshop *History and International Relations: The English School Theory and the Making of International History*, Center of Contemporary International Relations Studies, Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, 15-16 September 2009
- “Governance Between Rule of Law and Justice,” Speaker, Vienna University School of Law, Vienna, Austria, July 13, 2009
- “China—The Rise of a Global Economic Superpower,” Speaker, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 23 February 2009
- “Latest Developments in EU law: An Analysis of the Lisbon Treaty,” Speaker, American Society of International Law, Washington, DC, USA, 12 January 2009

2008:

- “Multi-level Trade and Investment Governance,” Speaker, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 8 December 2008
- “The status of WTO law in the EC legal system,” Panelist, Academy of WTO Law and Policy, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 17 November 2008
- “The EU’s Trade Relations with New Leading Powers,” Featured Speaker at a luncheon of the Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 3 November 2008
- “International Economic Law and its Institutions,” Guest lecturer, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 29 September 2008
- “Recent Developments in EU Law: Implications for the EU’s role in the World Trading System,” Speaker at a round table discussion, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA, 8 September 2008

- “The EU and the New Leading Powers: Issues of Peace and Security,” Speaker, Vienna University of Economics, Vienna, Austria, July 14, 2008
- “Theory and Practice of EC External Trade Law and Policy,” Speaker, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 11 March 2008
- “What Role for the European and National Parliaments in Trade Policy-Making after the Lisbon Treaty?” Speaker in the conference “The Role of National Parliaments in the EU Decision-Making Processes,” Hotel Lev, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 11 January 2008

#### 2007:

- “The EU’s Promotion of Regional Integration in Latin America –Shaping Emergent Forms of Regional Governance—,” Discussant in the conference *Global Governance & Regionalism: The Role of EU, WTO & International Economic Institutions*, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 3-7 December 2007
- “Trade: Breaking the global trade impasse,” Discussant in the conference *Europe and New Leading Powers: Towards Partnership in Strategic Policy Areas*, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Berlin, Germany, 20-21 November 2007
- “50 Years of Trade Policy – Good Enough or as Good as it Gets?” Speaker in the conference *50 Years of the Treaty of Rome*, Faculty of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 29 September 2007
- “WTO and Human Rights,” Speaker, Vienna University School of Law, Vienna, Austria, July 19, 2007
- “New EU Geopolitical Reality After Turkey’s Accession to the EU,” Speaker, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Istanbul Kultur University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 19, 2007
- “The External Relations of the EU,” Speaker, Department of EU Studies, University of Bahçeşehir, Istanbul, Turkey, March 16, 2007
- “Turkey-EU Relations: Conditionality Issues,” Speaker, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Istanbul Kultur University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 15, 2007
- “The EC in the WTO: Legal and Constitutional Implications,” Speaker, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Istanbul Kultur University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 14, 2007

#### 2003-2006:

- “The Challenges of the European Community in the Doha Round,” Speaker, Real Colegio Complutense, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S., June 15, 2006
- “The European Community in the World Trading System: Toward a Federation of States. And What About Accountability?,” Speaker, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee, U.S., December 8, 2005

- "Hard Choices to Make in EC Trade Policy at the WTO," Speaker, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK, November 10, 2005
- "An Analysis of the EC External Trade Policy: Its Place in the World Trade System," Speaker, Department of Law, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, May 16, 2005
- "The EC in the GATS: Diagnosis and Prognosis," Speaker, University of Kent School of Law, Canterbury, Kent, UK, April 12, 2005
- "EU External Trade Law and Policy after the Constitutional Treaty," Speaker, the United States Court of International Trade, New York City, U.S., March 15, 2005
- "The EC in the World Trading System: Where Do We Stand?," Speaker, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, September 1, 2004
- "The European Community in International Trade: The Three Internal Tensions," Speaker, Akron Law School, Akron, Ohio, U.S., April 14, 2004
- "The EC's Common Commercial Policy Area: Its Evolution from Rome to the New EU Constitutional Treaty," Speaker, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, February 19, 2004
- "The Evolution of the European Union from a Historic, Economic and Political Perspective," Speaker (in Portuguese), University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, August 25, 2003
- "Exclusive or Concurrent Community Powers in the Common Commercial Policy Area: Criteria for the Distribution of Powers in the EU," Panelist in Workshop on Theoretical versus Empirical Research, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 11 February 2003

