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Conference on EU and international investment law

The Society of European Studies Experts with the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) of the European Public Law Organization co-organized a half-day conference on the subject: **‘EU and international investment law: Recent developments’**.

The conference, which addressed national and international legal scholars, took place on **April 12, 2019**, between **17.30** and **19.30** at the EPLO premises at the Roman Agora (Plaka), Athens.

The purpose of the Conference was to discuss the recent developments of the complex relationship between the EU legal order and international investment law. The CJEU’s *Achmea* judgment has to be welcomed since it provides important clarifications on this subject-matter. However, many key questions still remain open: Do the CJEU’s conclusions in *Achmea* exert an impact in the context of a multilateral investment agreement (i.e. the Energy Charter Treaty)? Should the disputes under the extra-EU BITs be distinguished? What are the legal constraints on the EU Member States in this field?

The conference’s working language was English, with no translation provided.

Attendance certificates will be delivered upon request.

Press release_After Conference

The speakers discussed the recent case-law on the complex relationship between the EU legal order and international investment law. While it was emphasized that the CJEU’s *Achmea* judgment clarified once and for all the incompatibility of the intra-EU BITs with EU law, the ruling was criticized from an international law perspective. To what extent the CJEU’s findings in *Achmea* are to be applied in the context of the Energy Charter Treaty remains an open question as the analysis of some recent investment tribunals’ awards proved. The debate on the relationship between EU and international investment law will continue to attract the attention of legal scholars and practitioners in view of the recent CJEU’s Opinion on the compatibility of CETA’s ISDS mechanism with EU law, which was delivered on 30 April. On Opinion 1/17, the ELGS is organizing a two-day conference that will take place on 12 and 13 June in Paris. Stay tuned!