



YOUNG ARBITRATORS FORUM TTIP NEGOTIATIONS: INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IS TAKEN TO COURT

Hosted by LALIVE
Geneva, 29 February 2016
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Event description

In September 2015, the EU Commission published its proposal for a mechanism for resolving investment disputes arising under the potential Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (“TTIP”) agreement: an investment court system. Following consultations with the EU Council and Parliament, the Commission’s proposal was formally submitted to the USA on 12 November 2015. The Commission’s proposal arises against a backdrop of intense public debate regarding the use of arbitration in investment treaties, often referred to as Investor-State Dispute Settlement (“ISDS”).

We will discuss the pros and cons of the Commission’s proposed court system versus arbitration as the TTIP Dispute Settlement Mechanism. We will also consider the functioning and peculiarities of the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism, which has partially inspired the Commission’s proposal. Special Guest, Professor Giorgio Sacerdoti of Bocconi University, the former Chairman of the Appellate Body of the WTO, will deliver Closing Remarks.

Date: Monday, 29 February 2016, 17 CET

Venue: LALIVE, Rue de la Mairie 35, 1211 Geneva 6, Switzerland

Programme

16:45 - 17:00

Arrival and registration

17:00 - 17:10

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Laura Halonen, LALIVE, Geneva

17:10 - 19:00

Panel discussion

19:00 - 20:00

Cocktail reception

Registration

Please send the attached registration form to:
conference@lalive.ch

Panel members

Moderator:

Lorraine de Germiny, LALIVE, Geneva

Speakers:

Manish Aggarwal, Three Crowns, London

Jean-Paul Dechamps, Freshfields Bruckhaus

Deringer, London

Catherine Quinn, WTO, Geneva

Special Guest:

Prof. Giorgio Sacerdoti, Bocconi University, Milan

After the conference: Optional fondue dinner at local restaurant (further information upon request)