International Sanctions: Legal, Policy and Business Challenges

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Conference Programme

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and registration of participants

Session 1: The Evolving Practice of International Sanctions and its Legal Implications 09:30 – 10:50

Moderator: Pierre-Emmanuel Dupont

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09:30 – 09:50	Antonios Tzanakopoulos, Associate Professor of Public International Law (University of Oxford, UK)
	Legal Reactions to Unlawful Sanctions
	Alexander Orakhelashvili, Lecturer (University of Birmingham, UK)
9:50 – 10:10	The Nature of Authority behind Sanctions: Implications of (Un)Constitutionality
10:10 – 10:30	Martin Dawidowicz, Lecturer in Public International Law (University of Oxford, UK)
	Unilateral Sanctions in Defense of Community Interests: Perceptions and Reality
10:30 – 10:50	Q&A
10:50 – 11:20	Coffee Break

Session 2: Impact on Cross-Border Business Activities 11:20 – 12:35

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11:20 – 11:40	Mercédeh Azeredo da Silvera, Senior Associate (Derains & Gharavi, France) Economic Sanctions, Commercial Transactions, and International Arbitration
11:40 – 12:00	Andrew Cannon, Partner (Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, France) International Sanctions, Contracts and the Dispute Resolution Procedure
12:00 – 12:20	Matthew Happold, Professor of Public International Law (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg) Public Law Challenges to Sanctions Decisions before the English Courts
12:20 – 12:35	Q&A

Session 3: Living under Sanctions: The View from Targeted Parties 14:00 – 15:20

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14:00 – 14:20	Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order (Geneva, Switzerland) Human Rights Implications of Unilateral and Multilateral Sanctions Regimes
14:20 – 14:40	Golnoosh Hakimdavar, Senior Research Fellow (Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Germany)
	The Politics of Sanctions: Sanctions as an Instrument of Post-colonial Social Control behind the Prism of Development and Democracy.
14:40 – 15:00	Mohsen Mohebbi, Professor of International Law (Azad University, Tehran, Iran) Some Aspects of Iranian Legal Reaction to Sanctions.
15:00 – 15:20	Q&A
15:20 – 15:50	Coffee Break

Session 4: The Interaction between Sanctions and other Regimes 15:50 – 17:30

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15:50 – 16:10	Larissa van den Herik, Professor of Public International Law (Leiden University, The Netherlands)
	The Interplay between UN sanctions and the International Criminal Court
16:10 – 16:30	Maya Lester and Richard Blakeley, Barristers (Brick Court Chambers, UK) Sanctions in the European Court
16:30 – 16:50	Regis Bismuth, Professor of Public Law (University of Poitiers, France) Challenges to Extraterritorial Sanctions under International Trade Law
16:50 – 17:10	Pierre-Emmanuel Dupont, Head of Public International Law (London Centre of International Law Practice, UK)
	The Arbitration of Disputes related to Investments Affected by International Sanctions