Arbitration Reform in Practice - What Changes?
17th ITA-ASIL Conference

Keynote address by Prof. José E. Alvarez, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law, New York University School of Law, New York

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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An exceptional panel of experts on current reform proposals

A Roundtable discussion with a second panel of experts on the impact of these reforms

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### Schedule

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#### 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

#### 9:00 Welcome and Introductions

- **Joseph E. Neuhaus**, Chair, ITA Advisory Board, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York City
- **Prof. Sean D. Murphy**, President, ASIL, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

#### 9:05 Remarks - ISDS Reform: The Long View

What are the long-term goals of those seeking to change how investment disputes are resolved? Should today’s proposed reforms be best understood as seeking to advance lawyerly goals like ‘rule of law’ or ‘sovereign equality’? Or are they really about securing economic fairness or justice in the sense of political economy? Prof. Alvarez will put the reforms being considered in places like UNCITRAL in historical context to consider where we might be going and why.

- **Prof. José E. Alvarez**, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law, New York University School of Law, New York
9:35 What Does Reform Look Like? What are the Most Important Issues at Stake?

Commercial and investment arbitration proceedings are presently being considered for reform in many different dimensions. Several initiatives have been taken in various fora (such as the ICC, ICSID, and UNCITRAL) with the aim of improving the procedures at stake. This panel will identify the core features of these reform proposals and discuss how arbitration may evolve as a result. These reforms will also be discussed from the perspective of their impact on approaches to international dispute settlement more broadly.

Introduction and Moderator:

- **Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**, Co-Chair

Panelists:

- **Prof. Chiara Giorgetti**, Chair, ITA Academic Council, University of Richmond School of Law, Washington, D.C.
- **Sarah Grimmer**, Secretary-General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong
- **Meg Kinnear**, Vice President and Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Washington, D.C.
- **Marek Krasula**, Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, New York

Roundtable and Q&A

10:45 Break >>

11:15 Reform in Practice: A Roundtable Discussion

How will the various reform efforts currently ongoing in various fora impact practitioners and users of international arbitration? Are the reforms contemplated sufficient to quell the scepticism of many regarding private international dispute resolutions legitimacy? The panel will take up some of the themes discussed in the first session and debate whether we have come far enough, whether and to what extent more reform is necessary, and how the reforms contemplated may impact the practice of arbitration in the years to come.

Introduction and Moderator:

- **Patrick W. Pearsall**, Co-Chair

Panelists:

- **Simon Lester**, Associate Director, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.
- **Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue**, Professor of International Law and Director of the International Law Department, University of Geneva, Geneva

Roundtable and Q&A
12:25 Concluding Remarks

- Prof. Chiara Giorgetti, Chair, ITA Academic Council, University of Richmond School of Law, Washington, D.C.

12:30-1:45 Networking Luncheon >>

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