

## Investment Treaty Forum

# Twenty-fourth ITF Public Conference

*'The European Union's Investment Treaties in Global Context'*

Friday 8 May 2015  
08:30-17:00  
(Registration 08:30)

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6 CPD hours

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#### Keynote Speaker:

- **Professor Sir David Edward** KCMG QC FRSE PC, former judge of the European Court of Justice

#### Speakers:

- **N. Jansen Calamita**, Investment Treaty Forum
- **Anna Crevon**, Dentons
- **Alejandro Escobar**, Baker Botts
- **Michael Ewing-Chow**, National University of Singapore
- **David Gaukrodger**, OECD
- **Gavan Griffith QC**, Essex Court Chambers
- **Markus Burgstaller**, Hogan Lovells
- **Lise Johnson**, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment
- **Anna Joubin-Bret**, Cabinet d'avocats
- **Armand de Mestral**, McGill University
- **Martins Paporinskis**, University College London
- **Lauge Poulsen**, University College London
- **Christian Tams**, University of Glasgow

This meeting brings together high-level speakers to examine the European Union's investment treaty making practice in global context.

The meeting will feature three panels:

#### Panel 1: The Object and Purpose of Europe's Investment Treaties

What is the purpose of the EU's investment treaties? Are these treaties an end in themselves or are they instruments of particular times and places? What do we know about the relationship between investment treaties and the decision-making of EU investors? To the extent that the EU is developing an investment policy of its own, how is this being reflected in the treaty making of the Member States?

#### Panel 2: Comparing the Texts - Substantive Protections

This panel will look at key provisions of the EU's draft treaties related to substantive treatment: fair and equitable treatment, MFN treatment, and exceptions. In particular, it will ask two questions: (1) What do the texts tell us about the EU's unwritten model BIT? Where are the consistencies? Where are the discrepancies? (2) What do we know about the EU texts based upon our knowledge of the texts of other treaties which they resemble or from which they deliberately seem to depart?

#### Panel 3: Analyzing the Texts – Jurisdiction & Dispute Settlement

This panel looks at key procedural provisions of the EU's draft treaties and asks: (1) What do the texts tell us about the EU's unwritten model BIT? Where are the consistencies? Where are the discrepancies? (2) What do we know about the EU texts based upon our knowledge of the texts upon which they are based or closely resemble, namely the DR-CAFTA, the NAFTA, etc.

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