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International Arbitration: Private Parties and Public International Law
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5.00pm to 6.30pm
(Registration starts at 4.30pm)

**Guest Speaker**
The Rt Hon. the Lord Collins of Mapesbury

**Venue**
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The objective of the Lecture Series is to promote collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice and in so doing promote Singapore as the centre for dispute resolution in Asia, particularly in arbitration and mediation.

Each year, a distinguished international arbitrator will be invited to present this lecture, which in turn will be published in a leading regional arbitration journal.
About the Organisers

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The SMU Dispute Resolution Initiative was established the School of Law in late 2008. One of the objectives in establishing the Initiative is to provide a vehicle for research and teaching across the range of “alternative” dispute resolution procedures with a mandate is to foster research and teaching activities across all the Schools and Departments at SMU, particularly as a number of academics in all Schools have been identified with research interests in dispute resolution.

The wider mandate of the Initiative will be to work with practitioners and professionals in dispute resolution, particularly arbitration and mediation, and to foster the objective of the Singapore Academy of Law and of the Government in promoting Singapore as the dispute resolution resource for the region.

In addition to research and teaching, the further objective of the Initiative will be to collaborate with university, professional, governmental, non-governmental and inter-governmental agencies in the promotion of effective, collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice.

The Initiative is headed by Practice Associate Professor Ian Macduff from the School of Law at SMU. Professor Macduff is a professional mediator and negotiator, with over 30 years of experience in this field. He has practised in negotiation and cross-cultural conflict resolution, being actively involved in training and capacity building in a number of countries.

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Synopsis of Lecture

International Arbitration : Private Parties and Public International Law

This lecture will provide an analysis of recent developments in investment arbitration in Asia with a particular focus on the role played by bilateral and multilateral agreements in the region. A number of countries, particularly in South-East Asia and South Asia have engaged in investment arbitration in the last couple of years. Indonesia has reportedly signaled its intention to terminate its bilateral investment treaties, following the example of several Latin American countries in recent years. Will India also act on its stated intention to whittle down arbitration protections afforded to investors under Bilateral Investment Treaties? Will other states in the region, known to view these treaties with growing skepticism, follow? Do the dispute resolution mechanisms provided in multilateral investment treaties and free trade agreements now represent the preferred method for protection of overseas investors? Will the growing tide of discontent with ISDS and the recent decision to award US$50 billion to Yukos in proceedings against Russia have any impact on investment arbitration in Asia? How do these developments impact the inherent tension between Investment Arbitration and Sovereignty? Mr Fali Nariman, a preeminent senior advocate from India and a frequent investment treaty arbitrator, will, with the wisdom of his experience in the field, discuss these and other related issues in the 2014 edition of the HSF-SMU Arbitration Lecture.
Lord Collins of Mapesbury (Lawrence Collins) was until 2011 a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Before that he was a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary (2009), a member of the Court of Appeal (2007-2009) and a judge of the Chancery Division (2000-2007) and of the Commercial Court (2006-2007). He now practises as an international arbitrator at Essex Court Chambers, London, and sits as a non-permanent member of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.

He qualified as a solicitor and was a partner in Herbert Smith & Co (later Herbert Smith, and now Herbert Smith Freehills) from 1971 to 2000. He was appointed a deputy High Court judge and a Queen's Counsel (one of the first two solicitors to be so appointed) in 1997.

Lord Collins is the author of books and articles on private and public international law, and he has been since 1987 the general editor of Dicey and Morris (now Dicey, Morris & Collins) on the Conflict of Laws, currently in its 15th edition, 2012. He is also a Professor at University College London; emeritus and honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge; and has recently been a visiting professor at New York University Law School and Columbia Law School.

He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a member of the Institut de Droit International.
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