

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW CIL Seminar

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THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE **TREATMENT STANDARD:**

A Survey of Recent Developments in the Law



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INTRODUCTION

One of the most commonly used substantive standards of treatment in investment treaties is the fair and equitable treatment standard. Treaties vary in terms of how they express the standard and thus the interpretation of one fair and equitable treatment clause may not be relevant to the interpretation of another. That said, investment tribunals often cite prior cases in support of their interpretations of the clause. This seminar explores how the standard has developed both in treaty-making practice and in the jurisprudence.

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