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A little over four years ago we met on the way to get coffee. We chatted about the news and our work. The subject soon turned to the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and we were both intrigued by the role of sub-federal actors in those negotiations. Little did we know it at the time, but a research partnership was born.

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