



International Economic Law  
Interest Group

**ESIL International Economic Law Interest Group  
2018 MANCHESTER ESIL Conference  
Workshop of the ESIL IEL IG – 12 and 13 September 2018**

## **International Economic Law in 2018: Between Reform and Contestation**

**12th September 2018 h. 13:00 - 18:00  
Room 2.05, Williamson Building, 176 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9QQ**

**13th September 2018 h. 09:00 - 12:30  
Room C16, Renold Building, Altrincham Street, Manchester, M1 7JA**

**WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**h. 13.00 – 14.45**

**Panel 1: Electronic Commerce, Cyberspace & International Economic Law**

**Chair:** Holger Hestermeyer, *King's College London*

**Speakers:**

Ines Willekens, *Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies (GGS) – Institute for International Law, KU Leuven*

The GATS (In)Consistency of Barriers to Digital Services Trade

Ana Luísa Soares Peres, *King's College London*, and Leticia De Souza Daibert, *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Buenos Aires*

Public-Private Dialogue in the WTO: Supporting E-Commerce to Promote Development?

Loris Marotti, *University of Milan*  
Joint Interpretation Clauses: A Mixed Blessing?

Alessandra Arcuri, *Erasmus University Rotterdam* and Francesco Montanaro, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*  
Protecting the Public Interest in Investment Treaties

*Discussion*

**h. 14.45-15.00 Coffee Break**

**h. 15.00-16.45**

**Panel 2: Reform of Investment Dispute Settlement and Developments in EU Investment Law**

**Chair:** Catharine Titi, *CNRS-CERSA, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas*

**Speakers:**

Pavel Šturma, *Charles University in Prague*

Is There Any Future for Investment Treaty Arbitration in Europe? Some Comments in Light of the *Achmea* Judgment

Jansen Calamita, *National University of Singapore*

The European Union's Investment Court: Bilateral and Multilateral Games

Rhea Tamara Hoffmann, *University of Erlangen-Nuremberg*

The Multilateral Investment Court: Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block?

Javier Garcia Olmedo, *Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law*

Investor-State Arbitration in Times of Reform: Balancing the Asymmetry of Investment Treaties through National Requirements

Dominik Moskvan, *University of Antwerp*

Domestic Courts v. Investment Arbitration: Reclaiming Outsourced Public Justice in the EU (Energy) Investment Disputes

*Discussion*

**h. 16.45 – 17.00 Coffee Break**

**h. 17.00 – 17.30**

**General Meeting with the IG Members**

**THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Roundtable: The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble**

**h. 09.00-10.30**

**The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble (Part I)**

**Chair:** Marina Trunk-Fedorova, *St. Petersburg State University*

**Speakers:**

Ulrich Petersmann, *European University Institute*

Need for Democratic Legislation for Protecting the World Trading System

Elisa Baroncini, *Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna*

Lights and Shadows in the Case-Law of the WTO Appellate Body

Geraldo Vidigal, *University of Amsterdam*

Westphalia Strikes Back? Coping with Conflicts of Conceptions in WTO Dispute Settlement

Ravindra Pratap, *South Asian University, New Delhi*

Exploring the Possibility of Litigation Costs in WTO Dispute Settlement

Richard Ouellet, *Faculté de droit de l'Université Laval*

The Dispute Settlement Crisis at the WTO: And If the US were defending fair trade?

**h. 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break**

**h. 11-12.30**

**The Multilateral Trading System in Trouble (Part II)**

**Chair:** Peter-Tobias Stoll, *University of Göttingen*

**Speakers:**

Harlan Grant Cohen, *University of Georgia School of Law*

What Is International Trade Law For?

Hyokyung Jung, *Embassy of the Republic of Korea to New Zealand Wellington*

WTO under the Threat: Bilateral Agreements and Regional Public Goods

Matjaz Nahtigal, *University of Primorska, Slovenia*

Globalization, Rise of Populism and the Role of International Legal Institutions

Daria Boklan, *National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

Are Anti-Russian "Sanctions" Justifiable by WTO Security Exceptions?

*Discussion*

### **Conveners**

Prof. Elisa Baroncini, *Alma Mater Studiorum* - Università di Bologna

Prof. Holger Hestermeyer, King's College

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