



Effective international trade in government procurement depends on predictable legal structures, including those that address corruption and misconduct in tender processes. But at this point, the purchaser's primary tools to maintain integrity -- debarment or exclusion -- remain wildly out of sync on both sides of the Atlantic. This annual free symposium on transatlantic issues in procurement, hosted by King's College London and George Washington University Law School, will focus on debarment and exclusion, with judges, officials, attorneys and professors from the multilateral development banks, the European Union and the United States joining to discuss the best ways forward to harmonize a common approach to debarment in international trade.

**Venue:** The Moot Court (SW1.18), The Dickson Poon School of Law, Somerset House East Wing, King's College London, WC2R 2LS

To reserve your place please book [here](#) (required, as spaces are limited)



## **Introductions (10-10:15)**

Professor Andrea Biondi & Michael Bowsher QC, King's College London

## **Panel I: Establishing and Running an Exclusion System (10:15-11:15)**

Moderator: Pascale Dubois, Integrity Vice President, World Bank

Duc Nguyen, Suspension & Debarment Official, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Olivier Waelbroeck, European Debarment & Exclusion System (EDES)

Kai Hooghoff, Bundeskartellamt (Federal Cartel Office), Germany

Dominique Casimir, Arnold & Porter

## **Panel II: Sanctions and Exclusion at the Multilateral Development Banks (11:30-12:30)**

Moderator: Prof. Christopher Yukins, George Washington University

Paul Kearney, Chief Counsel & Enforcement Commissioner, EBRD

Collin Swan, World Bank Suspension & Debarment Office

Pascale Dubois - Integrity Vice President, World Bank

Lunch (12:30-13:30)

## **Panel III: View from the Private Bar (13:30-14:30)**

Moderator: Michael Bowsher QC

Pascal Friton, Blomstein, Berlin

Vera Eiro, Linklaters, Lisbon

John Pachter, Smith Pachter McWhorter PLC, Tysons Corner, Virginia

Paul Khoury, Wiley Rein LLP, Washington, D.C.

## **Panel IV: Interactions between Public Procurement and Criminal and Civil Claims for Breach of Competition Law and Corruption (14:30-15:30)**

Moderator: Professor Renato Nazzini, King's College London

Professor Alison Jones, King's College London

Commentator: Eva Anderson, Transparency International

Anne Caroline Müller, World Trade Organization

Tea (15:30-16:00)

## **Panel V: Judges Panel -- on Competition, Corruption and Procurement (16:00-17:00)**

Moderator: Michael Bowsher QC

Professor Carl Baudenbacher, former President of the EFTA Court, Monckton Chambers

Judge Katja Hoegh, Chair, Østre Landsret (High Court of Eastern Denmark), Copenhagen

Judge Helena Rosenandersson, Swedish Supreme Administrative Court

Judge Marc Steiner, Swiss Federal Administrative Court

Judge Christopher Vajda, Court of Justice for the European Union

The conference will be followed by a reception in the Ante Room (adjoining the Moot Court)