

# **Future Directions in Empirical Research on Investment Treaty Law and Arbitration**

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*Hosted by*

[LEGINVEST](#), a Research Council of Norway-financed project  
Pluricourts Centre for Excellence, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo  
In collaboration with *iCourts* and the *German Development Institute*

## **Background**

International investment law and arbitration is the subject of growing empirical inquiry. Drawing on a wide range of disciplines and different qualitative, quantitative and computational methods, the research has shed light on burning public policy debates, puzzles in actor behavior, and trends in institutional and legal developments. This conference on future directions will kick-off with a launch of the PluriCourts Investment Treaty Arbitration Database (PITAD), which aims at assisting empirical research and providing a space for harmonization of data collection and storage. The launch will be followed by presentations on (1) new themes and projects in investment treaties and arbitration research and (2) the potential for collaboration on data collection, storage and analytics. The conference is sponsored by LEGINVEST, which is a Research Council of Norway project dedicated to studying the dynamic interaction between investment arbitration and investment treaty design. LEGINVEST also serves as a hub for PITAD and ongoing empirical and theoretical research on the legitimacy of investor-state dispute resolution (“ISDS”).

## **12:00-13:30 PITAD Launch (with Lunch)**

Chair: *Ole Kristian Fauchald*, Professor Pluricourts, University of Oslo & Coordinator, LEGINVEST

### ***Presentation of the database***

*Malcolm Langford*, Professor of Public Law & Affiliate, Pluricourts, University of Oslo

### ***Building the database***

*Daniel Behn*, Associate Professor, Pluricourts, University of Oslo & Lecturer, Uni. of Liverpool  
*Maksim Usynin*, Research Fellow, University of Copenhagen

### ***Using the Database***

*Runar Lie*, Research Fellow, Pluricourts, University of Oslo  
*Taylor St. John*, Lecturer, University of St. Andrews

Discussion and coffee break

### **14-15:15 Researching Arbitrators**

Chair: *Mikael Madsen*, Director, iCourts Centre of Excellence, Uni. of Copenhagen

Presenter: *Sergio Puig*, Associate Professor of Law, University of Arizona

Comment: *Malcolm Langford*, Professor of Public Law, University of Oslo

Presenter: *Catherine Rogers*, Professor, Penn State Law

Comment: *Daniel Behn*, Associate Professor, Pluricourts, University of Oslo

Presenter: *Maksim Usynin*, Research Fellow, University of Copenhagen

Comment: *Sergio Puig*, Associate Professor of Law, University of Arizona

### **15:30-16:45 Arbitration-Treaty Relationships**

Chair: *Mavluda Sattorova*, University of Liverpool

Presenter: *Wolfgang Alschner*, Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa

Comment: *Runar Lie*, Research Fellow, Pluricourts, University of Oslo

Presenter: *Tarald Berge*, Research Fellow, University of Oslo

Comment: *Theresa Squatrito*, Lecturer, University of Liverpool

Presenter: *Runar Lie*, Research Fellow, Pluricourts, University of Oslo

Comment: *Wolfgang Alschner*, Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa

Presenter: *Axel Berger*, Researcher, German Development Institute

Comment: *Ole Kristian Fauchald*, Professor Pluricourts & Coordinator, LEGINVEST

### **16:45-18:00 Arbitration's Relationship to Policy and Doctrinal Research**

Chair: *Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi*, Postdoctoral Fellow, Pluricourts, University of Oslo

Presenter: *Laura Letourneau-Tremblay*, Research Fellow, University of Oslo

Comment: *Chiara Giorgetti*, University of Richmond

Presenter: *Mikael Madsen*, Director, iCourts Centre of Excellence, Uni. of Copenhagen

Comment: *Mavluda Sattorova*, University of Liverpool

Presenter: *Taylor St John*, Lecturer in International Relations, University of St Andrews

Comment: *Mikael Madsen*, Director, iCourts Centre of Excellence, Uni. of Copenhagen

Presenter: *Yuliya Chernykh*, Research Fellow, University of Oslo

Presenter: *Günes Ünüvar*, Postdoctoral Fellow iCourts

Comment: *Ole Kristian Fauchald*, Professor and Coordinator, LEGINVEST, Pluricourts Centre of Excellence

**18:00 Close**

**19:00 Dinner**

*(This conference will be preceded by an internal LEGINVEST planning meeting 9-11am).*