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)
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)