

# SIR CHRISTOPHER GREENWOOD TO DELIVER 2018 HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS-SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY ASIAN ARBITRATION LECTURE

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Distinguished international jurist and former International Court judge Sir Christopher Greenwood GBE, CMG, QC, will deliver this year's Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture in Singapore on Thursday 18 October.

Sir Christopher will speak on the future of investor-state arbitration, addressing recent changes and the current legal landscape to determine whether there is a need to reshape the system.

He will also address the growing criticism of investor-state arbitration, challenge these perceptions, and discuss if a standing court could theoretically resolve these concerns.

Panel discussion after the lecture will be led by Alastair Henderson, Herbert Smith Freehills' Head of International Arbitration, Southeast Asia, with Judith Gill QC and other guests.

"As international investment has boomed across and from Asia over the last decade, so have the number and complexity of related disputes," said Alastair. "In the current fast-changing geopolitical climate, the resolution of international trade and investment disputes is taking on new urgency for companies and governments alike."

"It is therefore vital that dispute resolution mechanisms remain fit for purpose. It is very much in Asia's interests to stay at the forefront of thought leadership and academic influence in this area. Singapore continues to develop as one of the foremost global centres for arbitration and is an example to other Asian jurisdictions of the importance of international collaboration in this sphere."

This year marks the eighth Herbert Smith Freehills-SMU Asian Arbitration Lecture Series. The lecture series is funded by Herbert Smith Freehills, and promotes collaborative forms of dispute resolution and access to justice.

It also promotes Singapore as a leading centre for dispute resolution in Asia, particularly in arbitration and mediation. Each year, a distinguished arbitrator delivers the lecture, which is also published in leading global journals.

### **Speaker information**

Sir Christopher was called to the bar in the United Kingdom in 1978 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1999. He taught international law at Cambridge University and London School of Economics. He was elected a Judge at the International Court of Justice, where he served from 2009 until February 2018. He is now a Member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and sits as an arbitrator in a number of investor-State cases.

### **Notes for editors**

### **Lecture details**

1. The lecture will take place on Thursday, 18 October 2018 from 5pm (Registration begins at 4.30pm), at the Singapore Management University Hall 1.3 on level B1 of the Singapore Management University School of Law, 55 Armenian Street, Singapore 179943. Those interested in attending should [register online](#).
2. Media are welcome to attend, and should RSVP by 5pm on 17 October 2018 to Peiling Huang, SMU Office of Corporate Communications & Marketing, at email: [plhuang@smu.edu.sg](mailto:plhuang@smu.edu.sg) or tel: +65 6828 0964.

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