

**ACCORD DE LIBRE-ECHANGE CANADA-UE: QUELLES ATTENTES?  
CANADA-UE FREE-TRADE AGREEMENT: WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?**

Mercredi 31 octobre 2012 / Wednesday 31 October 2012

**Conference presentations**

**8:30 – 9:00**      **Mot de bienvenue et café / Welcome and coffee**

9:00 – 9:15      Introduction (Martial Foucault and Thierry Warin)

9:15 – 9:45      Thierry Warin (*Polytechnique Montréal*, and VP Strategy and International economy, Cirano) & Aleksandar Stojkov (Vice Dean, *University of St Cyril and Methodius*, R. of Macedonia)

*Contribution: Presentation of Canadian and Quebec Industrial Manufacturers and their degree of exposure to international trade*

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9:45 - 10:15      Patrick Leblond (*University of Ottawa*)

*Contribution: the political and legal implementation of CETA comparison between Canada and the EU regarding the responsibilities of the various levels of government in the implementation of international trade agreements.*

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**10:15-10:30**      **Pause café / Coffee break**

10:30 – 11:00      Fabien Besson (*DG Trésor, France*)

*Contribution: the perspective of one european country very interested by this free trade agreement*

11:00– 12:15      Pierre-Marc Johnson (*Quebec's CETA negotiator*)  
Lucian Cernat (*Chief Trade Economist of the European Commission*)

*Contribution: The state of negotiations, the major advances in negotiations and issues still to be discussed. The perspective of the European Commission on the future of this agreement and its impact. Where are we regarding intellectual property issues? in agriculture? in public markets?*

**12:15 – 1:15    Repas du midi / Lunch**

1 :15 – 2:30      Introduction (Claude Montmarquette CFO CIRANO)

Table ronde / Roundtable

Jean-Michel Laurin (*Manufacturiers et exportateurs du Canada*)

Martin Damphousse (*Union of municipalities of Quebec*)

*Contribution: What are the benefits of this global agreement for manufacturing companies in Canada, in Quebec? What are the industries that will benefit? What are the disadvantages? Will some industries be weakened? What are the challenges for the public markets in Canada? in Quebec? What are the hopes and fears of municipalities? How to adapt?*

**Où / Where :**

CIRANO – Center for interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations

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## Speakers

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**Fabien Besson** is an economist at the Head office (Executive management) of the Treasury of the French Ministry of Finance. His expertise and his researches concern the commercial policies, the international negotiations and the analysis of the international trade. He is also a researcher associated in the center of Economy of the Sorbonne of the University Paris 1 pantheon – Sorbonne.



**Lucian Cernat** (Ph. D. University of Manchester) is the chief economist at the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission. Author of over 20 publications on the impact of trade policies, he has previously held several positions within the WTO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania in charge of negotiating trade agreements.



**Martial Foucault** (Ph.D. Université Paris 1 Sorbonne) is an associate professor of political economy at the University of Montreal. Currently Director of the Centre of Excellence on European Union, he devoted his research to political factors influencing economic decisions. Author of 30 articles and 3 books, he has received the 2009 award "Young Economist Award" from the International Institute of Public Finance for his work on the consequences of decentralization in developing countries (NBER).



**Pierre-Marc Johnson** is the current chief negotiator for the Quebec Free Trade Agreement Canada-European Union. Lawyer and physician training, Pierre-Marc Johnson was Premier of Quebec (1985) and Minister of Labor (1977-1980), Social Affairs (1981 - 1984), Justice (1984-1985) and Minister Responsible for Canadian Intergovernmental (1984 -1985).



**Jean-Michel Laurin** is Vice President for Global Affairs for the Association of Manufacturers and Exporters (CME). Mr. Laurin is a member of the Advisory Panel on International Trade of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and advises the government on free trade negotiations Canada-European Union. Mr. Laurin holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) specializing in international management from HEC-Montreal and a BA in Economics and Political Science from McGill University.



**Patrick Leblond** (Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University) is Associate Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at the University of Ottawa. Specialist in global economic governance and international political economy and comparative has recently published several notes devoted to the FTA Canada-European Union.



**Aleksandar Stojkov** (Ph.D. Staffordshire University, UK) is assistant professor of economics at Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Macedonia. Aleksandar has a three-year working experience on managerial positions in the government sector (Budget Department and Macroeconomic Policy Department in the Ministry of Finance). He has published a number of academic articles, mainly in the areas of international macroeconomics, public finance and economic analysis of law.



**Thierry Warin** (Ph.D. Essec, Paris) is associate professor of economics and financial economics at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. Former professor at Middlebury College, Thierry Warin is also Vice-President Strategy and International Economics at CIRANO (Canada) Author of more than 30 academic papers and nine books or special issues, expertise focuses on international economic issues and finance, with a particular focus on European economic integration.



**Martin Damphousse**, mayor of Varennes, elected mayor on November 1, 2009 with the members of his team, the Sustainable Party, he made a commitment to put the environment, the family and responsible management at the heart of its priorities. Signatory to the Charter for Sustainable Development, Martin Damphousse and his team are committed to promote and share experiences of Varennes with other municipalities to initiate practices that meet the criteria of sustainable development. His goal: to make Varennes an exemplary city in development by doing things differently to promote quality of life for his citizens and that of future generations.