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EU and Investment Agreements

Open Questions and Remaining Challenges

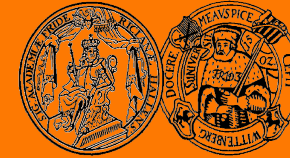
Vienna, 18 June 2012

The transfer of FDI competence to the EU with the Treaty of Lisbon opened the way for a more coherent EU international investment policy. Two and a half years on, the *EU and Investment Agreements* conference assesses crucial issues that remain open. The role of the Member States in the negotiation and conclusion of future EU investment agreements, the inclusion of investor-state dispute settlement provisions, as well as the status of national investment insurance systems in the wake of the Treaty of Lisbon are key topics that leave unresolved questions and challenges that need to be successfully tackled in order to achieve the dynamic EU international investment policy desired by the EU Treaty-makers.

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**University of Halle
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in association with the
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Organised by: Prof. Marc Bungenberg,
Prof. August Reinisch, and
Prof. Christian Tietje

Programme

08:00–09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00–09:10 **Welcome Address**

09:10–11:00 Panel 1

Dispute settlement in Future EU Investment Agreements

Speakers:

Colin Brown, EU Commission, DG Trade
Dr. Stephan Schill, LL.M., MPI Heidelberg
Dr. Richard Happ, Luther

Discussion

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:30 Panel 2

Current EU Investment Agreement Developments

Speakers:

Dr. Frank Hoffmeister, EU Commission, DG Trade
Prof. Dr. Wenhua Shan, Oxford Brookes University/Xi'an Jiaotong University, and Shen Zhang, University of Cambridge
Prof. Dr. Céline Lévesque, University of Ottawa

Discussion

13:30–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:00 Panel 3

The Role of Member States in Negotiating and Concluding EU Investment Agreements

Speakers:

André von Walter, LL.M., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris
Prof. Dr. Armand de Mestral, McGill University
Dr. Nikos Lavranos, Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Hague

Discussion

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–18:00 Panel 4

Investment Insurance Systems – Still a Member State Business?

Speakers:

Joachim Steffens, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Berlin
Prof. Dr. Angelos Dimopoulos, University of Tilburg

Discussion

18:00 Closing Remarks

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