



International Economic Law
Interest Group

**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
Room 2.05, Williamson Building, 176 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9QQ**

**13th September 2018 h. 09:00 - 12:30
Room C16, Renold Building, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JA**

**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:

Ines Willems, *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 Leticia 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 Šturma, *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*

The US Attack of the Case-Law and Procedures of the Appellate Body: A Critical Analysis

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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