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# USMCA

INNOVATIONS AND U.S. RATIFICATION

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  
GEWIRZ STUDENT CENTER, 12TH FLOOR  
120 F ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001



9:00 am - 09:15 am

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

**Álvaro Santos**

*Professor, Georgetown Law/Director, Center for the Advancement of the Rule of Law in the Americas (CAROLA)*

9:15 am - 10:45 am

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## PANEL 1

### IS USMCA A NEW PATH FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS?

NAFTA was the precursor of an entire generation of trade agreements. Will USMCA also set a new course for trade agreements to come? Participants will examine the extent to which the USMCA may represent a break with the liberal globalization model enshrined in previous trade agreements and what its potential benefits or concerns may be. Important changes in USMCA include new provisions on investment, labor, rules of origin, digital trade, environment and intellectual property. Does the agreement respond to concerns about jobs, wages, and economic distribution raised by critiques of globalization and of TPP and NAFTA? To what extent do these changes represent a new direction and a response to the globalization backlash?

CHAIR/DISCUSSANT:

**Grant Aldonas**

*Executive Director, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown Law*

PANELISTS:

**Christine McDaniel**

*Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University*

**Kimberly Ann Elliott**

*Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development*

**Ben Beachy,**

*Director, A Living Economy, Sierra Club*

**Inu Malak**

*Visiting Fellow, Cato Institute*

10:45 am - 11:00 am

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## COFFEE BREAK



11:00 am - 12:30 pm

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## PANEL 2

### USMCA RATIFICATION IN THE U.S.

With a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, the political landscape in the U.S. has changed. This new majority has raised concerns about certain aspects of the USCMA, including labor reform in Mexico, enforcement mechanisms in USMCA, the withdrawal of Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum on imports from Canada and Mexico, and the protection of pharmaceutical products. How can these issues be addressed in the ratification process? Can they be included in the USMCA implementing bill or in possible additions to the agreement? What can we learn from NAFTA's ratification process? What are the time constraints given the current political calendar?

CHAIR/DISCUSSANT:

**Jennifer Hillman**

*Professor, Georgetown Law*

PANELISTS:

**Celeste Drake**

*Trade and Globalization Policy Specialist, AFL-CIO*

**Timothy J. Keeler**

*Partner, Meyer Brown*

**Stephen J. Claeys**

*Partner, Wiley Rein*

**Behnaz Kibria**

*Senior Policy Counsel, Google (TBC)*

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

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## LUNCH

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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### KEYNOTE

**Her Excellency Martha Bárcena Coqui,**

*Mexican Ambassador to the United States*



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