Balancing States’ Responses and the Protection of Foreign Investors in the (Post) Pandemic World

14:00-14:10
Opening remarks by organisers: Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfiing and Dr. Yulia Levashova

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Panel 1: The State’s Response to Pandemic and Possible Defences

Moderator: Prof. Attila Tanzi
(University of Bologna, 3VB Chambers, London)

Prof. Julien Chaise
City University of Hong Kong
'Toward a Typology of Governments’ Responses'

Research Associate Prof. Catherine Titi
CNRS-CERSA, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas
'The Necessity Defence and International Investment Law'

Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfiing
CREDIMI
'Tools of International Investment Agreements and Investment Contract: National Security Interest and Force Majeure'

Q&A session

15:15 - 16:15
Panel 2: Investor’s Protection at the Time of Pandemic and Aftermath

Moderator: Prof. Clotilde Jourdain-Fortier
(Credimi, University of Burgundy)

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab
Cairo University
Zulficar & Partners Law Firm
'The Protection Equilibrium in ISDS: Strategic Considerations and Realistic Expectations in Times of Crisis and Beyond'

Maitre de conférences HDR Sébastien Manciaux
Credimi - University of Burgundy
'The Urgency of not Revising Investment Treaties'

Dr. Yulia Levashova
Nyenrode University
Utrecht University
'COVID-19 Measures and the Legitimate Expectations of Investors'

Q&A session

16:15 - 17:15
Panel 3: The Response to Pandemic from Different Parts of the World

Moderator: Adjunct prof. Alvaro Galindo
(Georgetown University Law Center)

Investment Policy Adviser Hamed El-Kady
UNCTAD

Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue
University of Geneva
'Africa's Concerns Regarding ISDS in the Context of COVID-Related Measures: Insights from the African Union'

Prof. Arpita Mukherjee
Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations
'India’s Policy Responses to Pandemic and its Impact on Foreign Investors'

Q&A session

17:15 - 17:30
Concluding remarks Attila M. Tanzi (University of Bologna, 3VB Chambers, London)