

# **BIICL Equality, Diversity** and Inclusion Policy



British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Change starts at home. In the wake of George Floyd's death in 2020, BIICL set out to make International Law a fairer, more diverse and inclusive sector. Over the last few months we have created an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and appointed a Diversity Officer to lead this work.

As the subjects of international law are drawn from across the world, so too should be its leaders. BIICL cares deeply about diversity in the legal profession and wants to work towards a world where more advocates and judges of international courts are drawn from the global south; a world where all lawyers can fully benefit from our resources, training and professional networks.

Without the ability to see yourself represented in a field, it can be difficult to get yourself into it, and we believe the underrepresentation of the communities that are most often participants in international litigation is a problem. These are our values and this is a journey in which we hope to engage all ICLQ readers. Contact m.olatokun@binghamcentre.biicl.org for more information.

Read the BIICL Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy at: www.biicl.org/governance



## Online Course International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution



International and Comparative Law

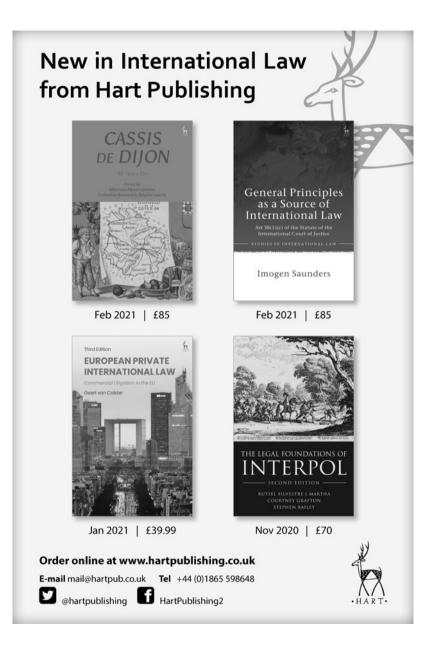
#### **Overview**

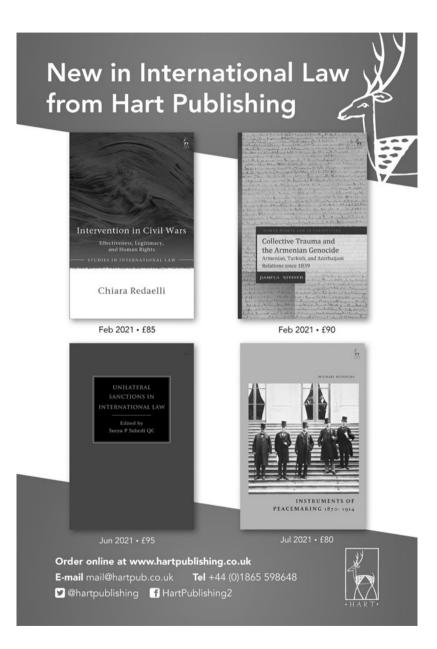
This online course covers the history and the rationale of protection of foreign direct investments, applicable law, the key principles of international investment law and investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS). Participants will develop their own critical appreciation of international investment law and will cover the nature of international investment law, the main substantive and procedural principles, dispute resolution mechanisms and the current professional criticisms of the system.

#### **Pricing and Registration**

The course fee is \$149 (approx  $\pounds120$ ) (incl. VAT). Discounts are available for groups of five and more people, please contact eventsregistration@biicl.org for more information.

For more information, including the curriculum and tutors, please visit: www.biicl.org/ISDS





## **Supporting BIICL**

The need for BIICL's independent and impartial research, analysis and capacity building activities is greater than ever. We have ambitious plans to build on our successful track record of spreading knowledge and stimulating change through our research and related activities.

BIICL's ability to address emerging legal issues and respond to the most pressing global challenges depends on the ongoing support of our members, donors, funders and sponsors.

#### BIICL 60+ Appeal

Under the Chairmanship of Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, we have launched the BIICL 60+ Appeal to raise £3 million over the next five years. This will enable us to expand and develop our work on a wide range of legal issues affecting the world today, including those relating to international trade, climate change and technology.

