



China and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Status Quo and Beyond

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In recent years, there is an increase of investor-state arbitration (ISA) disputes involving China and Chinese investors, relying on China's investment treaties. Such cases are likely to further increase, given the huge amount of foreign investment in China, China's large number of investment treaties and the expansion of Chinese overseas investments under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Against this backdrop, it is of interest and importance to explore the current situation and future challenges of investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) with respect to China, and how the participation of China and Chinese investors could impact the development of ISDS. Leading academics who frequently write on China and ISDS and prominent practitioners who represent China-related ISDS cases will explore the following issues and beyond: what is the status quo of ISDS cases relying on Chinese investors respond to investment disputes and what are the challenges to them? These issues will be discussed from both law, policy, geopolitical and practical perspectives, and are meant to provide necessary information and insights to all who are interested in ISDS, dispute settlement and China.

Speakers

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