#### Peer-Reviewed Academic Conferences:

##### 2020:

- "The contribution of bilateral investment treaties to a sustainable future," Speaker, Legal Regulation for Investment Development, 7<sup>th</sup> International Annual Conference, Kuwait International Law School, 19-20 April 2020, Kuwait

##### 2019:

- "Business models for sustainable energy" Speaker, 7th Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Annual Conference 2019, Seoul, South Korea, 21-22 October 2019
- "A new form of decentralized energy: Lessons from the WiseGRID project," Speaker, 4th Renewable Energy Sources - Research and Business (RESRB-2019), July 8-9 2019, Wrocław, Poland
- "Decentralizing the energy system: Lessons from the European Union," 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Policy, 26-28 June 2019, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

- [“Towards Sustainability in Trade, Energy and Climate,”](#) Speaker, Contemporary Legal Developments: Issues and Challenges, 6<sup>th</sup> International Annual Conference, Kuwait International Law School, 1-2 May 2019, Kuwait
- “Tackling global challenges: Trade, climate change and sustainable energy,” [Speaker, Environmental sustainability and climate change conference](#), 22-23 April 2019, Osaka, Japan

#### 2018:

- “Smart grids in the EU: Assessing Energy Security, Regulation & Social and Ethical Considerations,” Speaker, [2nd International Conference on Solar Technologies & Hybrid Mini Grids to improve energy access](#), Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 17-19 October 2018
- “Towards decentralized energy in the EU,” Speaker, [Oxford Summer School in Ecological Economics](#), Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 20-24 August 2018
- “A new governance for trade and sustainable development.” Speaker, conference on [The EU and its partners in global governance](#), Chinese University of Hong Kong, 14-15 June 2018
  - Discussant and rapporteur of the panel ‘WTO Rules and the many Nexuses of Global Trade: Investments, Carbon Emissions and Pharmaceuticals’
- “The role of trade agreements in mitigating climate change and enhancing sustainable energy,” Speaker, 24th International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference [ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE](#), 13 June 2018, University of Messina, Italy
- “Smart grids in the European Union: Assessing energy security, regulation & social and ethical considerations. Possible synergies with Africa,” Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-EU Renewable Energy Research and Innovation Symposium, 23rd – 26th January 2018, The National University of Lesotho, Maseru, Lesotho

#### 2017:

- “Empowering citizens for common concerns,” Speaker, 12th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems – SDEWES Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 4th-8th October 2017
  - Chairperson of the panel "Society and Economy" in the same conference
- “Citizens’ empowerment for common concerns,” Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Development 2017, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, 6-7 September 2017
  - Moderator of the panel on socio-cultural sustainability in the same conference
- “Empowering citizens for common concerns,” Speaker, International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Africa, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana, 25-28 July 2017
- “Empowering citizens for common concerns,” Speaker, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual international conference on Law, Regulation and Public Policy, 5-6 June 2017, Singapore

2016:

- “The EU Energy Union: An example of cooperation in energy for East Asia?” Speaker, EU-Asian Energy Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, 10-12 March 2016

2015:

- “Using trade policy tools to enhance energy security: The case of Africa and the European Union,” Speaker, 10<sup>th</sup> annual trade conference, Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa, Arusha, Tanzania, 19-20 November 2015
- “Trade policy tools to promote and improve EU energy security,” Speaker, 6<sup>th</sup> international conference of the Center for International Law Studies, University of Indonesia, Surabaya, Indonesia, 5-6 October 2015
- “Reforming the international trade system to promote and improve energy security,” Speaker, International Conference on Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Le Meridien Hotel, Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius, 8-9 July 2015
  - “Bio-energy,” Panel Chair in the same conference
- “Trade policy tools to promote and improve African and EU energy security,” Speaker, Third African International Economic Law Network Regional Conference, Lagos, Nigeria, 29-30 April 2015

