ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group
2018 MANCHESTER ESIL Conference
Workshop of the ESIL IEL IG – 12 and 13 September 2018

International Economic Law in 2018: Between Reform and Contestation

12th September 2018 h. 13:00 - 18:00
13th September 2018 h. 09:00 - 12:30
Room 2.05, Williamson Building, 176 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9QQ

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018
h. 13.00 – 14.45
Panel 1: Electronic Commerce, Cyberspace & International Economic Law

Chair: Holger Hestermeyer, King’s College London

Speakers:
Matthew W. Swinehart, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC
Moving Financial Information in the Twenty-First Century,

Ines Willemyns, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGS) – Institute for International Law, KU Leuven
The GATS (In)Consistency of Barriers to Digital Services Trade
Ana Luísa Soares Peres, King’s College London, and Letícia De Souza Daibert, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Buenos Aires
Public-Private Dialogue in the WTO: Supporting E-Commerce to Promote Development?

Loris Marotti, University of Milan
Joint Interpretation Clauses: A Mixed Blessing?

Alessandra Arcuri, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Francesco Montanaro, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Protecting the Public Interest in Investment Treaties

Discussion

**h. 14.45-15.00 Coffee Break**

**h. 15.00-16.45**
**Panel 2: Reform of Investment Dispute Settlement and Developments in EU Investment Law**

**Chair:** Catharine Titi, CNRS-CERSA, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

**Speakers:**
Jansen Calamita, National University of Singapore
The European Union’s Investment Court: Bilateral and Multilateral Games

Rhea Tamara Hoffmann, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
The Multilateral Investment Court: Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block?

Javier Garcia Olmedo, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law
Investor-State Arbitration in Times of Reform: Balancing the Asymmetry of Investment Treaties through National Requirements

Dominik Moskvan, University of Antwerp
Out of (State) Control: EU Member States and State-Owned Enterprises’ Investment Claims

Pavel Šturm, Charles University in Prague
Is There Any Future for Investment Treaty Arbitration in Europe? Some Comments in Light of the Achmea Judgment

Discussion

**h. 16.45 – 17.00 Coffee Break**

**h. 17.00 – 17.30**
**General Meeting with the IG Members**
Thursday 13 September 2018
Roundtable: The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble

h. 09.00-10.30
The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble (Part I)

Chair: Marina Trunk Fedorova, St. Petersburg University

Speakers
Ulrich Petersmann, European University Institute
Need for Democratic Legislation for Protecting the World Trading System

Elisa Baroncini, Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna
Lights and Shadows in the Case-Law of the WTO Appellate Body

Geraldo Vidigal, University of Amsterdam
Westphalia Strikes Back? Coping with Conflicts of Conceptions in WTO Dispute Settlement

Ravindra Pratap, South Asian University, New Delhi
Exploring the Possibility of Litigation Costs in WTO Dispute Settlement

Richard Ouellet, Faculté de droit de l’Université Laval
The Dispute Settlement Crisis at the WTO: And If the US were defending fair trade?

h. 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

h. 11-12.30
The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble (Part II)

Chair: Peter-Tobias Stoll, University of Göttingen

Speakers
Hyokyung Jung, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to New Zealand Wellington
WTO under the Threat: Bilateral Agreements and Regional Public Goods

Matjaz Nahtigal, University of Primorska, Slovenia
Globalization, Rise of Populism and the Role of International Legal Institutions

Daria Boklan, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Are Anti-Russian “Sanctions” Justifiable by WTO Security Exceptions?

Harlan Grant Cohen, University of Georgia School of Law
What Is International Trade Law For?

Discussion

Conveners
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