

SIAC-CIL Academic-Practitioner Colloquium

Thursday, 12 September 2019
6.45pm – 10.00pm (Registration starts at 6.00pm)

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SIAC and the Centre for International Law, NUS, are pleased to present the SIAC-CIL Academic-Practitioner Colloquium.

The seminar provides academics and arbitration practitioners with a platform to showcase their current research work, and to test their ideas on a panel of fellow arbitration practitioners and academics. Together, we aim to raise the level of discourse in the field of international arbitration.

PROGRAMME

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| 1800 – 1845 | Registration |
| 1845 – 1855 | Opening Address by Prof Lucy Reed, <i>Vice-President, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Director, Centre for International Law (Singapore); Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore</i> |
| 1855 – 1925 | Paper Presentation: “Attribution of the Conduct of State-owned Enterprises to the State” • Mr Csaba Kovacs, <i>Consultant</i> |
| 1925 – 2100 | Panel Discussion <u>Moderator:</u> • Mr Toby Landau QC, <i>Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Barrister and Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice) and Essex Court Chambers (London)</i> <u>Panellists:</u> • Mr Darius Chan, <i>Of Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright</i> • Mr Colin Liew, <i>Advocate, Essex Court Chambers Duxton</i> • Mr Nick Lingard, <i>Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP</i> • Prof Vincent-Joel Proulx, <i>Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore</i> |
| 2100 – 2200 | Networking Drinks |

Title of Paper: Attribution of the Conduct of State-owned Enterprises to the State

Foreign investments protected by international treaties cut across a wide spectrum of State activity and often involve State-owned enterprises. Attribution determines if a State is responsible for the wrongful conduct of actors linked to that State. Investment arbitration jurisprudence reflects the extent and risk of attribution of the conduct of State-owned enterprises to the host State.

Csaba will expound on the application of the rules of attribution in international investment law and present the findings of his survey of the investment arbitration jurisprudence on the attribution of the conduct of State-owned enterprises to the State. He will explore whether a State enterprise can ever be deemed a State organ and the circumstances in which State Enterprises may be found to exercise delegated governmental authority or to act under the instructions or control of the State.



Mr Csaba Kovacs
Consultant

Csaba Kovacs is a London-based Solicitor-Advocate and Arbitrator with a long-standing practice and expertise in international commercial and investment arbitration. He is the author of the first in-depth study of the uses of attribution in international investment law: *Attribution in International Investment Law* (Kluwer Law International, 2018). He is an editor of the *Investor-State Law Guide* and regularly publishes on investment arbitration developments. He acts as counsel in arbitrations in a wide variety of sectors, including energy, construction/engineering, telecommunications, real estate and banking. He is trained and qualified in civil law and common law systems (Romania, 2004 and England & Wales, 2009). He holds an LL.M degree in International Business Law from the Central European University.



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