



Twenty-eighth ITF Public Conference

Economic Crime and International Investment Law

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Brunei Theatre, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street London WC1H 0XG

Programme

08.30 – 09.00	Registration with tea/coffee
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome and introduction Professor Yarik Kryvoi, Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
09.15 – 10.00	Keynote address Lucinda Low, President of the American Society of International Law, Partner at Steptoe & Johnson, United States
10.00 – 11.30	Panel 1: Breach of Substantive National and International Law Obligations as a Bar to Jurisdiction Topics: BIT provisions on obligations of investors, particularly related to corruption and tax evasion, clean hands doctrine, umbrella clauses, significance of breach, “in accordance with law” requirement. Chair: Christer Söderlund, Morssing & Nycander, Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Surya Subedi, OBE, QC, University of Leeds, United Kingdom• Noah Rubins, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, France• Thomas Kendra, Hogan Lovells, France

11.30 – 12.00	Tea & coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Panel 2: Economic Crimes and the Merits of Investor-State Disputes</p> <p>Topics: state attribution, state responsibility, provisional measures, relationship with national proceedings.</p> <p>Chair: Professor Andrea Bjorklund, University of Ottawa, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baiju Vasani, Jones Day, United Kingdom • Arif Ali, Dechert, United States • George Burn, Vinson & Elkins, United Kingdom
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.15	<p>Panel 3: Evidentiary Challenges of Allegations of Economic Crimes in Investor-State Disputes</p> <p>Topics: burden of proof, standard of proof, evidentiary privileges such as national security, whistleblowing obligations, freedom of information.</p> <p>Chair: Wendy Miles QC, Debevoise & Plimpton, United Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael O'Kane, Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, United Kingdom • Dr Cecily Rose, Leiden University, the Netherlands • Jay Alexander, Baker Botts (UK) L.L.P. United Kingdom
16.15 – 16.30	Closing remarks

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