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

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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.

**Confirmed Speakers:** Mr. Diego Brian Gosis, Mr. Graham Coop, Prof. Nicolaos

Lavranos, Dr. Todd Weiler, Mr. Johan Billiet, Dr. Martins Paparinskis, Dr. Eric De Brabandere, Dr. Alejandro López- Ortiz, Ms. Saadia Bhatti, Mr. Andras Nemescoi, Mr. David Kohegyi, Ms. Verónica Sandler, Mr. Grant Hanessian, Mr. Robert Volterra, Dr. Anna Plevri, Ms. Louise Woods and Dr. Richard Happ.

## **Preliminary Program**

**9:00 Registration**

**9:30 - 11:00 **First Panel****

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

**11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 - 13:00 **Second Panel****

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

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30 **Third Panel****

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

**15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 - 17:30 **Fourth Panel****

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

**17:30 - 18:30 Reception**



**Mr. Johan Billiet**

Mr. Billiet is a founding partner at Billiet & Co, Brussels and the founder and president of the IIA. 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. Diego Brian Gosis**

Mr. Gosis holds degrees in Law and Translation from the University of Buenos Aires. He is a member of the IIA 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 (CwJ) in England and Wales. He is a partner at Volterra Fietta and member of the IIA 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. Nicolaos Lavranos**

Prof. Dr. Lavranos is the owner & founder of NI-Investmentconsulting. He is also a Guest Professor of International Investment Law at the VUB and Board member of the IIA. 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 IIA 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.



**Dr. Martins Papanikolaou**

Dr. Papanikolaou is Reader in Public International Law at University College London, Faculty of Law. He is a member of the ICSD Panel of Arbitrators, a member of the PCA, and a management board member of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.



**Dr. Eric De Brabandere**

Dr. De Brabandere holds the Chair in International Dispute Settlement Law at Leiden University and is member of the Ghent Bar working as of counsel at Leiloffs. He graduated from Ghent University and the University of Geneva. Dr. De Brabandere has published numerous works on the topic of international investment law and arbitration, as well as international dispute settlement.



**Dr. Alejandro López-Ortiz**

Mr. López-Ortiz is a partner in the International Arbitration Practice of Mayer Brown, Paris. He is admitted to the Paris Bar and Madrid Bar. He graduated from University Carlos III de Madrid and has an LLM from LSE. He frequently represents parties in commercial and investment arbitrations, and is a member of the Investment Arbitration Subcommittee of the IBA and other arbitration organisations such as the ICC Arbitration & ADR Commissions and various of its Task Forces.



**Ms. Saadia Bhatti**

Ms. Bhatti is counsel in the international arbitration group of Gide Loyrette Nouel, London where she specializes in commercial arbitration, investment arbitration and other public international law matters. Prior to working in London, Ms. Bhatti worked for Gide in Paris and for a US firm in New York. Ms. Bhatti is admitted to the NY Bar. She graduated from Harvard Law School, ENS Paris and the Université Paris 1. Ms. Bhatti regularly speaks and provides legal training at international law and arbitration related conferences and law schools.

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**Mr. Andras Nemescsoli**

Mr. Nemescsoli is a partner at DLA Piper, Budapest where he heads the Litigation and Regulatory practice. He graduated from Peter Pazmany Catholic University and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. Mr. Nemescsoli focuses primarily on financial/corporate litigation/arbitration, financial regulatory issues and international investment protection disputes. He is the Chairman of the Hungarian Investor Protection Fund and a listed arbitrator by the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce.



**Mr. David Kohegyi**

Mr. Kohegyi heads the Compliance and Investigations practice at DLA Piper in Budapest. In this capacity, he is also responsible for the investment arbitration portfolio of the Firm's Budapest office. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Hungary and the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Kohegyi is dual-qualified, registered as an attorney in New York State and Budapest.



**Ms. Verónica Sandler**

Ms. Sandler is a lawyer and academic. She graduated from the University of Buenos Aires and the University of Palermo, and is a doctoral candidate in law at the Austral University. She is adjunct professor of investment and commercial arbitration in numerous Argentine universities. She has participated in conferences worldwide and international commercial and investment arbitrations. Ms. Sandler currently figures on the list of designated arbitrators of different Argentine and international arbitration institutions.



