

CBFL SEMINAR

EU-Singapore Legal Relations in Global Finance

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Tuesday, 8 September 2026 | 2.30PM TO 4.30PM (SGT) | CBFL Meeting Room, NUS Law (UTown)

ABSTRACT

CJEU Opinion 2/15 on the Constitutionalization of EU External Relations

The paper examines the evolving legal relationship between the European Union and Singapore in international trade, investment, finance, and dispute resolution. It begins with CJEU Opinion 2/15, which clarified the division of competences between the EU and its Member States. The paper considers the legal implications of the decision for the conclusion of international agreements and briefly raises issues regarding the EU-Singapore Investment Protection Agreement, alongside broader frameworks including double taxation agreements, OECD, FATF and Basel rules. Tensions between EU legal autonomy and the international legal order are highlighted.

Dr Charalampos Stamelos


Dr Charalampos Stamelos holds an LLB from the University of Athens (Greece), an LLM with specialization in European Commercial Law from Essex University (UK), an LLM with specialization in History of Law from Athens University and a PhD with specialization in EU and US Competition Law from Athens University. He has been practicing law since 1999. He has offered numerous

courses/seminars both in Cyprus, Greece and Italy in Banking Law, Contract Law, Commercial Law, Competition Law, Sports Law, Mediation, European Human Rights, US Law, Jurisprudence and History of Law. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Law at European University Cyprus Law School.

The 2026 SICC Judgment, Comparative Perspectives, and the Broader Regulatory Context

This paper examines the evolving relationship between European Union law and international investment law through the lens of EU-Singapore legal relations. It focuses on the 2026 SICC judgment in DNZ v DOA, which rejected the application of EU law primacy to an intra-EU investment dispute before a third-State court. The paper explores the tension between the autonomy of the EU legal order and the international obligations arising under multilateral investment treaties. It further considers Singapore's role as a neutral forum for investment arbitration and enforcement, the broader framework of international financial regulation, and the future development of EU-Singapore investment relations.

Dr Athina Moraiti


Dr Athina Moraiti is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Limassol, holding a PhD from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens on Energy Regulatory Authorities in Greece and France. Her research spans Public and Administrative Law, EU Law, Energy Law, environmental policy, and EU external relations. She taught energy law and EU external

relations at Panteion University (2018–2025) and has extensive teaching experience across Cyprus and Greece. She served as a Seconded Legal Officer at the Council of Europe's Department of Social Rights and as a Legal Advisor at Greece's Ministry of Finance on EU law, economic governance, and anti-money laundering. She practiced law in Athens for twelve years and has published widely in her fields.

PROGRAMME

2.00pm - Registration
 2.30pm - Welcome Speech by Moderator
 2.35pm - Part I: Dr Charalampos Stamelos
 3.10pm - Part II: Dr Athina Moraiti
 3.40pm - Moderated Q&A
 4.30pm - End of Event / Tea Reception

REGISTRATION

Participation by invitation only.
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