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THE INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL FUNCTION UNDER PRESSURE: Do Courts and Tribunals go off the Rails?

Villa Moynier (Rue de Lausanne 120B, 1211 Geneva), 8-9 February 2024

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 8th February 2024

Friday, 9th February 2024

2:00 pm Welcome Address: Defining the international judicial function and its contours

Prof. L. Boisson de Chazournes (University of Geneva) and Dr L. Palestini (Graduate Institute)

2:30 pm Session 1: Judicial Function and State Consent – Overreaching or Fulfilling the Mandate?

Chair and Discussant: Dr A. Koagne Zouapet (International Court of Justice)

- **Mr Aditya Laddha** (University of Geneva): “Subject-matter Jurisdiction and Incidental Issues: between Shoehorning and Salami-slicing Disputes”
- **Dr Yusra Suedi** (University of Manchester): “Advisory Jurisdiction and Non-Circumvention: The Thin Line between Advisory and Contentious Proceedings”

4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:30 pm Session 2: Judicial Function and Economy – Too Much or Too Little?

Chair and Discussant: Prof H. Ruiz Fabri (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University)

- **Mr Christian Vidal-León** (Advisory Centre on WTO Law): “Judicial Reasoning and Precedent: Following the Beaten Path and the Duty to Provide Reasoned Decisions”
- **Dr Marco Dimetto** (University of Padova): “Judicial Propriety and Mandate: Straying into Non-essentials and Resolving the Dispute”

9:00 am Session 3: Judicial Function and Standards of Review – to Judge or not to Judge?

Chair and Discussant: Prof G. Marceau (University of Geneva)

- **Prof Hsien Wu** (National Taipei University of Business): “Developing Judicial Deference in International Dispute Settlement: Three Observations from ICJ, WTO and Investor-State Arbitration Practices”
- **Dr Johannes Hendrik Fahner** (Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler): “Second-Tier Adjudicators and the Standard of Review: Assessing Attempts to Restrain the Appellate Function”

10:30 am Coffee Break

11:00 am Session 4: Judicial Function and Encroachment – Meddling in Someone Else’s Affair?

Chair and Discussant: Prof M. Hebié (Leiden University)

- **Dr Juliana Guerra** (International Court of Justice): “Authoritative and Authentic Interpretations: the Struggle between Law-makers and Interpretative Authorities”
- **Mr Germain Dabire** (University of Geneva): “Adjudication and Institutional Boundaries: Trespassing upon the Competences of Quasi-judicial and Non-judicial Bodies”

12:30 pm Concluding remarks