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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