

# 7th Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference - Invitation

Location: Kaiserštejnský palác, Malostranské náměstí 37/23, Prague, Czech Republic

The Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic cordially invites you to the 7th Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference aimed at sharing experience with treaty arbitration between senior government officials and top legal practitioners in the field. The event is organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and hosted by the advisory firm KPMG Czech Republic.

## Main conference programme, 26 October 2017

		Chair	Panelists
9:00 am to 9:15 pm	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Marie Talašová</b> (Head of International Arbitration Department, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic)	
9:15 pm to 9:30 pm	<b>Keynote address: Does Investment Arbitration Have a Future?</b>	<b>Christoph Schreuer</b> (Of Counsel, zeiler.partners, Vienna)	
9:30 am to 11:00 am	<b>Contract vs. Treaty – What Are the Risks of Umbrella Clauses?</b>	<b>Paolo di Rosa</b> (Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, Washington, D.C.)	<b>Jason Fry</b> (Partner, Clifford Chance, Paris) <b>Matthew Hodgson</b> (Partner, Allen & Overy, Hong Kong) <b>Karolína Horáková</b> (Partner, Weil, Prague) <b>Andrea Menaker</b> (Partner, White & Case, Washington, D.C.)
11:00 am to 11:30 am	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	<b>The Current Status of “Treaty Shopping” and Denial of Benefits Clauses</b>	<b>Stephen Anway</b> (Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, Washington, D.C.)	<b>Claudia Annacker</b> (Partner, Cleary Gottlieb, Paris) <b>Kabir Duggal</b> (Senior Associate, Baker & McKenzie, New York) <b>Noah Rubins</b> (Partner, Freshfields, Paris) <b>John Willems</b> (Partner, White & Case, Paris)
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch break</b>		
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	<b>Abuse of Rights in Investment Arbitration</b>	<b>Eduardo Silva Romero</b> (Partner, Dechert, Paris)	<b>Dmitri Evseev</b> (Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, London) <b>Hamid Gharavi</b> (Partner, Derains & Gharavi, Paris) <b>Alexandra Munoz</b> (Partner, Gide Loyerette Nouel, Paris) <b>Dirk Pulkowski</b> (Senior Legal Counsel, PCA, The Hague)
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>Coffee break</b>		
4:00 pm to 5:45 pm	<b>New Trends in Expropriation – Do Tribunals Interpret Treaties Too Extensively?</b>	<b>Emmanuel Gaillard</b> (Partner, Shearman & Sterling, Paris)	<b>Arif Ali</b> (Partner, Dechert, Washington, D.C./London) <b>Christopher Harris</b> (Barrister and Arbitrator, 3 Verulam Buildings, London) <b>Miriam K. Harwood</b> (Partner, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, New York) <b>David W. Rivkin</b> (Partner, Debevoise Plimpton, New York) <b>Alfred Siwy</b> (Partner, zeiler.partners, Vienna)
6:30 pm	<b>Cocktail party sponsored by Dechert LLP</b>		<b>Dechert</b> LLP

The conference and related events are free of charge and invitation-only. For registration, please click [here](#). For more information about the conference, go to the [conference website](#). In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [treatyarbitration@kpmg.cz](mailto:treatyarbitration@kpmg.cz).

For related workshops refer to the next page.

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## Related workshops

### ICSID Workshop

Tuesday 24 October 2017 (2 pm – 6 pm)

The workshop will update the participants on the latest developments in ICSID and best practices before ICSID Tribunals by reference to the most recent cases. It will also give an overview of ICSID's current work to amend the ICSID rules, explaining the motivation for rule changes and the proposals being considered.

The workshop will be run by Martina Polášek, Deputy Secretary-General of ICSID.

### World Bank Session on Systemic Investment Retention Mechanism (SIRM)

Wednesday 25 October 2017 (9 am – 1 pm)

The SIRM is a tool designed by the World Bank group, being piloted in many countries and recently presented to the G20. It recognises that investment disputes are just a manifestation of a broader – and not widely recognized – problem: the need to strengthen a harmonious working relationship between host States and investors to enable investment expansion.

The presentation will be given by Roberto Echandi, Investment Policy Global Lead of the Investment Climate Unit, Trade & Competitiveness.

### Quantum Seminar

Wednesday 25 October (2 pm – 3:45 pm)

KPMG experts will walk the participants through an investment arbitration case, discussing the valuation methodologies used, Tribunal's comments on the approach and resulting impact on the awarded amount. The participants will also have a chance to ask any questions in relation to quantum assessment.

### Arbitrator Appointments

Wednesday 25 October (4:15 pm – 6 pm)

What do the parties consider when appointing an arbitrator? To what extent can the parties influence the appointment of the chair?

The panel will be moderated by a representative of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to bring in the perspectives of a respondent state, a counsel, an arbitrator and an institution.

### Workshop for Government Officials Only

Friday 27 October (9 am – 4 pm)

This practical workshop, open exclusively to government officials, will be focused on sharing experience and best practices in the area of BITs negotiations and investment treaty arbitrations.

**The workshop will take place at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Na Františku 32, Prague, Czech Republic.**

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