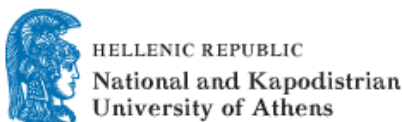




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## COLLOQUIUM

### *International Investment Law & Competition Law*

27-28 September 2018, Zaragoza, Spain

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza is hosting, in the context of the *Investment Law Initiative*, a **Colloquium on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law'**, which will take place on 27 & 28 September 2018, in Zaragoza, Spain. Details on the submission procedure and key dates can be found at the end of this call.

The *Colloquium* on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law' is jointly organized by the University of Zaragoza (Spain) and its Faculty of Law; the Athens Public International Law Center (Athens PIL) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Faculty of Law (Greece); the Research Centre on Procurement Law and International Investment (CREDIMI) of the University of Burgundy (France); and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) (France). These academic and research institutions joined forces in 2016 and established the *Investment Law Initiative*, an international collaboration aimed at strengthening research and systemic analysis of international investment law. The *Colloquium* is coordinated by Dr Katia Fach Gómez (University of Zaragoza, Faculty of Law), Dr Anastasios Gourgourinis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law; Athens PIL), and Dr Catharine Titi (CNRS and CREDIMI, University of Burgundy).

## Colloquium theme

Although international investment law and competition law coexist regularly in international praxis, scholarly analysis largely treats them as parallel universes, and as a result their actual and potential overlap has yet to be sufficiently explored. The *Colloquium on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law'* aims to address this topic and, to this end, interested academics and practitioners, senior and junior, are invited to submit paper abstracts on the interaction of the two disciplines, addressing the following, fairly broad, suggested topics:

- Theoretical and empirical assessments of the overlap between investment and competition law and policy
- Interaction between competition-related provisions and investment protection standards in FTAs
- Investors' anti-competitive behaviour and illegal investments in investment treaty arbitration
- State aid schemes and foreign investors' legitimate expectations
- Merger control and foreign investment protection, pre- and post-establishment
- Host state responsibility for antitrust supervision of the regulatory activities of public bodies
- Investment disputes regarding public and private antitrust enforcement (or non-enforcement)
- Cartel leniency programmes and foreign investors' rights
- Intellectual property rights, competition law and foreign investment protection
- International investment law and competition policy in the banking sector
- EU member state compliance with investment awards as illegal state aid under EU law
- State-owned enterprises and competitive neutrality
- Interactions among public procurement, investment and competition law

## Guidelines for Submission

Senior and junior academics and practitioners (including PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers) are invited to participate in the call for papers of the *Colloquium* on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law'. Interested authors are invited to submit, by **31 March 2018**, an abstract of an original paper, which is neither published nor accepted for publication when the *Colloquium* takes place. Papers will be selected by the conference's scientific committee on the basis of submitted abstracts, subject to a double-blind peer review. Only one abstract per author will be considered. Abstracts must not exceed 800 words, must be anonymous and not identify the author(s) or their affiliation, and must be submitted to the following email addresses: [agourg@law.uoa.gr](mailto:agourg@law.uoa.gr); [cathy\\_titi@hotmail.com](mailto:cathy_titi@hotmail.com); and [katiafachgomez@gmail.com](mailto:katiafachgomez@gmail.com). In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain, as a separate file, a short (one page) author's CV, including the author's name and affiliation and contact details and a list of relevant publications.

Authors of selected abstracts for the *Colloquium* will be notified by **30 April 2018**. Following this, they must submit a draft paper (6,000-8,000 words) by **15 August 2018**. The draft papers will be distributed to the *Colloquium* participants in advance to facilitate an in-depth discussion – a 'no paper – no podium' policy applies.

After the *Colloquium*, submission of final papers by authors is due by **30 November 2018**. Selected final papers will be published by Springer, subject to peer review, in the Special Issue of the *European Yearbook of International Economic Law (EYIEL)* on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law'.

## Participation, registration and conference venue

Participation in the *Colloquium* will be open to the public, but registration will be necessary.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be expected to bear the costs of their own travel and accommodation.

The *Colloquium* will be held at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zaragoza, Spain. Zaragoza is the fifth largest city in Spain, with a population of over 700,000. The city is just 80 minutes by train from both Madrid and Barcelona and is famous for its landmarks, which include the Basílica del Pilar, La Seo Cathedral, the Aljafería Palace, and Aragon's traditional Mudéjar architecture, as well as for its gastronomy and the River Ebro. The University of Zaragoza was founded in 1542 and is one of the oldest universities in Spain. It currently has over 40,000 students divided among 22 faculties.

## Key dates

- 31 March 2018: Deadline for the submission of abstracts
- 30 April 2018: Announcement of accepted abstracts
- 15 August 2018: Deadline for draft paper submission (6,000-8,000 words – ‘no paper – no podium’)
- 27-28 September 2018: *Colloquium*
- 30 November 2018: Deadline for final paper submission for EYIEL publication

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