



Luther Lecture: Prof Burkhard Hess Intra-EU Investment Arbitration in the light of the Achmea decision

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Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) between Member States of the European Union have been and still are a common phenomenon with a controversial legal background. On 6 March 2018, the *European Court of Justice (CJEU)* decided that at least investment arbitrations under the Dutch-Slovakian BIT are not compatible with EU Law. In his Keynote, **Prof. Hess** will address and assess the different legal arguments supporting both sides of the dispute and elaborate on the consequences of the Achmea-decision for the future of intra EU BITs.

Burkhard Hess, born in Worms (Germany) in 1961, became founding and executive director of the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law in September 2012. He studied law at the Universities of Würzburg, Lausanne and Munich and graduated in Munich in 1990. After being granted *Venia Legendi* in civil law, civil procedure, private international law, European law and public international law in 1996, he held chairs at the Universities of Tübingen and Heidelberg. He was a guest professor in Beijing, in Paris (Sorbonne) and in Georgetown, and a scholar-in-residence at the Center for Transnational Law at the New York University. He served as a part-time judge at the Court of Appeal of Karlsruhe. Professor Hess often acts as an expert and advisor to the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and national governments. He has evaluated the European Insolvency Regulation and the Brussels I Regulation. He has also contributed to the drafting of the proposal for the Regulation on the European Attachment of Bank Accounts. He is the author of various books on German and European civil procedural law as well as co-editor of IPRax and of Kölner Kommentar zum Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz. He is Chairman of the ILA Committee on the Protection of Privacy in Private International and Procedural Law. In March 2015, the University of Ghent awarded Professor Hess a doctor honoris causa; in May 2016, the University of Thessaloniki.

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