

Book Launch and Conference

ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Global Challenges and Regional Options

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Virtual Event

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5pm-7:30pm SGT / 9am-11:30am GMT / 10am-12:30pm CET

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Panel 1 – “Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform and ASEAN: Do Multilateral Solutions Address Regional Needs?”

5pm-5:50pm SGT / 9am-9:50am GMT / 10am-10:50am CET

This panel addresses ongoing efforts to achieve ISDS reform from an ASEAN perspective, taking into account the experience, needs and concerns of ASEAN as a community and of its member states. The starting point for the discussion is the recently published book *ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Global Challenges and Regional Options* (Edward Elgar, 2022), co-authored by N. Jansen Calamita and Charalampos Giannakopoulos.

Book Presentation

N. Jansen Calamita, Head, Investment Law and Policy; Research Associate Professor (Centre for International Law)

Charalampos Giannakopoulos, Senior Research Fellow (Centre for International Law)

Discussant

Pasha L. Hsieh, Professor of Law and Associate Dean (Singapore Management University)

10 min break

Panel 2 – “The UNCITRAL ISDS Reform Process at 5 Years: What has been Accomplished and Where are We Heading? Views from RCEP States”

6pm-7:30pm SGT / 10am-11:30am GMT / 11am-12:30pm CET

Five years into UNCITRAL Working Group III’s ISDS reform process, this panel takes stock of the work that has been done thus far and questions the Working Group’s future direction. Whereas a number of reform proposals have been tabled for discussion and draft language has been produced for some proposed reforms, deep divides persist among delegations, not only on fundamental issues, but also with respect to reforms that otherwise garner general support, raising questions about the Working Group’s ability to complete its work by the end date of its mandate in 2026. Against this background, the panel brings together participants in the Working Group discussions from selected ASEAN and ASEAN-plus countries to share their informal views about the present and potential future of the ISDS reform process.

Moderator

Taylor St John, Lecturer (University of St Andrews); Researcher (PluriCourts, University of Oslo)

Panellists

Rhianna Benjamin, Director (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia)

Shotaro Hamamoto, Professor (Kyoto University); Member (Japan delegation to Working Group III)

Kraijakr Thiratayakinant, Counsellor (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand)

Young Shin Um, Senior Deputy Director (Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea)

Thi Chau Quynh Vu, Deputy Director-General (Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam)

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