BIICL Names Birmingham Law School Academic New Director of Investment Treaty Forum

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The British Institute of International and Comparative Law has appointed **N. Jansen Calamita** as the Director of the Institute's Investment Treaty Forum and a Senior Research Fellow of the Institute. Mr. Calamita's appointment is effective from 1 September 2010.

The Investment Treaty Forum, which Mr Calamita now heads, was launched in 2004 and builds upon the British Institute's expertise in public international law and international commercial arbitration. The goal of the Forum is to generate new ideas in the field of investment law by facilitating high-level dialogue and debate among lawyers, senior business managers, academics, and government officials across the globe.

Mr. Calamita joins the Institute from the University of Birmingham Law School where he holds the post of Lecturer in International Law. Previously, he was a member of the Faculty of law at the University of Oxford and at George Mason University in Virginia. He has also been a visiting fellow at University of Vienna.

Mr. Calamita has served in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the U.S. Department of State (International Claims and Investment Disputes), representing the United States before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal and in bilateral investment matters, and in the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations as a member of the UNCITRAL Secretariat. Prior to joining the U.N. he was in private practice in New York, specializing in international arbitration and litigation.

He is an active researcher in general public international law and the international law of investment. He will continue to teach and supervise postgraduate students in these areas at Birmingham Law School.

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- **The Investment Treaty Forum at the BIICL (http://www.biicl.org/itf/)**

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