

International investment law is evolving rapidly, with the negotiation of over 2,700 international investment agreements and a growing number of arbitrations. The European Union is committed to sustainable development, and has just recently gained jurisdiction over investment law, which may lead to new investment treaty negotiations with partner countries. Several new legal research initiatives are also being launched. What are the next steps for sustainable development in investment treaties, in arbitrations, and in other international regimes? What is new in this field, at key areas of overlap? What legal research is overdone, and what more is needed? What are the challenges and opportunities?

Through three legal experts panels, and a roundtable of leading figures in investment law, practitioners and scholars will discuss new developments and directions for investment treaty practice and jurisprudence, and identify key areas for a future legal research agenda for sustainable development and investment law. The event will close with a Book Launch Reception for MC Cordonier Segger, M Gehring & A Newcombe (eds.), *Sustainable Development in World Investment Law* (Kluwer Law International, 2010), to which Seminar speakers and participants contributed.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN WORLD INVESTMENT LAW

An International Legal Experts Seminar & Book Launch Reception
10:00am – 7:00pm / 7 May 2011

Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (LCIL), University of Cambridge, UK

10:00am – 10:15am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Sir Elihu Lauterpacht / Prof. Marc Weller* (Lauterpacht Centre for International Law)
- Prof. Andrew Newcombe (University of Victoria), Dr. Markus Gehring (Cambridge University) & Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (CISDL/IDLO/LCIL)

10:15am – 11:30am

Experts Panel 1: Intersections of Investment, Development, Human Rights & Environmental Regimes

Chair: Prof. Armand de Mestral (McGill University)

Overview of Papers: Prof. Andrew Newcombe (University of Victoria)

Speakers:

- Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret (UNCTAD): International Investment Law and Development*
- Mr. Jonathan Bonnitcha (Oxford University): International Investment Law and Human Rights
- Dr. Martins Paparinskis (Oxford University): Regulatory Expropriation and Sustainable Development
- Dr. Jörg Kammerhofer (University of Freiburg): The Theory of Norm Conflict Solutions in International Investment Law

11:30am

Coffee Break

11:45am – 01:00pm

Experts Panel 2: Promoting More Sustainable Investment Agreements

Chair: Dr. Gavan Griffith (Essex Court Chambers)

Overview of Papers: Dr. Markus Gehring (Cambridge University)

Expert Speakers:

- Dr. Marek Jezewski (University of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński): Development Considerations in Defining Investment
- Ms. Mahnaz Malik (IISD): The IISD Model International Agreement on Investment for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Jarrod Hepburn (Oxford University): Corporate Social Responsibility in Investment Treaties
- Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder (IISD): Transparency and Amicus Curiae in ICSID Arbitrations

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Speakers Luncheon

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Roundtable Dialogue: International Investment Law in the Context of Sustainable Development

Chairs: Prof. Andrew Newcombe (University of Victoria), Dr. Markus Gehring (Cambridge University) & Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (CISDL/LCIL/IDLO)

Discussants:

- Prof. Campbell McLachlan (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Dr. Kamal Hossain (International Law Association)*
- Dr. Gavan Griffith (Essex Court Chambers)*
- Prof. M. Sornarajah (National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law)
- Prof. Armand de Mestral (McGill University)*
- Mr. N. Jansen Calamita (Director, Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute for International & Comparative Law)

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Tea

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Experts Panel 3: Future Directions for Legal Research & Practice

Chair: Prof. M. Sornarajah (National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law)

Overview of Papers: Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (CISDL/LCIL/IDLO)

Expert Speakers:

- Dr. Graham Mayeda (University of Ottawa): Sustainable International Investment Agreements: Challenges and Solutions for Developing Countries
- Mr. Olivier Rukundo (CISDL/IDLO): Investment Promotion and Protection in the UNCBD: An Emerging Access and Benefit Sharing Regime
- Mr. Nicolas Hachez (Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies – Institute for International Law, University of Leuven): The Institutionalization of Investment Arbitration and Sustainable Development

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Conclusions

Prof. Andrew Newcombe (University of Victoria), Dr. Markus Gehring (Cambridge University), Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (CISDL/LCIL/IDLO)

6:00 pm – 7:00pm

Book Launch Reception

Guest of Honour: Sir Eli Lauterpacht (Lauterpacht Centre for International Law)

*To be confirmed.

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