Gifts to the BIICL 60+ Appeal are also helping to fund a major refurbishment of our office space. This renovation provides additional office accommodation for our growing team of researchers and a large attractive space for public events. Bringing our events and outreach, training and dissemination activities in-house will encourage the free-flow of ideas at the heart of the Institute and stimulate even greater collaboration between BIICL, the legal world and others interested in our work.

The 60+ Appeal Panel is comprised of the following members:

Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, Chair Martin Paisner CBE, Vice Chair Philip Bennett Guy Beringer Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC Sir William Blair Lord Collins of Mapesbury Professor Dr Malik Dahlan Sir David Edward KCMG QC Shaheed Fatima QC James Furber Sir Christopher Greenwood GBE CMG QC Dame Rosalyn Higgins GBE QC Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers KG Nigel Pleming QC Keith Ruddock Harish Salve QC Steve Williams

By supporting our Appeal, you will be helping BIICL address some of the most pressing global challenges, thus making a positive and lasting difference to our world.

We would be delighted to discuss your interest in supporting our work and welcome donations at all levels.

To find out more about the BIICL 60+ Appeal, please contact Diane Denny, Development Director: T: +44 (0)20 7862 5433 E: d.denny@biicl.org

More information is also available at: www.biicl.org/60thappeal

You may wish to leave a legacy to BIICL in your will. In the UK the value of your gift will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.

US donors can donate through BIICL's affiliate, The International Rule of Law Project Inc. which is a 501(c) (3) public charity (www.irolp.org).

## **BIICL ACTIVITIES**

#### Research

BIICL conducts research around the world across the broad range of public international law, private international law, comparative law and the rule of law. This includes areas such as competition law, European law, human rights law, international investment law, and product liability law. Our research often crosses traditional boundaries of law, so as to integrate private and public international law, and engages with national, European and comparative law.

Our research is primarily applied research, based on strong knowledge foundations. This enables our research to have practical consequences, establish influential recommendations for decisionmakers, and have an impact on law and policy around the world.

#### **Events**

BIICL organises an exciting and diverse programme of events throughout the year. These bring together leading speakers and participants from law firms, barristers' chambers, corporations, government, nongovernmental organisations, regulatory bodies, international organisations, academia, students and many others.

Our events deal with the many important contemporary international legal issues and developments. They include seminars and full-day conferences, open debates and confidential discussions. Events are generally open to all members and the public, and most events are CPD accredited for practitioners.

#### Fora

The Institute enhances its research activities through four specialist forums: The Investment Treaty Forum, The Competition Law Forum, The Product Liability Forum and The Human Rights Due Diligence Forum.

These invitation only discussion and working groups bring together senior experts to share experiences and exchange opinions, contribute to policy initiatives, and promote research in these important areas of law and practice.

#### **Training and Development**

BIICL also engages in the provision of training on international and comparative legal matters. BIICL has extensive experience in offering public and bespoke training courses in public international law, trade law, business and human rights, climate change law and law of the sea. BIICL's popular courses are delivered by a range of expert practitioners and scholars. BIICL's training offering also includes online training courses in investment law and dispute resolution and on citizenship and the rule of law.

#### **Publications**

Beyond the International and Comparative Law Quarterly, BIICL publishes many of its major research projects, many of which are available free of charge, and other papers on contemporary legal issues. It also publishes a regular Newsletter.

# The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

The Bingham Centre was launched in 2010. It is named after The Rt Hon Lord Bingham of Cornhill KG who promoted the maintenance and development of the rule of law. The Centre is devoted to the study and promotion of the rule of law worldwide, defining and implementing the rule of law as a universal and practical concept that upholds respect for human dignity and enhances economic development and political stability.

### BECOME A BIICL MEMBER TODAY

Membership of BIICL is open to all and provides an opportunity to participate in a diverse community of practitioners, scholars and others with an interest in international and comparative law, and the rule of law.

Members are kept informed of BIICL's latest research and developments, and are able to engage in debate and discussion through our programme of topical events, seminars and conferences. Our membership includes judges, solicitors and barristers, government officials, regulators, international civil servants, academics, students, and many non-lawyers.

Various individual and organisation membership packages are available. Members receive a substantial discount on relevant events and BIICL publications, plus access to our renowned journal, the International and Comparative Law Quarterly.

To find out more about individual and organisation membership, please visit www.biicl.org/membership.

To find out more about Forum Membership, please visit www.biicl.org/forums.

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