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Thirty First ITF Public Conference Human Rights in International Investment Law

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The British Academy,
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As international investment tribunals increasingly confront non-investment obligations, academics and practitioners in the field of international investment law find it challenging to understand the legal and ethical responsibilities of foreign investments in the area of human rights.

Investment tribunals typically do not include experts on international human rights law and investment treaties are usually silent on human rights issues. The issues which arise in the context of international investment law include the right to health, access to drinking water and justice, as well as the right to property. Each of these principles has different interpretations in domestic legal systems. Issues related to corporate social responsibility may involve difficult conflicts between national and international (including the concept of "responsible non-compliance") with domestic laws which breach fundamental international law rules.

Complex issues involving human rights in international investment law include piercing the corporate veil, identifying obligations of investors under international in the absence of relevant provisions in investment treaties. Proceedings in front of international investment tribunals may also overlap with proceedings at other bodies, including international human rights courts. Managing such proceedings presents difficult tasks for the parties, including at the stage of enforcement.

Speakers include:

- **Sir Christopher Greenwood, GBE, CMG, QC**, 24 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Judge of the International Court of Justice from 2009 to 2018 (keynote address)
- **Andreas Bucher**, University of Geneva
- **Prof Eric De Brabandere**, Leiden University
- **Monica Feria-Tinta**, 20 Essex Street
- **Prof Ursula Kriebaum**, Vienna University
- **Mark Levy**, Allen & Overy
- **Prof Robert McCorquodale**, Nottingham University, former Director of BIICL
- **Kinda Mohamadieh**, the South Centre
- **Prof. Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer**, University of Basel
- **Prof Yannick Radi**, University of Louvain
- **Will Thomas**, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- **Robert Volterra**, Volterra Fietta
- **Louise Woods**, Vinson & Elkins
- **Can Yeginsu**, 4 New Square

Event convened by **Prof Yarik Kryvoi**, Senior Research Fellow in International Economic Law and Director of the [Investment treaty Forum](#).

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