



CURRENT ISSUES IN INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION

Treaty Shopping v Treaty Planning & The EU as a New Actor

Monday 6 June, from 14:30 to 19:30 with reception to follow

Location: Chiomenti Premises at Via di Monte Savello 30, Rome

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What this event is about:

This conference addresses two pressing issues in contemporary practice. In the first session, panellists will consider the distinction between prudent corporate planning which seeks to take advantage of favourable protections under investment treaties and improper corporate structuring amounting to treaty-shopping and a possible abuse of rights. Is there a clear line to be drawn between the legitimate and illegitimate? When does treaty-planning become treaty-shopping? Should it be a bar to jurisdiction?

The second session addresses the emerging role of the European Union in international investment law. Among the questions raised will be: Why is the EU Commission concerned about claims being brought under investment treaties between member states of the EU? What role is the Commission playing in the cases in which it has intervened? Can investment protection through BITs or the ECT coexist with EU law? What is the Commission proposing for investment-protection treaties between EU member states and third countries? Will there be EU BITs and if so what kind of protection will they offer to investors and to States? What are the implications of the interim period in which the existing treaties will remain in place?

Among the participants in the event will be:

- N. Jansen Calamita (Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of Int'l & Comparative Law, London)
- Andrea Carlevaris (Bonelli Erede Pappalardo, Rome)
- Domenico Di Pietro (Chiomenti Studio Legale, Rome)
- Ferdinando Emanuele (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Rome)
- Luigi Fumagalli (Università degli Studi di Milano)
- Bart Legum (Salans, Paris)
- Vaughan Lowe QC (University of Oxford; Essex Court Chambers)
- Loretta Malintoppi (Eversheds, Paris)
- Federico Ortino (King's College London)
- Lluís Paradell (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Rome)
- Leopoldo Rubinacci (DG Trade, EU Commission)
- Giorgio Sacerdoti (Università Bocconi di Milano)
- Anthony Sinclair (Allen & Overy LLP, London)
- Edouard Soubry (GDF SUEZ, Brussels)

Bookings and Prices:

To register for this event, please visit the British Institute of International and Comparative Law website (www.biicl.org).

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