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*The Permanent Court of Arbitration & Asia: Two Intra-Asian
Investment & Maritime Arbitration Disputes*



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Synopsis

Since 1899, arbitral tribunals convened by the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) have settled a range of international disputes, including those pertaining to maritime boundaries and international investment. Two cases have brought the PCA's significance into sharp focus in Singapore. In the first between [China and the Philippines](#) concerning their competing claims to a resource-rich areas in the South China Sea, the PCA is expected to issue a ruling on this long-standing maritime dispute on July 12. Notwithstanding the outcome, China's position since 2013 has been that it 'does not accept the arbitration initiated by the Philippines'. In the second case, [Philip Morris Asia \(Hong Kong\)](#) challenged Australia's tobacco plain packaging legislation. Importantly, it is the first investor-state dispute brought against Australia. On 18 December 2015, a PCA arbitral tribunal agreed with Australia's position that the tribunal has no jurisdiction to hear Philip Morris Asia's claim as it constituted an abuse of process.

What can arbitration counsel, international lawyers and arbitration centres learn from these cases about the practice and procedure of PCA tribunals? This seminar by Rodney Dixon QC of Temple Garden Chambers (London and The Hague) will examine these two intra-Asian disputes, considering their similarities and differences, the realities of enforcement, and what these cases portend for the PCA's role in the resolution of disputes relating to the Asian region; and ask whether Asian courts and centres for arbitration too should have a greater place in such dispute settlement.



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14th July 2016, Thursday

Time
5.45pm—6.00pm: Registration
6.00pm—7.00pm: Seminar
7.00pm—8.00pm: Light refreshments

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