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Date of the Seminar:

Thursday 17 November 2011
From 12.30 pm to 13.45 pm
(sandwiches included during the Seminar)

Place of the Seminar:

Amphithéâtre 204 (2nd floor)
Bâtiment des Sciences/Science Building
162a, avenue de la Faïencerie
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Language of the Seminar:

English

Registrations:

- Free seminar
- Maximum number of attendants: 45
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Lunchtime Seminar

China's 'Go Global' Policy Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and the European Space (Satellite Communications) Industry

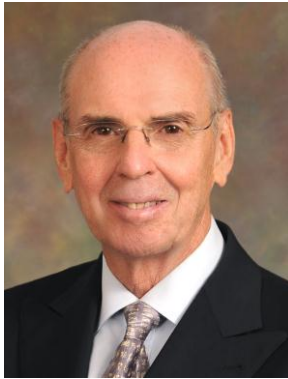
By Prof. Dr. Peter Malanczuk

C.V. Starr Professor of Law,
Peking University School of Transnational Law

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Programme



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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12:30 pm Introduction

Mahulena Hofmann, professor,
SES Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law

12:40 pm Presentation given by Peter Malanczuk:

China's 'Go Global' Policy

Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and the European Space (Satellite Communications) Industry

China's leadership has been strongly encouraging Chinese companies to "go global" and Chinese outward investment has been increasing considerably over the past decade. While European governments have just recently officially requested China to contribute to the financial solution of the Eurozone debt crisis, concerns have been expressed in a report published in July 2011 by the European Council on Foreign Relations that "China is buying up Europe" (F. Godement/J. Parello-Plesner with A. Richard, *The Scramble for Europe*).

The presentation discusses the significance of the rise of China's outward foreign direct investment (FDI), particularly in Europe and the United States, and the development of Chinese transnational companies (TNCs). In view of the fact that most of the outgoing Chinese companies are state-controlled entities, it is perhaps not surprising national security concerns are frequently raised with respect to Chinese acquisitions. As China is also an increasingly significant space power, which is already operating a large number of satellites, the presentation looks at the scenario of possible Chinese interest in the European space (satellite communications) industry.

In this connection, the presentation addresses the role of the large number of bilateral investment treaties (BITs) that China has concluded. The question of negotiating a new BIT between the EU and China has arisen since the Lisbon Treaty has transferred the treaty-making power in this regard from the 27 member states to the European level. This has affected the status of some 1,200 BITs previously concluded by EU member states.

13:15 pm Questions