

Faculty Colloquium

# TRADE AGREEMENTS' ENVIRONMENT PROVISIONS: INSIGHTS FROM A NOVEL DATASET

Trade agreements increasingly include ambitious environmental provisions. Despite the encompassing nature of these provisions, studies on their drivers and consequences remain scarce. Until recently, the main factor hindering research in this area was the lack of reliable data.

This presentation will discuss a new dataset, the Trade & Environmental Database (TREND). Introduced by J.F. Morin, A. Dür and L. Lechner in 2018, this dataset documents 280 types of environmental provisions in 630 trade agreements signed between 1947 and 2016. The database is of particular relevance for research on treaty design, legal innovation, regime complexity, norm diffusion, and treaty effectiveness.

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Jean-Frédéric Morin is Associate Professor at Laval University (Quebec City), where he is the Canada Research Chair in International Political Economy. He has an interdisciplinary background, including a dual PhD in Law and Political Science. Before returning to his hometown of Québec City in 2014, Jean-Frédéric was Professor of International Relations at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) from 2008 to 2014) and a postdoctoral researcher at McGill University's Faculty of Law from 2006 to 2008. His current projects explore the interplay of trade and environmental regimes, the emergence of legal innovations, the provision of technical assistance in the field of intellectual property, the design of environmental agreements, and the evolution of investment agreements. For the 2018-2019 academic year, Jean-Frédéric is on sabbatical leave at the University of California, Berkeley. His most recent working papers can be downloaded from [www.chaire-epi.ulaval.ca/en](http://www.chaire-epi.ulaval.ca/en).

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