Programme

Leiden University, Schouwburgstraat 2, The Hague
17-18 May 2018

Thursday 17 May 2018

09:15-09:30  Introduction
Freya Baetens, Professor of Law, PluriCourts, University of Oslo

09:30-11:00  PANEL 1. SELECTION & APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

The selection and appointment of WTO Appellate Body Members: Strongholds v. Pitfalls
Giorgio Sacerdoti, Arbitrator and former WTO Appellate Body Member

Diversity in Investor-State Dispute Settlement
Guled Yusuf, Senior Associate, Allen & Overy London

Who are the Dissenting Arbitrators in International Investment Treaty Arbitration?
Laura Létourneau-Tremblay, Senior Executive Officer & Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oslo

11:00-11:20  Coffee break

11:20-12:50  PANEL 2. STAKEHOLDERS: STATES, INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Geography and Legal Culture on the International Bench. Challenges and prospects of women judges’ participation in International Criminal Tribunals: Perspectives from the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone
Vivian Margarette Solomon, Judge, Special Court for Sierra Leone

Characteristics that States’ Departments Value in International Adjudicators: the Appointment Process Through the Lens of Personal History
Ksenia Polonskaya, Doctoral Fellow, Queen’s University
Judicial Legal Culture and Judicial Practices: Victims at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)
Juan Pablo Perez-Leon-Acevedo, Postdoctoral Fellow, PluriCourts - University of Oslo

12:50-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  PANEL 3. JUDICIAL REASONING

Discourse and Identity Construction in the Pursuit of International Rule of Law — The Struggle and Strength of Chinese Judges on the International Bench,
Yuwen Fan, Postdoctoral Fellow, Berlin/Potsdam Research Group “The International Rule of Law – Rise or Decline?”

Correlations between ICJ judges’ backgrounds and their approaches to scholarship
Sondre Torp Helmersen, Lecturer, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences

Invasion of Common Lawyers: Legal Cultures in the WTO Dispute Settlement System
Henry Gao, Associate Professor, Singapore Management University

15:30-15:50  Coffee break

15:50-17:20  PANEL 4. JUDICIAL DECISIONS

Diversity in the composition of the Bench of the European Court of Human Rights
Angelika Nussberger, ECtHR judge

Populism on the International Bench: The Geography of Socioeconomic Diversity
Daniel Litwin, Legal Advisor, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal

The impact of geography and legal culture on clarification, interpretation and affirmation of the law by ICJ Judges: A representative study of the emergence and/or evolution of erga omnes obligations
Ravindra Pratap, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, South Asian University

19:00  Dinner
Park Hotel (Molenstraat 53, The Hague)
9:30-11:00  PANEL 5. DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Judicial Education and International Courts: A proposal whose time has come?
S. I. Strong, Professor, University of Missouri

Should there be a minimum requirement for International Judges in terms of previous judicial experience in related legal fields?
Howard Morrison, ICC judge

Monika Prusinowska, Assistant Professor, China-EU School of Law

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11:20-12:50  PANEL 6. IMPACT ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT THEORY

Legitimacy in international dispute resolution in the age of anti-globalization, nationalism, and isolationism: how geographical and legal cultural diversity on the international bench can promote regional and international cooperation?
Alina Ng, Professor of Law, Mississippi College School of Law, USA

Looking beyond Legitimacy and Impact on Judicial Decision Making: Placing Diversity in Exclusion and Discrimination
Srinivas Burra, Assistant Professor, South Asian University

Trust in the Court: Does Judicial Identity impact the Political Capital of International Courts?
Cosette Creamer, Benjamin E. Lippincott Chair in Political Economy; Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Law School University of Minnesota

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14:00-15:30  PANEL 7. IMPACT ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PRACTICE

The basis and influence of International Professional Body Tribunals: a practical perspective
Christopher Alder, Global Regulatory Counsel, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

Cultural Sensitivity in the Harmonisation of International Arbitration: Lessons from China
Qingxiu Bu, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex

An invisible promise: Geographic Diversity in International Arbitration
Yuliya Chernykh, Doctoral Fellow, Department of Private Law - University of Oslo

15:30-15:45  Closing
Freya Baetens, Professor of Law, PluriCourts, University of Oslo