

Tensions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): Can Conflicting Agendas Be Harmonized?

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Speaker Biographies

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Dean Garon is a nationally recognized authority on technology law and intellectual property, particularly copyright law, entertainment and information privacy. A Minnesota native, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985 and his juris doctor degree from Columbia University School of Law in 1988.

Prior to joining NSU in 2014, Garon was the inaugural director of the Law + Informatics Institute at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, where he taught Information Privacy Law, Cyberspace Law, Copyright Law, Entertainment Law, and related courses. He previously served as dean and professor of law at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota and interim dean of the Graduate School of Management from 2005 to 2006. Before Hamline, he taught Entertainment Law and Copyright at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire and Western State University College of Law in Orange County, California.

Dean Garon is past chair of the American Bar Association's Law School Administration Committee and the Association of American Law Schools Section on Part-Time Legal Education. His teaching and scholarship often focus on business innovation and structural change to media, education and content-based industries. He is the author of three books and numerous book chapters and articles, including *The Independent Filmmaker's Law & Business Guide to Financing, Shooting, and Distributing Independent and Digital Films* (A Cappella Books, 2d Ed. 2009); *Own It – The Law & Business Guide to Launching a New Business Through Innovation, Exclusivity and Relevance* (Carolina Academic Press 2007); and *Entertainment Law & Practice* (2d Ed. 2014 Carolina Academic Press).

Dr. Ramdas Chandra

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Dr. Chandra received his Ph.D. in International Business and Marketing from the Stern School of Business at New York University. His research primarily focuses on international market entry and expansion; international retailing; international franchising; e-commerce; various strategic aspects of international marketing; exporting; foreign direct investment; trade and its impact on economic development; and sustainable business.

Born in India, Dr. Chandra has worked in several countries, providing a diverse, international perspective in his research and teaching. He has published numerous articles in business journals and his forthcoming article, "SMEs [small and medium sized enterprises] and Social Capital Exploring the Brazilian Context" (co-authored with Ruth Clarke), will appear in *European Business Review*.

Fred Frost

CWA Campaign Lead, Communication Workers of America

Fred Frost is a member of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 3 and the South Florida AFL-CIO. As the largest telecommunications union in the world and an AFL-CIO affiliate, the CWA represents over 700,000 men and women in both private and public sectors, and has played an active role in advocacy on trade and investment issues. As CWA Campaign Lead, Frost has worked with the Citizens Trade Campaign, Florida Progressive Democrats and AFSCME Local 3292 on public education campaigns on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). In October 2015, the Commissioners for the City of Miami unanimously approved a resolution calling for greater transparency in trade policy-making that affects south Florida's economy, environment and public health – just days before the TTIP held its 11th round of ministerial talks in downtown Miami. Similar resolutions have been passed in the City of South Miami, the City of Hialeah Gardens, and the City of Hallandale Beach. Frost has also taught at the [Center for Labor Research](#) and Studies at Florida International University.

Cyra Akila Choudhury

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Professor Choudhury graduated with a J.D. (cum laude) and LL.M from Georgetown University Law Center. She received an MA in Comparative Politics from Columbia University focusing on women, religion and South Asia. Prior to joining the FIU faculty, Professor Choudhury worked for The National Academies advising the federal government on international labor standards and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, one of the largest international law firms in the world, in their corporate finance practice. She was a Georgetown Future Law Professor Fellow 2005-2007.

Professor Choudhury's expertise is in international and comparative family law; gender and postcolonial theory; subjectivity and legal theory; and international labor law and labor migration. She has written and lectured on Islamic law and Muslims as minorities and national security law. In 2012, she was awarded a grant from the Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) at Harvard Law School to study domestic migrant workers from South Asia to the Gulf. Professor Choudhury's work has appeared in the *Michigan Journal of International Law*, *Akron Law Review*, and the *University of Colorado Law Review*. She is also a member of the Middle East Studies faculty at FIU.

Timothy A. Canova

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Tim Canova received his B.A. from Franklin and Marshall College, his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center, and a master's diploma in graduate legal studies from the University of Stockholm where he was a Swedish Institute Visiting Scholar. He previously served as a legislative assistant to the late U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas and practiced law in New York City with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon. Prior to Nova, he taught most recently at the Chapman University School of Law in Orange County, California, where he served as associate dean for academic affairs and the Betty Hutton Williams Professor of International Economic Law. He was first granted tenure at the University of New Mexico

School of Law and was a visiting professor at the University of Miami. An early critic of financial deregulation, his work has been published widely in book chapters, monographs, and journals in the U.S. and overseas. In 2011, he was appointed by Senator Bernie Sanders to serve on a select expert advisory committee on Federal Reserve reform.

James D. Wilets

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Professor Wilets received his M.A. in International Relations from Yale University in 1994, his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1987, and his B.A. from the University of Washington in 1982. He teaches in the areas of International Law, Constitutional Law, Comparative Law, Human Rights, Immigration Law, Gender and the Law, and European Union Law. While at Yale University, Professor Wilets prepared, at the request of the United Nations Secretary-General, the first two drafts of a proposal for reforming the human rights functions of the United Nations, which was subsequently incorporated into the U.N.'s Agenda for Peace. He worked as an attorney for the International Human Rights Law Group's Rule of Law Project in Romania and led a joint mission to Liberia by the National Democratic Institute and the Carter Center. Professor Wilets worked in Paris on some of the first negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians for a two-state solution. Professor Wilets writes extensively on constitutional and international law issues and has served as chair of the Inter-American Center for Human Rights.

