





INVESTMENT ARBITRATION in the TTIP -

a Legitimate Mechanism for Resolving Investment Disputes or a Threat to Democracy?

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Should the TTIP, the EU-US agreement on trade and investment, provide for investment arbitration? Are arbitral tribunals undermining democracy and elected parliaments? Are business lawyers qualified to weight up between public interests and the investors' rights? Are they independent and impartial? Is investment arbitration lacking transparency? Would European investors be exposed to discrimination before US state courts?

ELSA Dispute Resolution Academy is glad to invite you to a panel discussion on investment arbitration in the context of the on-going trade negotiations between the EU and the USA.

- Prof. MMag. Dr. August Reinisch, LL.M (Institute of International and European Law, University of Vienna)
- Mag. Valentin Wedl (Austrian Chamber of Labour, Department for European and International Affairs)
- **Dr. Günther J. Horvath** (Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Vienna)
- MMag. Dr. Winfried Pöcherstorfer, LL.M. (advisor on Bilateral Investment Protection Policy at the Austrian Chamber of Commerce)
- Mag.a. Alexandra Strickner (Head of Attac Austria)
- Dr. Manfred Schekulin (Austrian Ministry of Economy, Head of Department for Export and Investments)
- Florian Schweitzer (Greenpeace Campaigner)
- Moderation by Mag. Anne-Karin Grill M.A. (Gassauer-Fleissner Rechtsanwälte GmbH)
- Opening remarks on the TTIP by Mag. Richard Kühnel (Representative of the European Commission in Austria)

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