The History of International Investment Law: A Conversation with Antonio R. Parra and Christoph Schreuer

The Investment Treaty Forum (ITF) is starting a series of events devoted to the history of international law. The first event will feature a conversation on the early years and the evolution of the system of investor-state dispute resolution.

The Director of the ITF, Prof Yarik Kryvoi will interview Dr Antonio R. Parra, who helped to shape the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes during its early years and Prof Christoph Schreuer, a co-author of a leading commentary on ICSID.

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Welcome: Dr Markus Burgstaller, Partner at Hogan Lovells

Chair: Prof Yarik Kryvoi, Director of the ITF at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Speakers: Dr Antonio R. Parra
         Prof Christoph Schreuer

Dr Antonio R. Parra

Antonio R. Parra is currently a Consultant with the Corporate Secretariat of the World Bank. He previously served as Counsel and Senior Counsel, World Bank Legal Department, Legal Adviser, ICSID, and as the first Deputy Secretary-General of ICSID. At the World Bank Legal Department and ICSID, he took part in the preparation of the 1985 Convention Establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency and the formulation of the 1992 World Bank Guidelines on the Treatment of Foreign Direct Investment. Mr Parra is an Honorary Secretary-General of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, a member of the Executive Committee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
He holds a doctorate in law from the University of Geneva and has published 45 articles and contributions to edited volumes. The second edition of his book The History of ICSID was published by Oxford University Press this year.

**Prof Christoph Schreuer**

Professor Christoph Schreuer is a graduate of the Universities of Vienna, Cambridge and Yale. From 1970 to 2000 he was professor at the Department of International Law of the University of Salzburg, Austria. From 1992 to 2000, he was the Edward B. Burling Professor of International Law and Organization at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. From 2000 to 2009 he was Professor of International Law at the University of Vienna, Austria. He is currently counsel with the law office Zeiler partners, Vienna.

Over an academic career spanning almost fifty years, he has published numerous articles and several books in the field of international law. Since 1992, he has focused on international investment law. The main product of this activity is a 1500-page commentary on the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States under the title “The ICSID Convention: A Commentary” Second edition together with Loretta Malintoppi, August Reinisch and Anthony Sinclair (2009).

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