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Professor Mehrdad Payandeh (Bucerius Law School) and Professor Holger Hestermeyer (King's College London) cordially invite you to the next event of the ongoing Strategic Litigation lecture series on

**Strategic Litigation in inter-State Arbitration**

by

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on

**28 October 2021, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm CET**

at **Bucerius Law School, Room 0.01** and on [Zoom](#)  
(Meeting ID: 279 641 3131, Password: Bucerius)

'Arbitration is a private initiative', leading commentators tell us, based on the parties' choice of an 'informal and essentially consensual system of dispute resolution'.

If statements like these properly characterised contemporary inter-State arbitration, there would be no real room in it for strategic litigation. But they do not (properly characterise contemporary inter-State arbitration), and there is (real room for strategic litigation). This presentation explains why. It illustrates how States, in recent years, have begun to use arbitration as an instrument to advance strategic goals. And it outlines limits of strategic inter-State arbitration, arguing that it will likely remain on the fringes of the strategic litigation debate. After the lecture there will be an opportunity for questions over pretzels and wine. On-site participants of the event are kindly asked to register [here](#).



**Christian J. Tams** is Professor of International Law at the University of Glasgow where he directs the Glasgow Centre for International Law & Security. An academic member of Matrix Chambers, he is frequently instructed in inter-State and investment disputes, and in recent years, has acted in proceedings before the International Court of Justice, the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and arbitral tribunals. He studied law at the universities of Kiel, Lyon III and Cambridge (LLM, PhD), and is a qualified German lawyer (admitted in 2005). His scholarship focuses on questions of dispute settlement, investment law and State responsibility.

**Covid notice:** The lecture will be held under the "2G rule". All guests must present a proof of full vaccination or proof of infection and recovery within the last six months.