
SustainEUorPlanet – Jean Monnet Chair Project

SustainEUorPlanet Seminar Series
Litigation in International Investment Law
Concerning Environmental Issues

“Introduction to Investment Law and Arbitration”

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5 May 2025, h. 13-15 (CET), AULA A BELMELORO, Via Beniamino Andreatta, 8 - Bologna

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“Environmental Issues in Investment Arbitration”

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Abstract: The seminar series delivered by Professor Farnelli on “Litigation in International Investment Law Concerning Environmental Issues” will be composed of three lectures. The first two lectures (5 and 14 May 2025) will provide a broad-brush sketch of the basic features of international investment law and arbitration, on the one hand, and international environmental law, on the other. This, with a view to providing the legal framework relevant for the monographic part of the third lecture (20 May 2025), which will address how environmental Issues may enter investment arbitration both as states' defences and counterclaim, or by claimants as arguments instrumental to evidencing a breach of an investment standard. The EU approach to the indicated topics will constantly be considered.

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