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# Forty-First ITF Public Conference

## Contracts with States in International Investment Law

Friday 19 April 2024

Hybrid Event

09.00 - 09.30

Registration with coffee & tea

09.30 - 09.45

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Prof. Yarik Kryvoi, Director of the Investment Treaty Forum, BIICL, London

09.45 - 10.15

### **Keynote Address**

Dr. Maria Chiara Malaguti, President of UNIDROIT, Rome

10.15 - 11.45

### **Panel 1. Introduction, Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution**

Chair: Samantha Rowe, Debevoise & Plimpton, London (chair)

- Antolín Fernández Antuña, independent arbitrator, Madrid  
***Types of Investor-State Contracts and Related Legal Issues***
- Prof. Aniruddha Rajput, Withers LLP and National Law University, Delhi  
***Applicable Law in Investor-State Contracts: Domestic, International and Lex Mercatoria***
- Dr. Stuart Dutson, Simmons & Simmons, London  
***Dispute Resolution Provisions in Contracts with States (Arbitration, State Courts, Umbrella Clauses)***

11.45 - 12.00 – Break

12.00 - 13.30

### **Panel 2. Substantive Provisions in Investor-State Contracts**

Chair: Jennifer Younan, Shaerman & Sterling, Paris (chair)

- Graham Coop, Pinsent Masons, London  
***Stabilisation Clauses in Investment Contracts***
- Lorenzo Cotula, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Edinburgh  
***ESG Considerations in Investment Contracts: Environment, Human Rights, Corruption***
- Prof. Ming Du, Durham University, Durham  
***Disputes with Chinese state-owned Companies***

13.30 - 14.30 – Lunch (provided for all participants)

14.30 - 16.00

**Panel 3. Interpretation, Parallel Proceedings and Counterclaims**

Chair: Dr. Jaroslav Kudrna, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic, Prague (chair)

- Dr. Yuliya Chernykh, Inland Norway University, Lillehammer  
***Contract Interpretation in Investor-State Cases***
- Matthew Hodgson, Allen & Overy, London  
***Parallel Proceedings Involving States and Investors***
- Ridhi Kabra, Three Crowns, London  
***Duties of Investors and Counterclaims Arising out of Contracts***

16.00 - 16.15

**Closing Remarks**

Prof. Andrea Bjorklund, McGill University, Montreal

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