

**Date of the seminar:**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011 from 12h45 to 13h45  
(sandwiches included during the conference)

**Location of the seminar:**

Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance  
BRC 2.01 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
148, avenue de la Faïencerie  
L-2511 Luxembourg

**Language:**

English

**Registrations:**

- Free seminar
- Maximum number of registrations: 40
- **Registrations** by email:  
[fdef-colloques@uni.lu](mailto:fdef-colloques@uni.lu) (Last name, first name, institution)

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Lunchtime Seminar

**The Rise of China,  
Engagement in Africa,  
and a New Generation of  
Bilateral Investment Treaties  
(BITs)**

By Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk,  
C.V. Starr Professor of Law,  
Peking University School of Transnational Law

### Lunchtime “Work in progress” Seminar

This research seminar is intended to bring together legal scholars interested in debating recent research and work in progress in the area of law.

#### **The format:**

- The meetings will be held at lunch time – from 12h45 till no later than 14h00, on the campus of the university, in the meeting room in the Batiment Soupert, 148, Av de la Faiencerie)
- Sandwiches and drinks will be provided by the University for all participants.
- A speaker presents for 30 Minutes followed by a discussion with the participants.
- The meetings will take place several times per semester. At each event a chosen speaker will present a paper of his or her most recent work or of his or her work in progress. The participants engage in an active discussion from the point of view of their diverse background and specialities.

#### **The speakers:**

- Speakers will be invited to present from people working in Luxembourg and from external visitors. The decisive issue is the cutting edge of their research and the potential to generate an interesting debate.
- Suggestions for speakers should be sent to Professor Matthew Happold ([matthew.happold@uni.lu](mailto:matthew.happold@uni.lu))

#### **The aim of the seminar:**

- The goal is to achieve a lively and fruitful discussion for both the presenter and for all participants. This will contribute to a culture of interested debate in new ideas and approaches to the law at the University and in Luxembourg in general.

#### **General information:**

- The programme of the meetings and invitations will be distributed amongst all potentially interested researchers in Luxembourg.
- The language of the meetings is French, English and German. The programme sent to interested recipients will indicate the speaker's language of choice for presentation. Comments will be welcome also in any of the other languages.

### **The Rise of China, Engagement in Africa, and a New Generation of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)** **By Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk**

China's rise in economic, political and military terms is challenging the current structure of world order and the dominant position of the United States. A new multipolar system confronted with the aspirations of other emerging powers, such as Russia, India, and Brazil, will also redefine the relative positions of the EU and Japan.

The presentation starts with some general reflections on this development and focuses on the increasing importance of outward investment for China's economic development. It briefly outlines China's strategy in this regard.

One important theatre with respect to securing the supply of natural resources to satisfy China's long-term needs is obviously Africa. The second part of the presentation deals with the increasing engagement of China in Africa, taking the historical background of the Cold War and the period of decolonization into due account. It discusses Western criticism directed against certain aspects of China's investment policy in Africa and recent changes in perceptions.

The third part considers changes in the recent generation of bilateral investment treaties concluded by China that reflect the increasing importance of protecting its own outward investment in foreign countries (including investor-state dispute settlement through international arbitration tribunals).

#### **Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk's short biography**

Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk is C.V. Starr Professor of Law at the Peking University School of Transnational Law, which offers the first American-style J.D. programme approved by the State Council in China.

He is a former Dean of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, has held Chairs at the University of Amsterdam and Erasmus University Rotterdam, and was a Research Fellow of the Max-Planck-Institute in Heidelberg. He is an international arbitrator, was Legal Advisor to the President of the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Legal Counsel to Iraq before the UN Compensation Commission for Claims against Iraq arising from the Kuwait War, and Special Legal Advisor to Ethiopia concerning the war with Eritrea (compensation claims and border issues). He is a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the University of Heidelberg.

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