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Day 1 – 25 September		
9:00–9:30	Welcome Address *Conference co-chairs*	
9:30–11:00	Opening Roundtable – **The EU and the challenges of International Economic Law** **Josephine Norris** [European Commission] **Celine Tan** [Warwick University] **Elisa Baroncini** [University of Bologna] Chair: **Matteo Fermeglia** [University of Amsterdam]	
11:00–11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15–12:45	Panel 1 – Remedies in Investment Arbitration Chair: **Ingo Venzke** Discussant: **Jose Gustavo Prieto Munoz** **Claudia Wortmann** Hasselt University & KU Leuven *Discrepancies Between Theory and Practice in Awarding Compensation and Damages in Investment Arbitration: A Case Study of the Spanish Renewable Energy Cases* **Melric Simard** Erasmus University Rotterdam *Quantum Inflation in International Investment Arbitration: Charting the Role of Non-State Actors* **Tobias Traxler** National University of Singapore *Counsel, Experts, and Damages Valuation in Investment Arbitration*	Panel 2 – Carbon & Trade Chair: **Matteo Fermeglia** Discussant: **Geraldo Vidigal** **Mitchel Namalwa Kakai** Kenya School of Law *From Green Unilateralism to Green Regionalism: Rethinking the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism* **Beichen Ding** World Trade Institute, University of Bern *Territoriality in international trade law: from existential entity to functional tool?* **Vishakha Srivastava and Anuj Thakur** Centre for WTO Studies and Graduate Institute Geneva *Barriers or Bridges? Addressing Inequalities in Climate-Driven Obligations in Trade Agreements*
12:45–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–15:15	Panel 3 – International Institutions and Investment Law Chair: **Jose Gustavo Prieto Munoz** Discussant: **Johannes Fahner** **Mark Konstantinidis** Luxembourg Centre for European Law *Reshaping International Investment Arbitration the EU Way? The Investment Court System and Proposed Multilateral Investment Court*	Panel 4 – Social Sustainability in Trade Agreements Chair: **Johanna Lorenzo** Discussant: **Josephine Norris** **Ana Obando** KU Leuven *Enforceability of Labour Clauses in Free Trade Agreements: Comparing EU and US Models from a Latin American Perspective*

	Yuhang Wu University of Groningen *When Worlds Collide: The EU's Institutional Vision for Investment Arbitration and the Resistance of International Legal Order*	**Ilaria Colombo** Bocconi University *Exploring the Interplay: Forced Labour, Free Trade Agreements and the Pluralist Challenge of Unilateral Measures* **Giovanni Dall'Agnola** Geneva Graduate Institute *The Sustainable Food Systems Chapters in the European Union's Preferential Trade Agreements: Transformation or Tokenism?*
15:15–15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30–17:00	Panel 5 – Cross-Disciplinary Insights Chair: **Johannes Fahner** Discussant: **Celine Tan** **Diego Flávio Fontoura José and Matheus Gobbato Leichtweis** Geneva Graduate Institute and Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul *Legal Creative Destruction in International Investment Law: How International Legal Frameworks Evolve According to Capitalism* **Julia Sochacka** University of Warsaw *Making a Case for Revival of Plurilateralism: the League of Arab States, a Forgotten Treaty and Investment Regionalism* **Jörg Zimmermann** University of St. Gallen *How Early Exposure Dictates the (Mis-)Application of the Travaux Préparatoires: A Legal Experiment on Reasoning-by-Comparison in Treaty-based Disputes*	Panel 6 – Dispute Settlement Chair: **Vid Prislan** Discussant: **Werner Zdouc** **Natasa Rajkovic** Universitat Pompeu Fabra *The Varying Degrees of Precedent in Investor-State Dispute Settlement: From the Doctrine of Precedent to no Backward-looking Constraints* **Sun Zhaohang and Ma Renru** Jilin University and University of Bern *Appealing into the Void in WTO Dispute Settlement: Legal Abuse and its Systemic Risk*
	Book Launch	
17:15-18:15	**Johanna Aleria P. Lorenzo**, *International Financial Institutions and Sustainable Development – Lawmaking and Accountability* (Cambridge University Press, 2025) Discussants: **Celine Tan** and **Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** Chair: **Ingo Venzke**	
18:15-19:15	Book Launch Drinks Reception	
19:30–20:00	Conference Speakers' Dinner	

