INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION:
LEGITIMATE AND NOT-SO-LEGITIMATE CONCERNS

Investment treaty arbitration generates substantial attention and debate in South East Asia, often led by vociferous – and more or less informed – proponents and opponents. This warrants stepping back, as Ms Reed will do during her talk and comments, to (1) revisit the basic goals and processes of treaty arbitration, (2) review what is and is not happening in treaty arbitration, with a focus on the region, (3) describe how transactions should and should not be (re)structured for treaty protection, and (4) catalog both positive and negative trends in treaty ISDS chapters. In so doing, Ms Reed will highlight and separate legitimate from less legitimate concerns, both legal and popular.

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