

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

Moderator :
Prof. Attila Tanzi
 (University of Bologna)



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'

Q&A session

15:15 - 16:15

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

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



Dr. Mohammed Abdel Wahab
 Zulficar & Partners Law Firm

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



Assistant Prof. 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'

Q&A session

16:15 - 17:15

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

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



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'

Q&A session

17:15- 17:30

Concluding remarks Attila M. Tanzi (University of Bologna)