2013:

- “The global energy economy and its fragmented governance: How does it impact global energy security?” Speaker, Second African International Economic Law Network Regional Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 7-8 March 2013
- “The fragmentation of the global energy governance system,” Speaker at *Energy Transitions: Regulation of energy markets at national, European and international levels*, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, 4-5 March 2013

2012:

- “Lessons from the Trade Regime for the Climate Change System: From the Bottom up,” Speaker at the 10<sup>th</sup> Euro-Latin Network on Integration and Trade conference, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 19-20 October 2012
- “The Governance of the Global Energy Economy and its Implications for Global Energy Security,” Speaker, workshop on ‘The EU and Asian Transnational Policy Networks,’ Peking University, China, 24-25 September 2012
- “From the Bottom up: FTAs and the Climate Change Regime,” Speaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bi-annual conference of the Society of International Economic Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 12-14 July 2012
- “Linking Trade and Climate Change: The Role of China, the EU, and the US (The G3),” Speaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> EU in International Affairs Conference, 3-5 May 2012, Brussels, Belgium

- “Free Trade Agreements and the Climate Change Regime,” Speaker at the Research Symposium on international economic law, School of Law, University of Sydney, Australia, 2 March 2012
- “Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements: Changing the Landscape of the Multilateral Trading System,” Speaker at the conference *Economic Blocs and Economic Crises*, Centre Universitaire d’El-oued, Algeria, 26-27 February 2012
- “Bottom-up Solutions for Climate Change,” Speaker at the conference “Globalisation and Social Transformation: The Indian Experience,” Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India, 17-19 February 2012
- “The Interface between Free-Trade Agreements and Climate Change,” Speaker at the Society of International Economic Law Conference, University of Hamburg, 27-28 January 2012
- “Linking Trade with Climate Change,” Speaker at the International Conference on Emerging Economies – Prospects & Challenges, Symbiosis Institute of International Business, Pune, India, 12-13 January 2012

#### 2010-2011:

- “An Alternative Architecture for Climate Change,” Panelist at the conference *Greenhouse Gas Strategies in a Changing Climate*, Air and Waste Management Association, November 16-17, 2011, San Francisco, USA
- “Alternative Architecture for Climate Change: Major Economies and RTAs,” Panelist, 2nd Asian International Economic Law Network Conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 15-16 July 2011
- “The Law and Economics of Climate Change,” Panelist, Asian Law and Economics Association, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 8-9 July 2011
- “Variable Geometry in Climate Change Negotiations: The Role of the Asia Pacific Region,” Panelist at the conference *Contemporary International Law Issues in the Asia Pacific: Opportunities and Challenges*, Grand Formosa Regent, Taipei, Taiwan, 29 May-1 June 2011
- “The Climate Change Challenge: China’s Position” Panelist at the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Law Institute Annual Conference *Law in a Sustainable Asia*, Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Japan, 26-27 May 2011
- “Alternative Architecture for Global Climate Change,” Panelist, 4th European Society of International Law International Economic Law Interest Group research forum, Estonian Academy of Sciences, Tallinn, Estonia, 26 May 2011
- “Linking Trade and Climate Change: The Role of China, the EU, and the US,” Panelist at the conference *The EU, the US and China: Towards the New International Order?* College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, 22-23 April 2011
- “The Role of the G-3 in the Creation of a Global Climate Change Agreement” Panelist at the conference *The EU and Transatlantic Relations: Security and Political Economy Issues*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, 10-12 April 2011

- “Transatlantic Relations and Trade Agreements,” Panel Chair in the same conference
- “China’s International Economic Law and Legal Pluralism in Asia: Between Multilateralism and Regionalism,” Panelist at the conference *Law in a Pluralist Asia: Challenges and Prospects*, 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Law Institute Annual Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25 and 26 May, 2010

