

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

# RESISTANCE AND CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW: THE VALIDITY OF A THEORY OF CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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5.30 PM to 7.00 PM

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In an earlier book, *Resistance and Change in the International Law on Foreign Investment*, I advanced the theory that the law in this area is made by power but undergoes change when resistance to its rules set in. I affirm that later developments confirm the validity of the theory. I argue in a forthcoming book that this theory applies to other areas of international law. The areas chosen are the use of force, the liability of multinational corporations, extraterritorial jurisdiction and climate change. The study shows that a general theory of change in international law resulting from the articulation of rules by hegemonic powers and resistance to them has validity.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER



M Sornarajah is Emeritus Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore. He was CJ Koh Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore. He was the Tunku Abdul Rahman Professor of International Law at the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur. He was Head of the Law School of the University of Tasmania, Australia.

He studied law at the University of Ceylon (LLB, First Class), the Yale Law School (LLM) the London School of Economics (LLM) and King's College, London (PhD, LLD). He was Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law, Cambridge and at

the Max Planck Institut für Öffentliches Ausländisches Recht at Heidelberg, Germany. He was Visiting Professor at the Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto (where he delivered the Pierre Genest Distinguished Lecture), Carleton University, Ottawa (where he delivered the Simon Reisman Lecture), the University of Malaya (where he delivered the Tun Suffian Lecture), the Centre for Petroleum and Natural Resources Law at the University of Dundee, Scotland, American University at Washington DC; the World Trade Institute of the Universities of Berne and Neuchatel, Switzerland, Kyushu University, Japan, the Xiamen Academy of International Law, China, Xi'An Jiatao University, China, Beijing School of Transnational Law, China, Fundacio Gerulaitis Vargas Law School, Sao Paulo, Brazil, the Human Rights Centre of the London School of Economics, the National Law School, Bangalore, India and at the Georgetown Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, London. He lectured at the Supreme Court Judges Retreat at the National Judicial Institute, Bhopal, India.

## PROGRAMME

5.00PM: Registration  
5.30PM: Lecture by Emeritus Professor M. Sornarajah  
6.30PM: Q&A Session  
7.00PM: Dinner Reception

## REGISTRATION



There is no registration fee for this lecture. Visit <https://bit.ly/3llzBmi> or scan the QR Code to register by 16 September 2024 5.00PM.

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