

Course syllabus
Rules and Institutions of International Investment Protection

Title of course in Hungarian: Nemzetközi befektetésvédelmi szabályozás és intézmények

Language of instruction: English

Department: Department of European Law and International Private Law

Type of course: obligatory/elective

Level of programme: MA (LLM)

Number of lessons per week: 2 hours/week

Semester: I.

Credit point value: 3

Code of course:

Prior course(s) required: none

Course supervisor: dr. István János Molnár, associate professor

Lecturer(s): dr. István János Molnár, associate professor

Course description, purpose of the course:

A cél, hogy a hallgatók megismerjék a külföldi beruházásokkal kapcsolatos nemzetközi egyezmények rendszerét, azt a jogi környezetet, amelyet az államok ezen a területen kialakítanak. Fontos része a képzésnek a beruházásvédelemmel kapcsolatos nemzetközi joggyakorlat megismerése, különös tekintettel az ICSID előtti jogvitás ügyekre.

The purpose of the course is to provide the students with the knowledge of the system of international treaties relating to investment protection and the legal framework created by the countries in this field. An integral part of the studium is the analysis of the international practice relating to investment protection, with special reference to the cases before the ICSID:

Course outline, description of acquired knowledge, skills and competences:

During the course the students will learn the main provisions of the bilateral investment treaties and those of the Washington Convention creating the ICSID and the Seoul Convention creating the MIGA.

The course includes:

1. Main international principles relating to the protection of foreign ownership. International principles relating to investment protection.
2. Bilateral investment treaties (BITs) in historical context.
3. Main provisions of the BITs.
4. Regional instruments of investment protection.
5. The Washington Convention and the ICSID. Organization and operational framework.
6. Procedural rules of the ICSID.
7. Case law of the ICSID.
8. The Seoul Convention and the MIGA. Organization and operational framework.
9. Risks covered by the MIGA insurance coverage.
10. Legal disputes relating to the MIGA.

11. Investment protection in the national laws.

Interim course requirement(s): presence on the course and preparation of different short papers for common discussion.

Type of evaluation: exam evaluation/course performance evaluation

Method of evaluation: oral

Obligatory course materials:

The Washington Convention

The Seoul Convention

Recommended additional sources:

Principles of International Investment Law – 19 Dec 2012 by Rudolf Dolzer (Author), Christoph Schreuer (Contributor)