

SIDRA BRI-TNLF WEBINAR

Reforming ISDS: Policy Options and Prospects

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In this webinar, SIDRA and TNLF are in conversation with eminent expert Professor Andrea Bjorklund to discuss investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) reform. Specific issues to be discussed include the use of mediation in investment disputes, an investment court system with an appeal mechanism, and third-party funding. Professor Bjorklund will also cover US, Canada, EU, and China's practices and attitudes towards ISDS reform.

About the speaker



Andrea K. Bjorklund
Full Professor & Associate Dean, McGill University Faculty of Law

Andrea K. Bjorklund is the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, as well as a Full Professor and the L. Yves Fortier Chair in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law, at McGill University Faculty of Law. She acts as arbitrator and expert in both investment and commercial arbitrations and as an expert in court proceedings related to arbitration. She is on the panel of arbitrators of the Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center, the International Commercial Arbitration Court of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, and Industry, and AAA's International Centre for Dispute Resolution. She is also a U.S. appointee to the NAFTA Chapter 19 (and USMCA Chapter 10) roster of arbitrators.

In addition to serving as an adviser to the American Law Institute's project on restating the U.S. law of international commercial arbitration, she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. Professor Bjorklund was the inaugural ICSID Scholar-in-Residence from 2014-2015 and was Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy from 2012- to 2015.

Professor Bjorklund is widely published in investment law and dispute resolution. Before entering the academy she was an attorney-adviser on the NAFTA arbitration team in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, in addition to periods at the U.S. International Trade Commission and in private practice at Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C. Professor Bjorklund has a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.A. in French Studies from New York University, and a B.A. (with High Honors) in History and French from the University of Nebraska.

Moderator



Mark McLaughlin
Global Visiting Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University & Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)

Mark McLaughlin is the Global Visiting Assistant Professor at Singapore Management University and SIDRA. His research focuses on dispute resolution, the Belt and Road Initiative, and international economic law. Mark has published articles and book chapters on the Chinese approach to investor-state arbitration, the interaction between state-owned enterprises and international investment law, and the legal infrastructure of investor-state mediation. He holds an LL.B. from the University of Glasgow and a Ph.D. from the China University of Political Science and Law, where he was a lecturer in international investment law. Mark was awarded a Chinese Government Scholarship from 2016-2019.

Moderator



Yueming Yan
Global PhD Fellow, SIDRA, Singapore Management University

Yueming has recently successfully defended her PhD thesis at McGill University Faculty of Law. Her research interests cover international investment law and arbitration, international dispute resolution, China's law and arbitration, comparative law and empirical legal studies. Yueming has published and presented widely on sustainable development in international economic law. Yueming holds a Master of Law degree from Xiamen University and a Bachelor of Law degree from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law.

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