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THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE WTO AGENDA

(based on a joint paper with Professor David A. Gantz, University of Arizona, USA)

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When two economic super powers enter into a comprehensive trade agreement that agreement will have a potentially significant impact on the parties' other trading partners and on the WTO's membership more broadly. The TTIP carries the considerable allure of expanding an economic partnership that accounts for almost 50% of global output, a trillion dollars in annual trade (about the same as NAFTA), \$4 trillion in investment and 13 million jobs, all according to the EU Commission. A new FTA between the two leading economic players in the world, with a combined population of over 800 million persons, cannot help but influence the course of future WTO negotiations even if it is many years before the WTO Members are willing to deal with such issues the two super powers may agree on. Perhaps most significant, as a study commissioned by the EU Parliament has suggested, the TTIP "has the potential to remake political and legal relationships between the EU and US and pave the way to a new form of global economic governance based on international regulatory cooperation." But the idea of two trade super powers getting together also opens up for academics to point towards new horizons in which they should look – if they are ambitious. Climate change would be the obvious issue to tackle, but sadly not on the agenda – yet!

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