#### 2009:

- “The Creation of an East Asia Free Trade Area,” Panelist at the conference *China and the EU: Concord or Conflict?*, Department of International Relations, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, December 9-10, 2009
- “China’s Regionalism: Working Towards an East Asia Free Trade Area?” Panelist in the conference *Trade Agreements: Where Do We Go from Here?* Victoria University of Wellington Law School, Wellington, New Zealand, 22-23 October 2009
- “The EU and Russia as Energy Trading Partners: Friends or Foes?” Panelist, University Association of Contemporary European Studies conference, Angers, France, 3-5 September 2009
- “How Will the EU Deal with China’s Rise? Difficulties and Ways to Improve Them” Panelist, *Inside/Outside: 60 Years of Chinese Politics*, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 20-21 August 2009, Hong Kong, China
- “China—The Rise of a Global Economic Superpower,” Panelist in the conference *Patterns of Change in the global system*, 8<sup>th</sup> Middle East Technical University conference on international relations, 17-19 June 2009, Ankara, Turkey
- “The EC-China Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: A Trade Analysis,” Speaker at the conference *Prospects and Challenges for EU-China Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement*, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, 3-4 April 2009
  - “The Economic Relations between the EU and China in the 21st Century,” Panel Chair in the same conference
- “The European Union and the BRIC countries: Cooperation in Trade,” Speaker at the 50<sup>th</sup> International Studies Association Annual Convention, New York City, USA, 17 February 2009

#### 2008:

- “The European Union and New Leading Powers: Towards Partnership in Strategic Trade Policy Areas,” Speaker in the conference *The Politics of International Economic Law*, George Washington Law School, Washington, DC, USA, 14-15 November 2008; conference organized by the American Society of International Law
- “EU Relations with China and Russia: How to Approach new Superpowers in Trade Matters,” Speaker in the conference *2<sup>nd</sup> International Law and Trade Conference*, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic, 3-5 September 2008



- “Is Lisbon the Answer or the Anathema to EC Trade Law and Policy?,” Speaker in the conference *2<sup>nd</sup> International Law and Trade Conference*, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic, 3-5 September 2008
- “The EU and the BRIC countries: Issues of Foreign Trade,” Speaker in the conference *The Next 50 Years: The Future of European Law & Policy*, Institute of European Law, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom, 3-4 July 2008
- “The European Union vis-à-vis Brazil and India: Future Avenues in Selected Trade Policy Areas,” Speaker in the conference *2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Business, Law and Technology*, Touro Law Center, Touro University, Long Island, New York, U.S., 17-19 June 2008
  - “Liability,” Session Chair in the same conference
- “The European Union and New Leading Powers: Towards Partnership in Strategic Trade Policy Areas,” Speaker in the conference *The EU as a Global Actor*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 5-6, 2008
  - “The EU and Latin America,” Panel Chair in the same conference

#### 2007:

- “The GATS and National Interest in Immigration Policy,” Speaker in the conference *International Economic Law and National Autonomy: Convergence or Divergence?*, Victoria University of Wellington Law School, Wellington, New Zealand, 14-15 December 2007
- “The EU Constitutional Treaty and International Trade,” Panelist in *The EU Constitutional Treaty Conference*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 21-23, 2007
- “Bridging the Gap in the Doha Talks,” Speaker in the conference *International Law and Trade Conference*, Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 10-12, 2007

