

**9 October 2020**

14.00-17.30 (FR)

8:00 AM (NY), 1:00 PM (UK), 8:00 PM (CH), 8:00 PM (SG), 5:30 PM (IN)



# Balancing States' Responses and the Protection of Foreign Investors in the (Post) Pandemic World

**14: 00- 14:10**

**Opening remarks** by organisers: Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfing and Dr. Yulia Levashova

**14:15 - 15:15**

**Panel 1 :** The State's Response to Pandemic and Possible Defences



**Prof. Julien Chaisse**  
 City University  
 of Hong Kong

'Toward a Typology of Governments' Responses'



**Research Associate Prof. Catharine Titi**  
 CNRS-CERSA, University  
 Paris II Panthéon-Assas

'The Necessity Defence and International Investment Law'



**Dr. Pascale Accaoui Lorfing**  
 CREDIMI

'Tools of International Investment Agreements and Investment Contract: National Security Interest and Force Majeure'

Moderator :  
**Prof. Attila Tanzi**  
 (University of Bologna, 3VB Chambers, London)



**Q&A session**

**15:15 - 16:15**

**Panel 2 :** Investor's Protection at the Time of Pandemic and Aftermath



**Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab**  
 Cairo University  
 Zulficar & Partners Law Firm

'The Protection Equilibrium in ISDS: Strategic Considerations and Realistic Expectations in Times of Crisis and Beyond'



**Maître de conférences HDR Sébastien Manciaux**  
 Credimi - University of  
 Burgundy

'The Urgency of not Revising Investment Treaties'



**Dr. Yulia Levashova**  
 Nyenrode University  
 Utrecht University

'COVID-19 Measures and the Legitimate Expectations of Investors'

Moderator :  
**Prof. Clotilde Jourdain-Fortier**  
 (Credimi, University of Burgundy)



**Q&A session**

**16:15 - 17:15**

**Panel 3 :** The Response to Pandemic from Different Parts of the World



**Investment Policy Adviser Hamed El-Kady**  
 UNCTAD

'The Reform of the International Investment Policy Regime in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Perspective of Developing Economies'



**Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue**  
 University of Geneva

'Africa's Concerns regarding ISDS in the context of COVID-related Measures: Insights from the African Union'



**Prof. Arpita Mukherjee**  
 Indian Council for Research on  
 International Economic Relations

'India's Policy Responses to Pandemic and its Impact on Foreign Investors'

Moderator :  
**Adjunct prof. Alvaro Galindo**  
 (Georgetown University Law Center)



**Q&A session**

**17:15- 17:30**

**Concluding remarks** Attila M. Tanzi (University of Bologna)