Day 2 – 26 September		
9:30–10:30	Panel 9 – EU Instruments and International Economic Law Chair: **Matteo Fermeglia** Discussant: **Josephine Norris** **Alexandros Lymperopoulos** European University Institute *Legitimating Unilateralism the EU Way: the Foreign Subsidies Regulation* **Piotr Wiliński** Erasmus School of Law *"Alea Iacta Est"– Enforcement of the Intra-EU Investment Awards Outside the EU: Crossing the Rubicon?*	Panel 10– Investment Law & UNCLOS Chair: **Alessandra Arcuri** Discussant: **Fernando Lusa Bordin** **Achyuth Anil** University of Sussex *Sea of Investment: 'Titanic' of International Investment Law meets 'Iceberg' of the UNCLOS* **Nicolò Andreotti** University of Padua *UNCLOS and Investor–State Disputes: Integrating Marine Environmental Protection into International Economic Law*
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45–12:15	Panel 11 – Integrating Environmental Concerns in Investment Law Chair: **Elisa Baroncini** Discussant: **Alessandra Arcuri** **Tanjina Sharmin** Monash University *Investor-State Arbitration and Environmental Risk: Why IIA Reform isn't Enough after Eco Oro and Rockhopper* **Nerea Micó Martínez** University of Groningen *The Legal Nature of Environmental Measures Contested in Investment Arbitration: Environmental Law as a Game Changer or as a Paper Tiger?* **Qian Zhang** Zhejiang University *From 'Least Restrictive' to 'Reasonably Restrictive': Recalibrating Standards of Review on Environmental Measures in International Investment Arbitration*	Panel 12 – International Economic Law & Technology Chair: **Machiko Kanetake** Discussant: **Werner Zdouc** **Yung-Chieh Tsai** Ocean University of China *Bridging Global Fragmentation: EU-China Economic Integration and the Role of Intellectual Property in Trade and Investment* **Sahaj Vaidya** CKC Cares *Trade Secrets, AI Models, and the Right to Audit: A New Frontier in International IP Law* **Pooja Damodaran** Mykolas Romeris University *Social Media Data and Threats under Nationalisation: Challenging the Foundations of International Economic Law*

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13:30–15:00	Panel 13 – Domestic Investment Law Chair: **Matteo Fermeglia** Discussant: **Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** **Saheli Wikramanayake** National University of Singapore *The Liberalisation Paradox: Investment Screening Mechanisms in Developing Countries* **Yao Yuan** Leiden University *Government Intervention in Geoeconomics Uncertain Times: Rebalancing Conflicting Interests in Foreign Investment Screening* **Bonnylove Ingabire** University of Portsmouth *Mainstreaming Climate Change into Domestic Investment Laws: How Far Have We Come? An East African Perspective*	Panel 14 – Finance, Debt & International Economic Law Chair: **Geraldo Vidigal** Discussant: **Elisa Baroncini** **Kuangran Li** Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences *The Eygpt Glass Fibre Effect: Reclassifying Sovereign Lending in Countervailing Enforcement* **Dita Toska** Vrije Universiteit Brussel *Colonial Continuities in the Legal Architecture of Bretton Woods: Rethinking the Foundations of Global Debt Governance* **Sek Lun Cheong** University of Nottingham *Juridical Aspects and Prospects of a Standing Multilateral Investment Court in Addressing Social and Environmental Issues in Investor-State Dispute Settlement*
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
15:15–16:45	Closing Roundtable – **International Economic Law at the Rebirth of History** **Henrique Choer Moraes** [Embassy of Brazil to the Kingdom of the Netherlands] **Olabisi D. Akinkugbe** [Dalhousie University] **Machiko Kanetake** [Asser Institute, University of Amsterdam] Chair: **Geraldo Vidigal** [University of Amsterdam]	
16.45-17.00	Closing remarks and goodbye *Conference co-chairs*	