



## Invites You to Attend

### 1. The Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe

On **1 June 2018**, the Association for International Arbitration (AIA) with the support of Billiet & Co Lawyers will organise a one-day conference on **The Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe**. The panellists will provide a comprehensive overview of issues pertinent to investment arbitration, reflections on challenges posed by cultural crossroads and insight into future developments.

**The four panels will deep dive into the following topics:**

#### First Panel

**Investment Court Model: A Practical Review (Chaired by Dr. Todd Weiler)**

- Will it be found consistent with EU law?
- Can it really answer most strident objections to ISDS?

- Where might mandatory disclosure of 3rd party funding lead?
- Is the hoped-for multilateral tribunal an impractical pipe-dream?

### Second Panel

#### **The Invasion of the Common Lawyers: Has International Arbitration Lost Its Trans-Systemic Character? (Chaired by Mr. Diego Brian Gosis)**

- Are investment law lawyers culturally diverse?
- Are the arbitrators?
- Do practitioners from different cultures see the same trends?

### Third Panel

#### **Intra-EU BITs: A Way Forward After *Achmea* (Co-chaired by Mr. Johan Billiet and Prof. Nikos Lavranos)**

- Are there alternatives for intra-EU ISDS proceedings?
- What are the wider consequences of *Achmea* for ECT, extra-EU BITs, CETA?
- How to ensure a high level of investor and investment protection within the EU?

### Fourth Panel

#### **Brexit and the Energy Charter Treaty (Chaired by Mr. Graham Coop)**

- What is the present status of the ECT as an intra-EU MIT?
- How will Brexit alter that status, and how relevant will the ECT be to the UK post Brexit?
- What happens to claims arising before Brexit?
- Could investors sue the UK – or the EU – on the basis of Brexit per se?

## Confirmed Speakers



#### **Mr Johan Billiet**

Mr. Billiet is a founding partner at Billiet & Co, Brussels and the founder and president of the AIA. He frequently acts as arbitrator in national and international arbitrations. Mr. Billiet teaches alternative dispute resolution, investment arbitration and comparative arbitration at the VUB University in Brussels and has recently published 'International Investment Arbitration - A Practical Handbook'. Mr. Billiet is a founding partner at Billiet & Co, Brussels and the founder and president of the AIA. He frequently acts as arbitrator in national and international arbitrations. Mr. Billiet teaches alternative dispute resolution, investment arbitration and

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**Mr. Diego Brian Gosis**

Mr. Gosis holds degrees in Law and Translation from the University of Buenos Aires. He is a member of the AIA Board. He has acted as counsel, arbitrator and conciliator in numerous international arbitrations. He has trained the teams of University of Buenos Aires to commercial and investment arbitration competitions, and currently serves at the Board of Advisors to the FDI Moot on investment arbitration.



**Mr. Graham Coop**

Mr. Coop is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand and as a solicitor with Higher Rights of Audience (Civil) in England and Wales. He is a partner at Volterra Fietta and member of the AIA Board. He is recognized as an expert in investment arbitration. He is an honorary member of the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.



**Prof. Dr. Nicolaos Lavranos**

Prof. Dr. Lavranos is the owner & founder of NL-Investmentconsulting. He is also a Guest Professor of International Investment Law at the VUB and Board member of the AIA. Previously, he was the Head of Legal Affairs at Global Investment Protection. He is a highly-experienced negotiator and policy advisor on Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and expert in European law and public international law. Prof. Dr. Lavranos is the owner & founder of NL-Investmentconsulting. He is also a Guest Professor of International Investment Law at the VUB and Board member of the AIA. Previously, he was the Head of Legal Affairs at Global Investment Protection. He is a highly-experienced negotiator and policy advisor on Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and expert in European law and public international law.

