

THE FUTURE OF INVESTMENT ARBITRATION IN EUROPE

On **1 June 2018**, the Association for International Arbitration (AIA) with the support of Billet & Co Lawyers will organise a one-day conference on **The Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe**. The panellists will provide a comprehensive overview of issues pertinent to investment arbitration, reflections on challenges posed by cultural crossroads and insight into future developments.

The four panels will deep dive into the following topics:

First Panel

Intra-EU BITs: A Way Forward After Achmea (Co-chaired by Mr. Johan Billiet and Prof. Nikos Lavranos)

- Are there alternatives for intra-EU ISDS proceedings?
- What are the wider consequences of *Achmea* for ECT, extra-EU BITs, CETA?
- How to ensure a high level of investor and investment protection within the EU?

Second Panel

The Invasion of the Common Lawyers: Has International Arbitration Lost Its Trans-Systemic Character? (Chaired by Mr. Diego Brian Gosis)

- Are investment law lawyers culturally diverse?
- Are the arbitrators?
- Do practitioners from different cultures see the same trends?

Third Panel

Investment Court Model: A Practical Review (Chaired by Dr. Todd Weiler)

- Will it be found consistent with EU law?
- Can it really answer most strident objections to ISDS?
- Where might mandatory disclosure of 3rd party funding lead?
- Is the hoped-for multilateral tribunal an impractical pipe-dream?

Fourth Panel

Brexit and the Energy Charter Treaty (Chaired by Mr. Graham Coop)

- What is the present status of the ECT as an intra-EU MIT?
- How will Brexit alter that status, and how relevant will the ECT be to the UK post Brexit?
- What happens to claims arising before Brexit?
- Could investors sue the UK – or the EU – on the basis of Brexit per se?



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Mr. Johan Billiet

Mr. Billiet is a founding partner at Billiet & Co, Brussels and the founder and president of the AIA. He frequently acts as arbitrator in national and international arbitrations. Mr. Billiet teaches alternative dispute resolution, investment arbitration and comparative arbitration at the VUB University in Brussels and has recently published 'International Investment Arbitration - A Practical Handbook'.



Mr. Diego Brian Gosis

Mr. Gosis holds degrees in Law and Translation from the University of Buenos Aires. He is a member of the AIA Board. He has acted as counsel, arbitrator and conciliator in numerous international arbitrations. He has trained the teams of University of Buenos Aires to commercial and investment arbitration competitions, and currently serves at the Board of Advisors to the FDI Moot on investment arbitration.



Mr. Graham Coop

Mr. Coop is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand and as a solicitor with Higher Rights of Audience (Civil) in England and Wales. He is a partner at Volterra Fietta and member of the AIA Board. He is recognized as an expert in investment arbitration. He is an honorary member of the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.



Prof. Nicolaos Lavranos

Prof. Dr. Lavranos is the owner & founder of NL-Investmentconsulting. He is also a Guest Professor of International Investment Law at the VUB and Board member of the AIA. Previously, he was the Head of Legal Affairs at Global Investment Protection. He is a highly-experienced negotiator and policy advisor on Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and expert in European law and public international law.



Dr. Todd Weiler

Dr. Weiler is a member of the AIA Board and a barrister from Canada whose practice has focused exclusively on international investment law and arbitration since 1999. He has served as counsel, consulting expert and arbitrator in numerous investment disputes, in a wide array of dispute settlement bodies, countries, and industries.



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Dr. De Brabandere holds the Chair in International Dispute Settlement Law at Leiden University and is member of the Ghent Bar working as of counsel at Lexlitis. He graduated from Ghent University and the University of Geneva. Dr. De Brabandere has published numerous works on the topic of international investment law and arbitration, as well as international dispute settlement.



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Mr. López- Ortiz is a partner in the International Arbitration Practice of Mayer Brown, Paris. He is admitted to the Paris Bar and Madrid Bar. He graduated from University Carlos III de Madrid and has an LLM from LSE. He frequently represents parties in commercial and investment arbitrations, and is a member of the Investment Arbitration Subcommittee of the IBA and other arbitration organisations such as the ICC Arbitration & ADR Commissions and various of its Task Forces.



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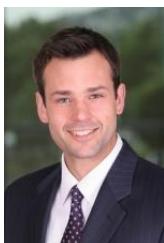
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Mr. David Kohegyi

Mr. Kohegyi heads the Compliance and Investigations practice at DLA Piper in Budapest. In this capacity, he is also responsible for the investment arbitration portfolio of the Firm's Budapest office. He is a graduate of the University of Miskolc, Hungary and the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Kohegyi is dual-qualified, registered as an attorney in New York State and Budapest.



Ms. Verónica Sandler

Ms. Sandler is a lawyer and academic. She graduated from the University of Buenos Aires and the University of Palermo, and is a doctoral candidate in law at the Austral University. She is adjunct professor of investment and commercial arbitration in numerous Argentine universities. She has participated in conferences worldwide and international commercial and investment arbitrations. Ms. Sandler currently figures on the list of designated arbitrators of different Argentine and international arbitration institutions.



Mr. Grant Hanessian

Mr. Hanessian is a partner at Baker McKenzie NY and holds positions in multiple arbitration institutions. He graduated from Columbia University, NYU and the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hanessian has over 30 years of experience including in investment treaty, commodity, and financial services disputes in front of most major arbitration institutions. Guides such as Chambers Global, Legal 500, and The International Who's Who of Arbitration annually recommend him.



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Mr. Robert Volterra

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Dr. Anna Plevri

Dr. Plevri is a professor of Private Law and ADR at the University of Nicosia and a visiting professor in an Arbitration/Mediation program of the International Hellenic University. She obtained an LLB, LLM, and PhD from the Law School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as well as an LLM from the University of Thrace. Dr. Plevri is an accredited mediator, mediator's trainer, arbitrator, member of CIArb, and a faculty member of Adr-Odr International. She is an Attorney at Law, and admitted to the Thessaloniki and Cyprus Bars.



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The **Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe** will take place on 1 June 2018 in Brussels, in the [Conference Hall of Press Club Brussels Europe, 95 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.](#)



Further information about this event and the registration form are provided [here](#).

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