

# Geopolitical Wars, Financial Upheavals and International Arbitration

International business has become increasingly political. As geopolitical tensions have intensified between the US and certain other countries, a significant source of political risk can be found in the increased invocation of national security interests at the time of initial investment and also in threatened orders of forcible divestment. A fusillade of sanctions has resulted in the US Dollar – one of the most commonly used currency in international business transactions – become viewed as a currency risk, a view that has taken on another dimension as it continues to simmer at all-time highs against many other foreign currencies. The price of certain commodities, particularly the

“critical minerals” crucial to the energy transition movement, has oscillated wildly, and resource nationalism is growing. This maelstrom of political and financial uncertainties is posing significant challenges for foreign companies seeking to invest in the US and US companies doing business abroad.

This panel will examine the impacts that such emerging political and financial risks have had on international deal-making and dispute resolution (including implications for international arbitral proceedings). The panel will also consider recommendations for effectively mitigating or navigating such heightened dispute risks.

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- **Registration opens:** 4:00pm  
Pre-registration is required [here](#).
- **Panel:** 4:30 - 5:30pm
- **Reception:** 5:30 - 6:30pm

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