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ILS International Law and Practice Course 2020/21 Lecture Six

From Treaty Practice to Trade Disputes

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5:00pm – 6:00pm

Event hosted online via Zoom

Join the International Law Section for the sixth ILS International Law and Practice Course lecture – From Treaty Practice to Trade Disputes – featuring Tara Booth, Director of Trade Disputes Section - Team A in the Office of Trade and Investment Law, Paul Schofield, Director of the Investment and Services Law Section in the Trade and Investment Law Branch and Kate Smith, Director of DFAT's International Law: Advising and Treaties Section.

A core element of the international rules-based order, treaties are international agreements concluded between two or more States or international organisations, giving rise to international legal rights and obligations.

In line with the responsibility of the Foreign Minister for treaties, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) assists whole-of-government agencies with all aspects of Australia's treaty making practice and processes.

Ms Kate Smith from DFAT's International Law: Advising and Treaties Section will provide a refresher on the key elements of Australia's domestic treaty making process and highlight current issues of particular interest at the intersection of treaty making and foreign policy.

Mr Paul Schofield and Ms Tara Booth from DFAT's Office of Trade and Investment Law will provide a complementary overview of the international dispute settlement mechanisms available to resolve disputes within trade treaty frameworks. This will cover the state-state dispute settlement regime in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and discussions regarding the lapse of the WTO Appellate Body. It will also cover investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) litigation, including Australia's engagement in bilateral and multilateral ISDS reform efforts.

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Speakers

Tarra Booth

Tara Booth is the Director of Trade Disputes Section – Team A, in the Office of Trade and Investment

Law. Tara has worked in the Department as an international trade lawyer for over ten years, representing Australia in a number of WTO disputes including Australia's defence of its tobacco plain packaging measures and Australia's challenge to Canadian wine measures. She has also served as Legal Counsellor at Australia's Permanent Mission to the WTO in Geneva. Prior to this, Tara worked in the Copyright Law Branch at the Attorney-General's Department and represented Australia in intellectual property chapters in various FTA negotiations. Tara graduated from Arts/Law at the Queensland University of Technology and has a Masters of Law from the University of Queensland.

Paul Schofield

Paul Schofield is the Director of the Investment and Services Law Section in the Trade and Investment Law Branch of Australia's Department and Foreign Affairs and Trade. Since joining the Department in 2005 he has worked on a wide range of multilateral, regional and bilateral trade and investment issues. For example, he has been lead negotiator for the investment chapters in various FTA negotiations and has also represented Australia in several WTO disputes. In addition, he has served as Economic Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Seoul and as Chief of Staff to the Special Coordinator of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). Prior to this Paul worked in the Office of International Law at the Attorney-General's Department. He started his career working as a corporate lawyer in both Brisbane and London. Paul graduated from Commerce/Law at the University of Queensland and has a Master of Laws specialising in international law from University College London.

Kate Smith

Kate Smith is the Director of DFAT's International Law: Advising and Treaties Section where she advises on general international law issues including jurisdiction and immunities, statehood, and aviation

law, as well Australia's domestic treaty making processes. She has previously advised on the law of use of force, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, led on Australia's engagement with international criminal courts and tribunals, and acted as Legal Adviser to Australia's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Prior to joining DFAT, Kate worked in private legal practice specialising in criminal defence. Kate graduated from Law/International Studies at Flinders University and has a Master of Laws in public international law from Leiden University.

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