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Justiciability and the Act of State Doctrine

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Leng Sun was a legal officer of the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva and a SIAC-CIAC Observer to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration. He has taught at the law schools of the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University. He is the author of the book *Singapore Law on Arbitral Awards* and Co-Editor of *Conflict of Laws in Arbitration*.

Date

16th August 2016, Tuesday

Registration fee

\$50

Time

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

Who should attend

Legal Practitioners, Government Lawyers,
Arbitrators, Academics

Location

32 Maxwell Road, #03-01, Singapore 069115

Synopsis

The Act of State doctrine is occasionally invoked by States when its acts become the subject of civil claims before either a court or an arbitral tribunal. The concept of justiciability is closely related to the defence of Act of State. States sometimes argue that certain issues are not justiciable, meaning that courts or tribunals have no jurisdiction to adjudicate upon them. This lecture explores the parameters of both concepts and where they stand today. It will discuss judgments from Singapore and UK such as *Maldives Airport v GMR*, *Lao v Sanum*, *Yukos v Rosneft* and *Belhaj v Straw*.



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