

## SIAC-CIL Academic-Practitioner Colloquium (Hybrid Format)

Wednesday, 2 March 2022 | 4.00pm - 5.30pm SGT (+8 GMT)  
(On-site registration starts at 3.30pm SGT)

Maxwell Chambers (Stamford Raffles Room, Level 3)  
32 Maxwell Road, Singapore 069115

REGISTRATION (ONLINE PARTICIPATION)

REGISTRATION (ON-SITE PARTICIPATION)

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.

This event will be held in a hybrid format with on-site participants at Maxwell Chambers and online participants participating via Zoom. Registration is required for both forms of participation. As there are limited spaces available for on-site participants, these will be available on a first come, first served basis.

### The Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement and ASEAN: Do Multilateral Solutions Address Regional Needs?

Investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) is changing. The proliferation of treaties for the protection of investments over the past 30 years has led to a steady rise in the number of investment disputes with states. Faced with ever-increasing numbers of claims, states have begun to reappraise key aspects of ISDS, including the use of arbitration as the principal mode of dispute settlement. ISDS reform is now a topic of increasing importance at the multilateral level, notably at UNCITRAL, wherein proposals for reform range from incremental changes to arbitral procedure to structural changes through the establishment of a multilateral investment court (MIC). As divides among states deepen over the best way to reform, an open question remains whether current multilateral discussions adequately reflect the particular experience, needs, and concerns of ASEAN and of its member states. In this colloquium, Professor Jansen Calamita and Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos address the state of play in ISDS reform together with findings and proposals from their forthcoming book, *ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement* (Elgar 2022).



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N. Jansen Calamita is Principal Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, and Research Associate Professor (CIL), Faculty of Law, at the National University of Singapore. He is head of the Centre's programme on Investment Law and Policy. He was previously Director of the Investment Treaty Forum at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. He has previously held posts on the law faculties of the University of Oxford and the University of Birmingham.

Charalampos Giannakopoulos is a research fellow at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore. He obtained his doctorate degree in 2018 from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva). His areas of research focus include international investment law, international adjudication, treaty interpretation, and legal theory. In the past, Charalampos has been a Visiting Research Consultant at CIL, and a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Michigan Law School. He has also worked as a legal consultant at UNCTAD (Investment Agreements Section), and as a trainee in the cabinet of the European Commissioner for maritime affairs and fisheries. His monograph "Manifestations of Coherence and Investor-State Arbitration" will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2022.



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#### Moderator



Ms Koh Swee Yen, SC  
Partner, WongPartnership LLP

#### Speakers



Mr Rodman R. Bundy  
Senior Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (Singapore) LLP



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Dr Vincent-Joël Proulx  
Associate Professor (Faculty of Law), National University of Singapore

#### Programme

3.30pm - 4.00pm

On-site Registration for in-person attendees

4.00pm - 4.05pm

Opening Address by

- Mr Toby Landau QC, Vice President, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Barrister and Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice)
- Dr Nilüfer Oral, Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

4.05pm - 4.35pm

Paper Presentation by

- Prof N. Jansen Calamita, Head, Investment Law & Policy, Centre for International Law; Research Associate Professor, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law
- Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos, Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

4.35pm - 5.30pm

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Moderator:

- Ms Koh Swee Yen, SC, Partner, WongPartnership LLP

Panellists:

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