

The Canada-European Union Free Trade Agreement: What is at stake for Quebec?

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Athanase-David Pavilion, UQAM, room D-R200

1430 Saint-Denis (at Maisonneuve, Metro Berri-UQAM)

The last provincial budget confirmed it: Undermining public services, rampant privatization and the rejection of the founding principles of fairness and universality are at the heart of the Charest government's agenda. It is no coincidence that Charest is also Canada's most ardent supporter of a new Canada-Europe free trade agreement.

Haven't heard of it? That's because even though negotiations are halfway finished, the public is being kept in the dark.

This is the biggest, most intrusive free trade agreement Canada has ever considered. It could be nastier than NAFTA or the WTO. Negotiators are in Ottawa April 19 to 23 for what has been called the most important round of the free trade talks. They're finalizing new rules that could affect **culture**, public services, **environmental protection**, economic development, **water**, health care, broadcasting policy, **agriculture** and much more.

Join us to hear three prominent European social justice activists speak about Europe's international trade agenda and raise questions about a free trade and investment agreement with Canada.

Featuring:

Gérard Choplin, Via Campesina European Coordination, Belgium

Rolv Hanssen, Public Services International, Norway

Frédéric Viale, Attac-France, author of the new book *L'horreur européenne*, France

Moderator: Ghislaine Raymond

Presented by the **Trade Justice Network** in collaboration with l'Institut d'études internationales de Montréal (IEIM) and ATTAC-Québec. The network is comprised of a number of environmental and civil society organizations as well as trade unions that have come together to challenge the scope and process of the Canada-European Union free trade negotiations, and to highlight the need for a more sustainable, equitable and socially just international trade regime.

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