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Executive Course: Fundamentals of International Investment Law and Arbitration

Register now for the Executive Course on Fundamentals of International Investment Law and Arbitration to gain crucial insights into the legal framework and principles governing international investments and investor-State arbitration. This course is perfect for non-lawyers who seek a foundational understanding of the subject matter to further integrate with the comprehensive International Investment Law and Arbitration Course.

This intensive course takes place over three days in September (after the UNCITRAL WGIII meets in Vienna) and offers immersive instruction on fundamental aspects of international investment law and arbitration.

This brochure provides more information.

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Content

Participants will acquire a foundational understanding of the core principles underpinning international investment law and investor-State arbitration. The course leverages case studies to bridge theoretical concepts with practical applications, providing participants with the skills to navigate real-world challenges.

Topics Covered:

1. Basics of International Investment Law: Comprehensive introduction to key concepts, terms, and the scope of international investment law. Examination of the overarching structures and regulatory environment governing foreign investments.
2. Regulatory Framework of International Investment Law: Insight into the substantive investment protection standards included in international investment agreements and customary international law, in particular, National Treatment, MFN, Expropriation, FET and FPS standards.

3. Introduction to Investor-State Arbitration: Essential principles and procedures of investment arbitration; basis of State's consent and differences between ICSID and nonICSID regimes.

4. Procedural Protections of Foreign Investors and Investments: Jurisdictional defences; overview of the so-called 'legitimacy crisis' of investor-State arbitration and ongoing reform efforts (e.g. UNCITRAL WGIII).

Quick info:



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English



Offline instructional format



Online exam format



EUR 1,350 for three days, including an exam

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Learning Outcomes



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Target audience



This course is tailored for junior lawyers preparing to delve into more specialised studies in international investment law and arbitration. It is also suitable for professionals working in international business, finance, or government who require a basic understanding of investment law and arbitration principles.

Lecturers



Prof. Dr. Alessandra Arcuri

Prof. Dr. Alessandra Arcuri is a Full Professor of International Economic Law at Erasmus School of Law and a member of the Erasmus Initiative on Inclusive Prosperity. Her research focuses on international economic law, sustainability, and the interplay between law and technocracy. She has published on topics such as investment arbitration, environmental policies, and the impact of international law on public interests. In addition to her work at Erasmus University, she has been a visiting lecturer at institutions worldwide and has provided policy advice to bodies such as the Dutch Parliament and the European Commission.



Dr. Piotr Wilinski

Dr. Piotr Wilinski specializes in international arbitration and is an Assistant Professor at the Commercial Law Department, where he teaches international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration. His research focuses on the powers of arbitral tribunals. Dr. Wilinski serves as the Academic Coordinator for the International Arbitration and Business Law track of the Commercial Law LLM and coaches Erasmus University's team for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition. He is also a Managing Associate (Knowledge) in the Litigation, Arbitration & Investigation practice group at Linklaters, where he is involved in arbitration proceedings under various arbitration rules. Dr. Wilinski regularly publishes articles on international arbitration and contributes to Linklaters' internal courses and academic publications. He is a member of RAI, Young ICCA, ICC YAF, LCIA YIAG, and other arbitration associations.



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Prof. Dr. Gerard Meijer

Gerard is Full Professor of International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and President of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI). Prof. Meijer is widely recognised as a leading international arbitration practitioner and as one of the leading figures in the Netherlands for arbitration and arbitration-related litigation. He has extensive experience acting as counsel to Dutch, international and multinational corporations, as well as to governmental bodies, in high-value matters in a wide range of disputes. He has been involved in disputes under a variety of arbitration rules (including UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, SIAC, LCIA, SCC, CEPANI and NAI). He regularly advises corporations on the structuring of their foreign investments and the investment protection offered by international investment agreements. Prof. Meijer is also a member of the Arbitration Commission of the ICC and was part of the ICC's task force on Arbitration of Climate Change Related Disputes. He has led various innovative initiatives in the international arbitration market, such as the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA), P.R.I.M.E. Finance, the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA) and the Hague Court for Arbitration for Aviation (HCAA). He regularly writes about arbitration for leading publications and commentaries. His doctoral dissertation on the arbitration agreement and his commentary to the Dutch Arbitration Act are among the most authoritative publications in Netherlands on those topics. He is individually ranked in both Chambers and Legal 500 (editions 2004-2025) and is praised by clients for the highly practical and business-minded use of his in-depth knowledge of international arbitration.



Dr. Federica Violi

Dr. Federica Violi is an Assistant Professor in International Law at Erasmus School of Law. She has previously taught International and EU Law at the University of Messina. Dr. Violi holds a Ph.D. from the University of Milan, where her thesis explored the relationship between permanent sovereignty over natural resources and land grabbing. She has been a visiting research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Public Law, Heidelberg (2014 and 2016), and at the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Columbia Law School, New York (2019). Her research interests include due diligence, sovereignty, territoriality, investor-State dispute settlement, and investment contracts in natural resources. In addition to her academic work, Dr. Violi has practiced as a barrister and served as a trainee at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN in Geneva and at the EU Commission (DG Devco) in Brussels.



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Venue

This executive course takes place in Rotterdam, and is organized by the Erasmus School of Law in Rotterdam.

The event will take place at **Hilton Rotterdam**, a centrally located and highly accessible venue in the heart of the city. Situated at Weena 10, 3012 CM Rotterdam, the hotel is just a five-minute walk from Rotterdam Central Station and offers convenient connections to Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam The Hague Airport.

Hilton Rotterdam provides modern and well-equipped meeting facilities with natural daylight, ensuring a comfortable and professional environment. The venue is known for its outstanding hospitality and award-winning service, having been recognized as the 'Best Meeting Location' in 2022.



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