Douglas L Donoho

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Prior to joining the NSU law faculty in 1989, Professor Donoho taught at the University of Oregon, clerked at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York City. He received his J.D. cum laude at Rutgers University and LL.M. degree at Harvard Law School and is a member of the New York and California bars.

Professor Donoho teaches Constitutional Law, International Human Rights, Public International Law, International Business Transactions, International Practice Clinic, International Regulation of Trade, Criminal Procedure, and Torts. He created and now teaches an on-line course in American law to law students in Spain, the Czech Republic and Italy entitled, and has frequently taught in NSU's foreign programs Venezuela, Costa Rica, and Barcelona, Spain. Professor Donoho's scholarship focuses primarily on international human rights and includes articles published in the *Stanford*, *Michigan*, *Cornell*, *Emory*, *Wisconsin*, *Georgia*, *University of Barcelona* and *ILSA International Law Journals*. His most recent publication is an electronic course book in *International Business Transactions* (Carolina Academic Press, 2014), and a forthcoming book on *International Human Rights* (Carolina Academic Press, 2016).

Professor Donoho has worked on refugee issues in Southeast Asia for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, represented asylum claimants before the Immigration and Naturalization Service and litigated on behalf of Chilean human rights victims in U.S. federal court. He has also represented, in conjunction with the Inter-American Center on Human Rights, Venezuela's 2 million member labor union confederation, CTV, and two prominent political figures in actions brought before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights against the Government of Venezuela.

Florence Shu-Acquaye

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Professor Shu-Acquaye teaches Business Entities, Contracts, UCC: Sales, International Sales of Goods & Arbitration, Negotiable Instruments, and Comparative Corporate Governance. She also teaches in the Master's in Health Law (M.HL) and the Master's in Education Law (M.S. Ed.L) programs. Professor Shu-Acquaye holds an LL.B and Maitrise (post-graduate diploma) (both with honors) from the University of Yaoundé, an LL.M from Harvard Law School, and a J.S.M and a J.S.D from Stanford Law School. While on sabbatical in the fall of 2006, she worked in Cameroon with the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa (SWAA), an African organization dedicated to addressing the problems faced by women with HIV/AIDS. Professor Shu-Acquaye reviewed several proposed laws and model law on the Rights and Obligations of Persons living with HIV/AIDS) in West and Central Africa, and several articles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in Cameroon. She has co-authored the book, *Women, the Law and HIV/AIDS: A Conundrum for the Legislature in Africa?* (Vandeplas Publishing (2008). Professor Shu-Acquaye was a recipient of the *In Focus* magazine's Quiet Storm Achievement Award on August 25, 2007 for her work with the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa, acknowledged and praised by the Supreme Court of Florida. She is a member of the board of directors of the International Advisory Board of the Global Network for Good Governance (GNGG); the Inter-American Human Rights Center; and the Community Hope Center of Fort Lauderdale. She is also an International Editorial Advisory Board member for the *BIAC Journal of Business, Management and Training*, a publication of the Botswana Institute of Administration and Commerce. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Business and International Law Divisions, the Corporate Governance Committee, as well as a member of the International Developments in Corporate Governance Committee. She has published and lectured widely on a variety of topics at conferences and workshops.

Joel A. Mintz

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Since joining the Nova law faculty in 1982, Professor Mintz has taught courses in Environmental Law, Torts, and Environmental Enforcement. His scholarship focuses primarily on environmental law and policy, environmental enforcement, sustainable development, regulation of hazardous wastes, and state and local taxation and finance. Mintz is the author of a well-received monograph, *Enforcement at the EPA: High Stakes and Hard Choices* (University of Texas Press, 1995) (revised edition, 2012), and a treatise on the federal environmental liabilities of state and local governments; and he has co-authored two casebooks, a "law-in-a-nutshell" work, a handbook for attorneys on municipal finance, and numerous law review articles and book contributions that have been widely cited, quoted, and excerpted in texts, scholarly books, and articles. Prior to joining the NSU law faculty, Professor Mintz was an attorney and chief attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago and Washington, D.C. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member scholar of the Center for Progressive Reform and the President of the Board of Directors of the Everglades Law Center. Mintz received his B.A. from Columbia University, his J.D. from N.Y.U. School of Law, and his LL.M. and J.S.D. from Columbia Law School. He is an elected member of both the Commission on Environmental Law of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the International Council of Environmental Law. He is also a member of the bar of the State of New York and of several federal courts.

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Michael Flynn

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Professor Flynn is native of Seattle Washington and earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* and J.D., *cum laude* from Gonzaga University. Upon graduating law school, Professor Flynn worked for the Washington State Attorney General's Office and served as the Section Chief and Chief Trial Lawyer for the Consumer Protection and Anti-Trust Division for Eastern Washington. Professor Flynn went into private law practice where he work as a trial lawyer in consumer protection, personal injury, construction contract and commercial litigation. Professor Flynn started his academic career as an Assistant Professor at the University Of Washington School Of Law and then became a tenured Professor of Law at the NSU Law School. Professor Flynn has served as the Chair of the Consumer Protection Law Committee of the Florida Bar as well as being a member of various law related organizations. Presently, Professor Flynn is the Chair of the Broward County Consumer Protection Board which hears administrative appeals involving all kinds of consumer disputes. Professor Flynn is the Director of the NSU Consumer Law Clinic and teaches classes and presents at conferences and seminars in Consumer Protection Law, Torts, Lawyering and Trial Skills and Commercial Litigation.