

NUS-SMU Public Lecture Series on International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution

1 April 2015 & 15 April 2015, 6:30PM – 8:00PM
Seminar Room 4-4, Level 4, Block B, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
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The Limits of a State's Consent and the Next Generation of International Investment Treaties

The **Centre for International Law** is pleased to host the inaugural NUS-SMU Public Lecture Series on International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution, bringing together three world-renowned experts in the field to share their views and take your questions: **Mr. Toby Landau QC**, **Mr. Sam Wordsworth QC** and **Mr. Christopher Thomas QC**.

1 April 2015, Wednesday, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

"ISDS: (Mis)understanding State Consent"

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A critical tour of the outer limits of a State's consent to jurisdiction in investor-State arbitration, with mass claims explored as a topical example of how far consent may, or may not, extend.



Toby Landau QC is a barrister and arbitrator, practising at Essex Court Chambers in London, and also a member of the New York, BVI, DIFC and Northern Ireland Bars. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2008. As Arbitrator, he has sat in numerous major international cases, in many countries worldwide. As Counsel, he has appeared in over 300 international arbitrations and argued many of the leading arbitration cases before the English Courts. He has also argued many high profile arbitration cases before foreign Courts, including *PT First Media v Astro* in the Singapore Court of Appeal. He is a member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration (2015), and winner of the Who's Who Legal "Arbitration Lawyer of the Year" Award in 2014 and 2015.



Sam Wordsworth QC is a barrister at Essex Court Chambers, London, specialising in public international law and international arbitration. He has been instructed by many Governments in international law cases and regularly appears before international courts and tribunals including the International Court of Justice. He is a Visiting Professor teaching investment arbitration at Kings College, London, and has been instructed on multiple ICSID, ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, NAI and *ad hoc* arbitrations as well as in arbitrations before the Iran/US Claims Tribunal and claims before the UNCC. He is co-author of Halsbury's Vol. 62, *International Relations Law*, and is Chairman of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Public International Law Advisory Panel.

15 April 2015, Wednesday, 6:30PM – 8:00PM

"Modern Investment Treaty-Making Practice: Restatement, Elaboration and Transparency"

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An examination of the trend away from short treaties worded in general terms to present-day treaty-making in which negotiators are adding greater precision with respect to the various procedural and substantive aspects of arbitration of investment treaty disputes.



J Christopher Thomas QC is Senior Principal Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore. He has appeared as counsel in investor-State disputes, judicial review applications involving investor-State arbitration awards, and has acted as an arbitrator or is currently acting as an arbitrator in investment treaty claims. He has acted as counsel or legal advisor in GATT, Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, WTO, and NAFTA disputes. He has also acted as a Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement panelist, a GATT panelist, and argued the first State-to-State dispute to arise under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. In respect of the negotiation and drafting of international treaties, Mr. Thomas has advised a number of States on such negotiations, including the Canada-U.S. free trade negotiations, the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the NAFTA negotiations, and other treaty negotiations.

Admission is free-of-charge.

Please note that seats are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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