

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Balancing States' Responses and the Protection of Foreign Investors in the (Post) Pandemic World**Date and time: 9 October 2020 (14.00-17.30)****14.00 – 14:10 Opening remarks by organisers**

Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfing and Dr. Yulia Levashova

14:15 – 15:15 Panel I: The State's Response to Pandemic and Possible Defences

Moderator: Prof. Attila Tanzi (University of Bologna)

Prof. Julien Chaisse (City University of Hong Kong), *'State Actions on COVID-19: Toward a Typology of Governments' Responses'*Prof. Catharine Titi (CNRS-CERSA, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas), *'The Necessity Defence and International Investment Law'*Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfing (CREDIMI), *'Tools of International Investment Agreements and Investment Contract: National Security Interest and Force Majeure'*

Q&A session

15:15 – 16:15 Panel II: Investor's Protection at the Time of Pandemic and Aftermath

Moderator: Prof. Clotilde Fortier (University of Burgundy)

Prof. Mohammed Abdel Wahab (Zulficar & Partners Law Firm), *'The Protection Equilibrium in ISDS: Strategic Considerations and Realistic Expectations in Times of Crisis and Beyond'*Prof. Sébastien Manciaux (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 III: The Response to Pandemic from Different Parts of the World

Moderator: Prof. Alvaro Galindo (Georgetown University Law Center)

Mr. Hamed El-Kady (UNCTAD), *'The Reform of the International Investment Policy Regime in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Perspective of Developing Economies'*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

Prof. Attila Tanzi (University of Bologna)