

**Academic side event, held in conjunction with  
UNCTAD's High-level IIA Conference, 13 November 2019  
Room XXVII (27), Building E, floor 1**

**Agenda**

**8:30 – 9:00 Networking Breakfast**

Breakfast sponsored by Nyenrode Business University and Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

**9:00-09:50 Panel Discussion**

**Co-chairs:**

Federico Ortino, King's College London, UK, member of the SIEL Executive Council  
Markus Wagner University of Wollongong, Australia, SIEL Executive Vice-President

1. **"UNCTAD-SIEL Award for Research on Investment and Development"**
2. **"The Right of States to Regulate in International Investment Law" Kluwer Arbitration, 2019**

**Speaker:** Yulia Levashova, Nyenrode Business University, the Netherlands

**Book description:** The book addresses the balance between the host state's right to regulate and the investor's right to obtain a fair and equitable treatment (FET) standard under international investment law. Due to the recent ongoing expansion of public interest issues worldwide, the state's right to regulate has been recaptured as a prominent concept in international investment law. The FET's standard provision in the text of an international investment agreement (IIA) has become a detailed clause clarifying the specific obligations of a state towards an investor under the FET standard. However, striking the right balance in these new treaty formulations has proved to be challenging. This book greatly clarifies the field by offering in-depth analysis of the application of the state's right to regulate in relation to FET standard provisions in IIAs and to decisions by arbitral tribunals in FET cases.

3. **"The Research Handbook on Foreign Direct Investment"**

**Speaker:** Rhea Tamara Hoffmann, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

**Book description:** The first research handbook on international investment law in the prestigious Edward Elgar Research Handbooks in International Law and provides an authoritative account of diverse investment law issues. Written by international experts in the field, the contributions include economic, political and legal perspectives to cover all aspects of international and national investment law. With regional perspectives from Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, and Latin and North America, this Research Handbook offers an analytical overview of the key areas of current research interest and developments in investment law. Vivaly, the expert contributors outline future and upcoming issues, as well as providing a research agenda for the topic.

4. **Q & A Session**