Eighteenth ITF Public Conference

Recent Developments in Investor-State Arbitration: Consent and Jurisdiction

Friday 11 May 2011, 09:00 to 17:30

Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, 10 Thornhaugh St, London, WC1H 0XG

Programme

08.30 – 09.00  Registration with tea/coffee

09.00 – 09.15  Welcome and Introduction

   N. Jansen Calamita, British Institute International & Comparative Law; University of Birmingham

09.15 – 09.45  Keynote Address

   Sir Frank Berman KCMG QC, Essex Court Chambers

09.45 – 11.15  PANEL 1 – Counterclaims and Countermeasures

   Chair: Professor Zachary Douglas, Matrix Chambers; Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

   Issues of Jurisdiction and Consent in Countermeasures Defenses

   N. Jansen Calamita, British Institute International & Comparative Law; University of Birmingham

   Counterclaims – An Emerging or Submerging Issue in Investment Arbitration?

   Sergey Ripinsky, UNCTAD

   Counterclaims and Issues of Consent, Jurisdiction and Nexus

   Professor H.E. Veenstra-Kjos, University of Amsterdam

11.15 – 11.45  Tea/coffee break
11.45 – 13.15 PANEL 2 – Class Actions, Consent & Jurisdiction

Chair: Professor Maurice Mendelson QC, Blackstone Chambers

Jurisdiction and Admissibility
Christina Schutez, Clifford Chance (Moscow)

Consent and Jurisdiction in Abaclat v. Argentine Republic
Professor S.I. Strong, University of Missouri

The Meaning of Silence: Abaclat and Treaty Interpretation
Professor Guglielmo Verdirame, 20 Essex Street Chambers; King’s College London

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 PANEL 3 – Competence de la Competence – Judicial Supervision of Jurisdictional Matters

Chair: Matthew Saunders, DLA Piper

Review by National Courts of Investment Treaty Awards
Professor Kaj Hobér, Manheimer Swartling; University of Uppsala

"True" Questions of Jurisdiction and the Correctness Standard of Review -- Views from Canada in Cargill v Mexico
Professor Céline Lévesque, University of Ottawa

BG Group v. Argentina in Context
Gaëtan Verhoosel, Covington & Burling

16.00 – 16.30 Closing remarks:
Lucy Reed, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

16.30 – 17.15 Tea and coffee