**Mr. Grant Hanesian**

Mr. Hanesian is a partner at Baker McKenzie NY and holds positions in multiple arbitration institutions. He graduated from Columbia University, NYU and the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hanesian has over 30 years of experience including in investment treaty, commodity, and financial services disputes in front of most major arbitration institutions. Guides such as Chambers Global, Legal 500, and The International Who's Who of Arbitration annually recommend him.

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**Mr. Robert Volterra**

Mr. Volterra is a principal of Volterra Fietta, a Visiting Professor of International Law at University College London (UCL), and a Visiting Senior Lecturer at King's College London. He has been recognised for many years in the global legal directories as one of the world's top public international law practitioners. Mr. Volterra is qualified as a barrister in Canada and as a solicitor-advocate in England and Wales.



**Dr. Anna Plevri**

Dr. Plevri is a professor of Private Law and ADR at the University of Nicola and a visiting professor in an Arbitration/Mediation program of the International Hellenic University. She obtained an LLB, LLM, and PhD from the Law School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as well as an LLM from the University of Thrace. Dr. Plevri is an accredited mediator, mediator's trainer, arbitrator, member of CIArb, and a faculty member of Ad-Op International. She is an Attorney at Law, and admitted to the Thessaloniki and Cyprus Bars.



**Ms. Louise Woods**

Ms. Woods is a partner of the International Dispute Resolution practice group at Vinson & Elkins, London. Louise's practice focuses on international investment arbitration, commercial litigation and arbitration, and public international law. Ms. Woods has arbitrated under all the major institutional arbitration rules as well as under UNCITRAL rules. She is admitted as a Solicitor Advocate in England.

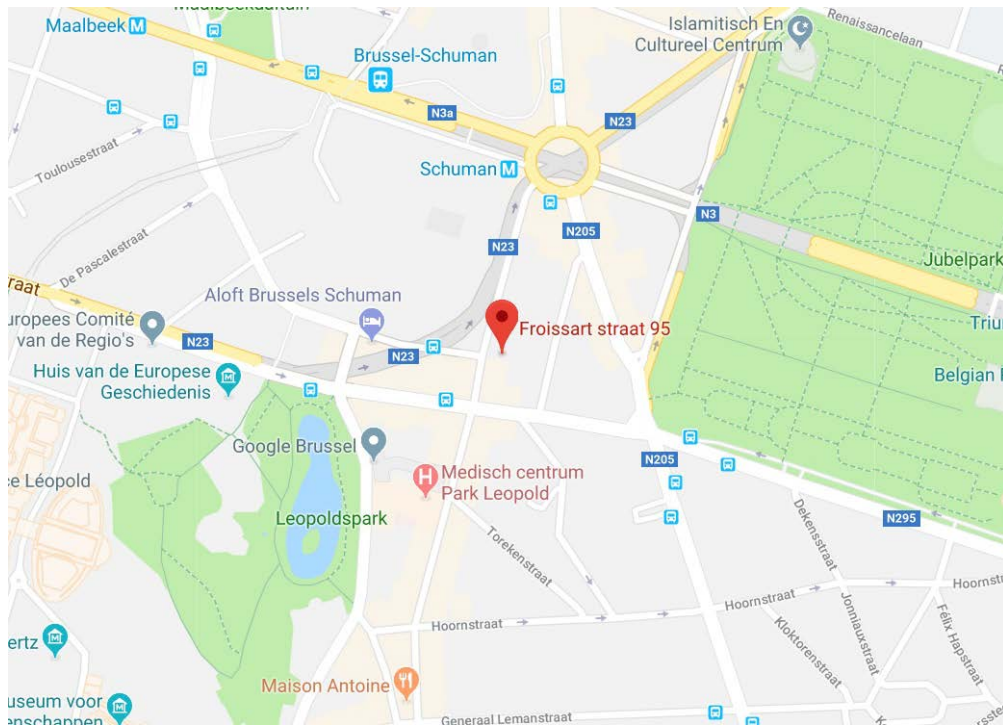


**Dr. Richard Happ**

Dr. Happ is a Partner specialising in litigation and dispute resolution at Luther, Hamburg where he also co-heads the German-wide Complex Disputes Team. He holds degrees from the University of Kiel and carried out his legal training in Kiel, Hamburg, Brussels and Speyer. Dr. Happ's areas of expertise include investment arbitration proceedings and energy sector arbitration. He has arbitrated under numerous arbitration rules including ICSD, SCC, and UNCITRAL.

