

Lecture Series

The European Union as a Global International Actor and Investment Treaties

Judicialization of Investor-State Dispute Resolution: Competing Models of Legal Globalization

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Abstract:

Public backlash against arbitration as the dominant method of investor-state dispute resolution has in recent years resulted in a number of reform proposals. Many of them aim at either supplementing or replacing the existing mechanisms with court-like forms of adjudication. The lecture will discuss two such proposals, which have enjoyed notable political support: the EU Investment Court System and the Belt and Road dispute resolution mechanism. Prospects for establishment of a multilateral investment court will also be examined, with regard to pending proceedings of UNCITRAL Working Group III, and to the EU-China BIT negotiations.

Thursday 13 December 2018
5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Location
University of Luxembourg
Weicker Building
Conference room B 001 (Ground floor)
4, rue Alphonse Weicker
L-2721 Luxembourg

Language
English

Registration
- Free lecture
- Maximum number of attendees: 80
- Please register via Eventbrite :
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- The Lecture will be followed by a cocktail.

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Speaker

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Discussant

Matthew Happold is Professor of Public International law at the University of Luxembourg. He has published widely across the public international law spectrum, including on dispute settlement, the United Nations, State responsibility, immunities, human rights and humanitarian law, and economic sanctions. Since 2014, he has been a member of the Luxembourg Commission consultative des Droits de l'Homme, Luxembourg's national human rights institution. Matthew also practices as a barrister from 3 Hare Court, London, and sits as a Recorder on the North Eastern Circuit.

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Forthcoming

21 January 2019, 5:30 pm

Anders Neergaard, Legal Service of the European Parliament

Bilateral investment treaties and the autonomy and values of the European Union - threats or opportunities

Discussant: **Dr Mauro Gatti**, University of Luxembourg