#### 2004-2006:

- “Competences of the EU with Regard to External Trade Relations,” Panelist in the seminar *“The recent developments and future of the European Union,”* Organized by the Institute of Legal Studies (Polish Academy of Sciences), European Commission, European School of Law and Administration of Warsaw, and the Foundation for the Promotion of European Law, Jurata, Poland, 18-24 June, 2006
- “WTO Negotiations on Trade in Services in the Doha Development Agenda: What are the Legal Implications Thereof for the EC and What are the Consequences of the Nice Treaty Reform?” Panelist in the XII International Conference on European Studies, Havana, Cuba, September 28-October 1, 2004
- “The WTO and the EC: The Three-Level Game of Decision-Making. What Multilateralism Can Learn from Regionalism,” Speaker in the *Multi-Level Governance and the New European Constitution Seminar*, organized by the *Institute for Governance Studies Spring Conference*, Enschede, The Netherlands, June 17-18, 2004
- “The EU Decision-Making Process in EC Trade Policy: The Three Internal Tensions,” Panelist in the ECSA-Canada 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 27-29, 2004

- “European Constitutionalism, Jurisprudence and Legitimacy,” Panel Chair in the ECSA-Canada 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 27-29, 2004
- “EU and US Policies towards the Middle East: Elements of Convergence and Divergence,” “Constitutive and Regulative Norms: EU’s Post-Cold War Interaction with Central and Eastern Europe,” and “The State Problem - Foreign Policy in Western Europe,” Discussant of the above three papers in framework of the Panel “The EU as a Global Actor,” in the ECSA-Canada 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 27-29, 2004
- “The Doha Development Agenda and The EC Institutions In The EC’s External Trade Relations,” Panelist in the Council for European Studies 2004 Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 11-13 2004
  - “Europeanization, Policy Networks, and Governance: Lessons from Iberia,” Panel Chair in the Council for European Studies 2004 Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 11-13 2004

2003:

- “Distribution and Exercise of Competences within the Multi-levelled European Constitutional System,” Participant in the Workshop on *The Europeanization of National Constitutional Law*, European University Institute, Florence, May 9-10, 2003
- “A Comparative Institutional Analysis of the Decision Making Process in EC Trade Policy: The Three Internal Tensions,” Speaker in the Seminar on *Law & Economics*, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Law, December 3, 2003
- “Criteria for the Distribution of Powers in the EU in the Light of the New EU Constitutional Treaty,” Speaker in the Seminar *Selected Issues of EU Policies*, European University Institute, Florence, April 7, 2003
- “International Legal Personality of the EC: The EC Common Commercial Policy’s Scope and Constitutional Problems,” Speaker in Workshop on *The International Relations Law of the EU*, European University Institute, Florence, January 21, 2003

2002:

- “In the Transatlantic Relations, is it a Disadvantage for the EC the fact that the U.S. is a Unitary Actor in Foreign and Trade Policy but the EC isn’t, even if there are more citizens in the EC?,” Speaker in the Seminar *International Economic Law and the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding*, European University Institute, Florence, December 3, 2002
- “Why Delimitation of Competences in the EU? Existing System and Problems,” Speaker in the Workshop on *The European Convention*, European University Institute, Florence, October 21, 2002
- “United We Stand, Divided We Fall- The European Community and its Member States in the WTO Forum: Towards Greater Cooperation on Issues of Shared Competence?,” Panelist in the European Union Panel, International Law & Society Association/ Canadian Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, May 30, 2002

- “What Empowers The European Community The Most In International Trade Negotiations With Third Parties: Shared Competence Or Exclusive Competence?” Speaker in the *Seminar on Research Methodology*, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, March 2002

1998-2001:

- “Is the Kyoto Protocol an Adequate Environmental Agreement to Solve the Climate Change Problem?,” Speaker at a seminar on the legal aspects of U.S. foreign economic policy, Columbia Law School, March 2001
- “The EU-US Trade and Technology Relations,” Co-organizer of the Conference, European Commission, Directorate General for External Relations, Brussels, Belgium, May 12-13 2000
- “The EU-US Economic Disputes: An Analysis of the Current Situation,” Speaker On Behalf Of the Economic Issues Working Group, Salzburg Seminar, *The Transatlantic Agenda at the Turn of the Century*, March 1999
- “The Spanish Position in NATO: An Overview,” Speaker in the Workshop on *Western European Powers*, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, March 1998