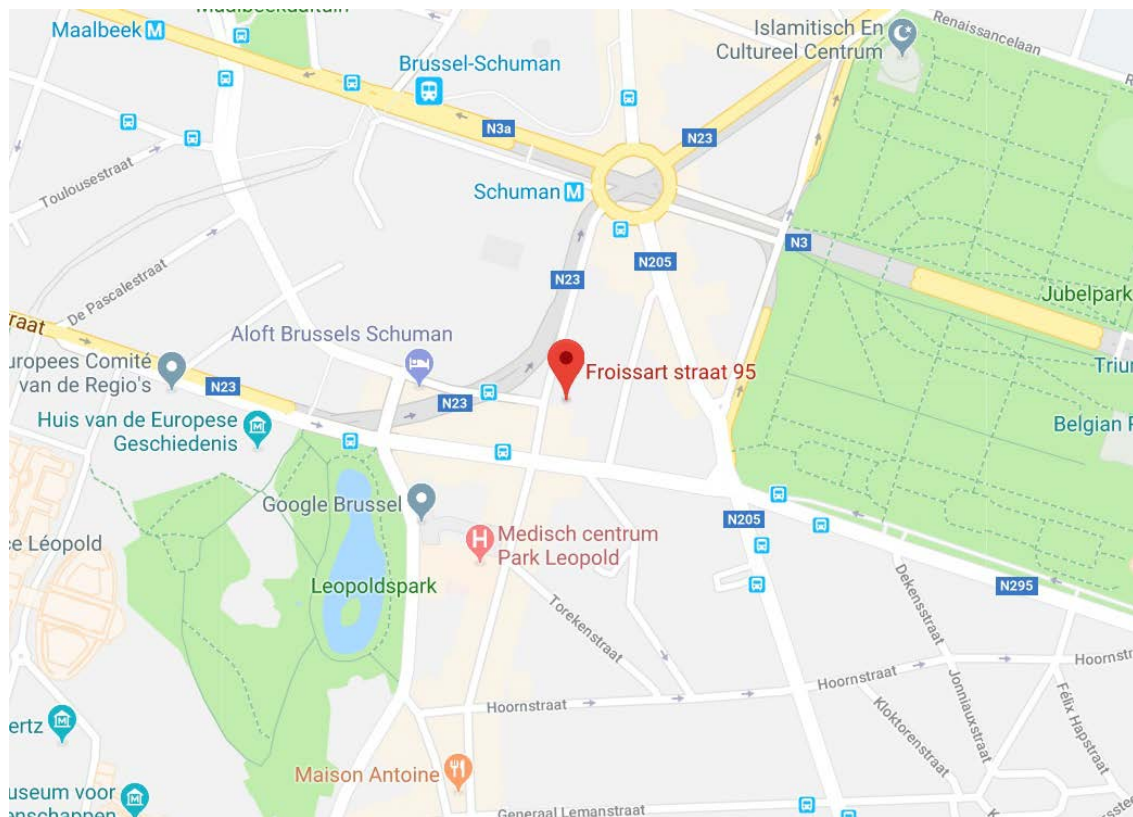


### Dr. Todd Weiler

Dr. Weiler is a member of the AIA Board and a barrister from Canada whose practice has focused exclusively on international investment law and arbitration since 1999. He has served as counsel, consulting expert and arbitrator in numerous investment disputes, in a wide array of dispute settlement bodies, countries, and industries.

## Practical Information

The **Future of Investment Arbitration in Europe** will take place on 1 June 2018 in Brussels, in the [Conference Hall of Press Club Brussels Europe, 95 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.](#)



Further information about this event can be found [here](#).

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## 2. EMTPJ 2018



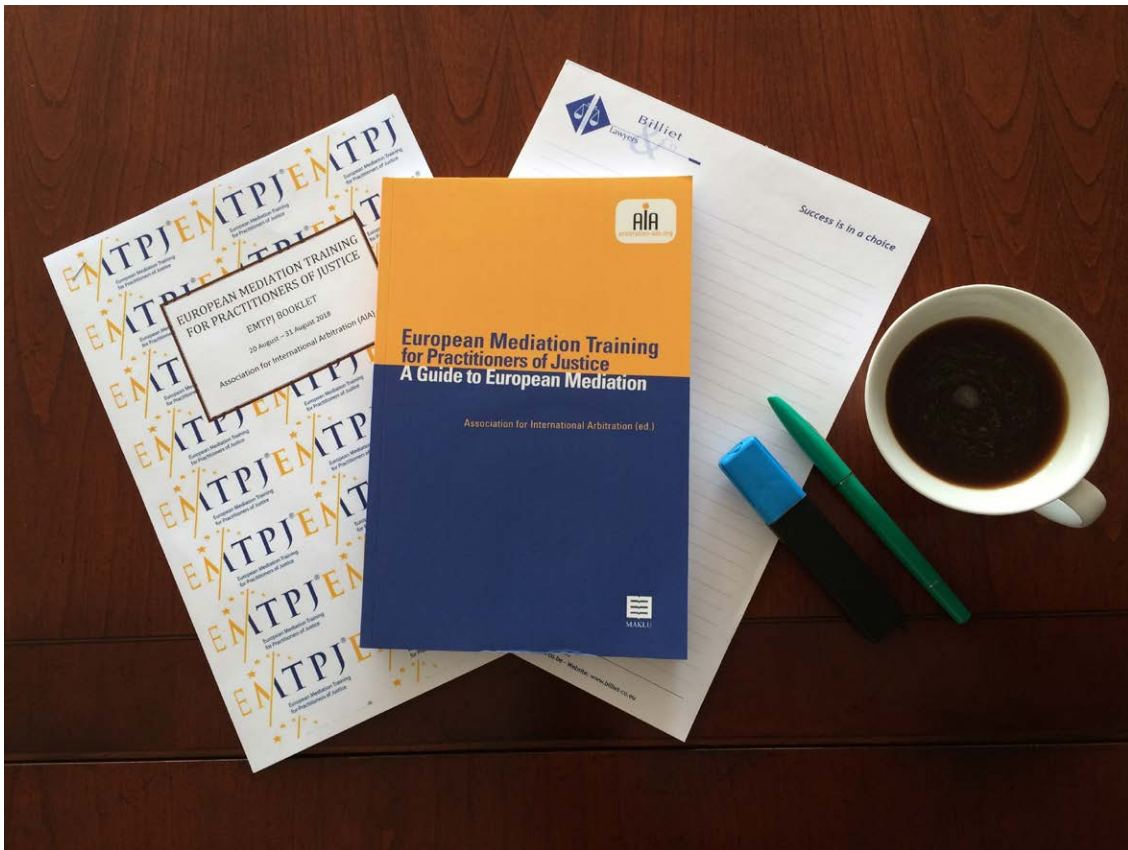
The European Mediation Training for Practitioners of Justice (EMTPJ) is an 11-day intensive training course on cross border mediation in civil and commercial matters. The training is unique because it is tailored to cover both theoretical and practical elements of mediation from a European perspective. The successful completion of EMTPJ allows participants to apply for accreditation as a mediator by the Belgian Federal Mediation Commission, as well as by different dispute resolution centers in Europe and beyond. More information can be found at [emptj.eu](http://emptj.eu).

**Date:** 20 - 31 August 2018

**Participation fee:** Non-Members 2500 EUR excl. VAT / AIA Members 2000 EUR excl. VAT

**Early bird discount before 15 May 2018 (25% discount).**

**Venue:** Louizalaan 146, Brussels, Belgium



**Register for EMTPJ 2018**

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