



## Outstanding Issues of ISDS Reform: Perspectives from Asian-Pacific Stakeholders

Thursday, November 19, 2020  
TIME: 8:00 – 9:30 AM Eastern Time

### Online Webinar

The ongoing investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) reform is one of the latest and significant developments in the field of international economic law. Existing discussions on ISDS reform, especially the intergovernmental discussions chaired by the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) are largely state-dominated. While such discussions may help address various legitimacy concerns of states over ISDS, they do not sufficiently reflect the concerns and call from other types of stakeholders, such as transnational investors and arbitration institutions, to name a few. Against such a background, a group of leading experts will discuss the various outstanding issue of ISDS reform from an Asia-Pacific perspective. Typical issues to be explored include how Asian countries react to ISDS through reasserting sovereignty over investment governance, how Asia-based arbitration institutions engage in the highly competitive ISDS business, how the various alternatives, such as a standalone appeal mechanism, investment court system and mediation would work for ISDS and impact ISDS relating to the Asia-Pacific region. The discussions of these issues are expected to present a more complete picture of ISDS reform, and to inspire more thoughts on future challenges of ISDS especially in the Asian-Pacific region.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

### Speakers:

- Manjiao Chi, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, *Moderator*
- Georgios Dimitropoul, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar
- Kun Fan, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Kevin Nash, Singapore International Arbitration Center
- Catharine Titi, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, France
- Xi Zhang, Beijing International Arbitration Center

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