



POLICY FORUM ON BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES

13th December 2018

**Nalanda, First Floor, IIFT Bhawan, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016
1630hrs to 1800hrs**

As part of the

IIFT Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance

Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) are touted as an effective tool to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and the number of BITs ratified by the developing countries has grown significantly. A total number of 2361 BITs are presently in force with further 310 treaties consisting of investment provisions. However, recently, the role of BITs to attract foreign investment has been questioned especially with countries like Brazil which continued to attract investment despite not having enforced a BIT up until 2017. India had adopted a Model BIT in 2016 and terminated all of its operating BITs, seeking to renegotiate them in line with the Model BIT. Such developments warrant an understanding of the evolution of BITs, their elements, architecture and most importantly, the impact of such treaties on attracting foreign investments.

The Policy Forum is aimed to find answers to these questions through experience sharing from the best minds in the field of International Investment Law and Policy. The Centre for Trade and Investment Law has commissioned a study on ***Impact of Investment Treaties on Investment Flows in India***. This study will be released during the Policy Forum

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Chair: Shri Anwar Shaik, Director (IITF), Investment Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

Speakers:

- Dr. Martins Paparinskis, Reader in Public International Law, Faculty of Laws, UCL, London
- Prof. Gregory Shaffer, Chancellor's Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law (*video recorded address*)
- Dr. Jarrod Hepburn, Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne
- Dr. Rishab Gupta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai
- Prof. James J. Nedumpara, Head and Professor, Centre for Trade and Investment Law