# 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 [on our website](#).  
Members and students receive a discount.

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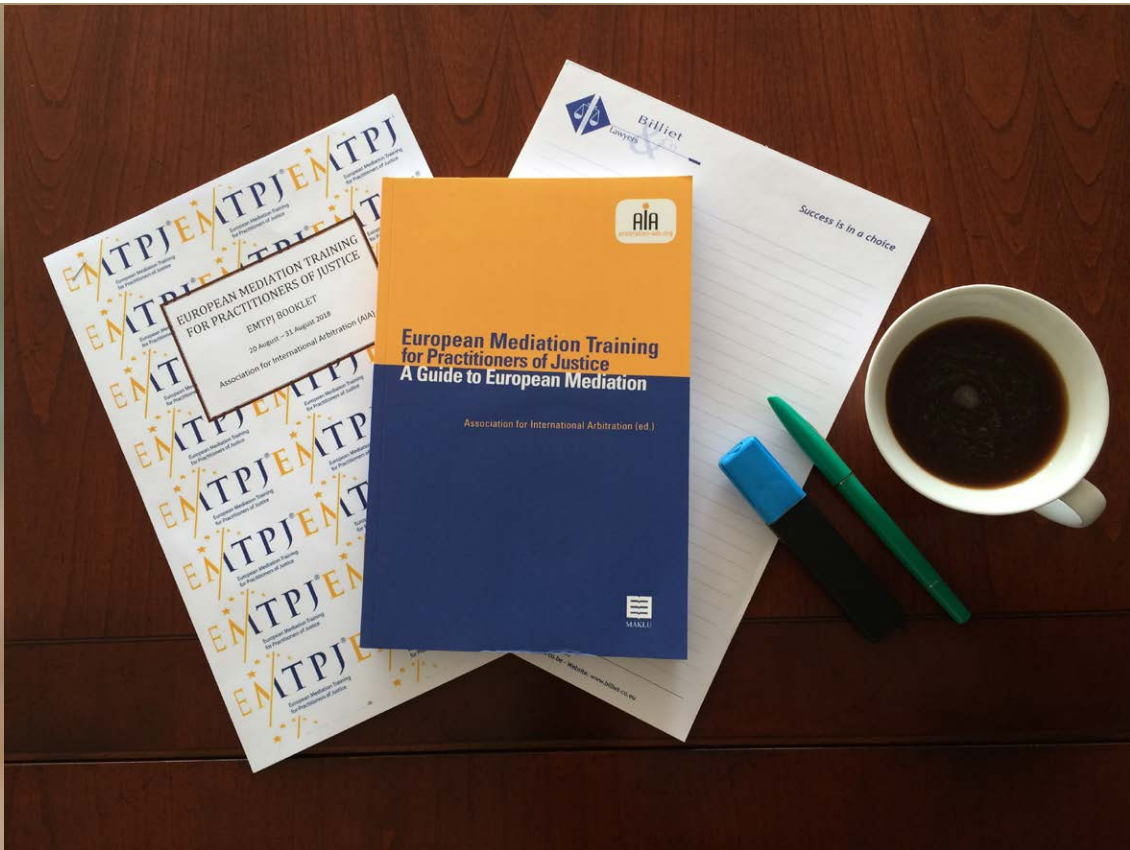
**Date:** 20 - 31 August 2018

**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

**Confirmed speakers:** Mr. Philippe Billiet, Mr. Willem Meuwissen, Ms. Arina Gorbatyuk, Mr. Johan Billiet, Ms. Anne Witters, Dr. Dilyara Nigmatullina, Dr. Wannes Vandebussche, Ms. Barbara Gayse



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