



UNIVERSITÉ
DE GENÈVE
FACULTÉ DE DROIT



International Institute for
Sustainable Development

UNIGE-IISD

Lunch Series on Investment Disputes

NEXT EVENT: Thursday, 19 October 2017 @ 12.30-13.45

(with sandwiches served starting at 12.00)

**WHERE: University of Geneva, Uni Mail, 40 bd du Pont-d'Arve,
Geneva, Room 4050**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Investor-state dispute settlement cases have significant public policy implications, including in the areas of health, environmental protection, economic development and taxation. This lunch series aims to examine the relationship between international investment law cases and sustainable development goals and policies. We invite international and national policy-makers, academics and students with different backgrounds to explore and discuss selected cases.

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017:

IMPLEMENTING THE OECD BASE EROSION AND PROFIT SHIFTING ACTION ITEMS:

WHAT IMPACTS WILL INVESTMENT ARBITRATION HAVE? *Bogdanova v. Moldova, Enron v. Argentina* and others

The Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan adopted in 2013 by the Organisation on Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) presents 15 action items aimed at reducing the ability of companies to employ BEPS practices that shift profits and taxes out of many countries to tax havens. Yet the current national and international investment frameworks are becoming a hindrance to the implementation of the OECD items.

At this lunch event, we will discuss the potential impacts of international investment law and arbitration on the ability of governments to reply to corporate practices that impact the ability of governments to collect revenues. Does investment arbitration pose barriers to governments implementing these new standards? How do arbitral tribunals deal with this issue? And how could states address this issue in future investment treaty practice? Join Howard Mann to discuss *Bogdanova v. Moldova, Enron v. Argentina* and others.

SPEAKER: Howard Mann is the Senior International Law Advisor at IISD, and has over twenty years of experience with international investment law and arbitration decisions. He has authored numerous papers and articles on the subject and served on advisory committees at the national and international level. He is currently leading a project on countering tax base erosion and profit shifting by investors in the Mining Sector for the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining and Sustainable Development.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Further UNIGE-IISD lunch series in 2017:

- Thursday, 30 November

To register or for more information please contact:
Fariba DiBenedetto-Achtari fdibenedetto@iisd.org