

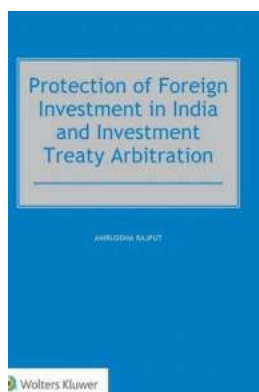
Protection of Foreign Investment in India and Investment Treaty Arbitration

India has emerged as an attractive destination for foreign investment due to its growing economy and numerous investment opportunities. However, the protection of foreign investment in India is a crucial aspect for international investors. Investment treaty arbitration plays a significant role in safeguarding foreign investments by offering a forum for disputes arising between the foreign investor and the host state.

Understanding Foreign Investment in India

Foreign direct investment (FDI) refers to the investment made by an individual or a company from one country into another country with the aim of establishing a lasting interest. In India, FDI inflows have been steadily increasing in sectors like information technology, manufacturing, retail, and infrastructure.

India offers several incentives to attract foreign investors such as liberalized policies, tax incentives, and a large consumer market. However, to encourage and protect such investments, India has entered into Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (BIPA) with numerous countries.



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The Role of Investment Treaty Arbitration

Investment treaty arbitration is an international dispute resolution mechanism utilized by foreign investors to seek protection for their investments when disputes arise. These arbitrations typically take place under the framework of bilateral investment treaties (BITs) or multilateral treaties.

BITs provide a legal framework for the treatment of foreign investments and offer several protections such as fair and equitable treatment, protection against expropriation, and free transfer of funds. In the event of a dispute, the investor can initiate arbitration against the host state.

The use of investment treaty arbitration ensures that investors have access to an impartial and independent tribunal to resolve disputes. It acts as a safeguard against any potential unfair treatment or commercial risks associated with foreign investments.

Recent Developments in Investment Treaty Arbitration in India

In recent years, there have been significant developments in investment treaty arbitration in India. The Indian government has taken steps to revamp the investment arbitration regime, including the of the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) Model 2016.

The BIT Model 2016 aims to strike a balance between the rights of foreign investors and the host state's regulatory interests. It incorporates provisions to

prevent treaty shopping and introduces mechanisms for arbitration and mediation. Additionally, the Indian government has also taken steps to streamline the arbitration process by establishing dedicated commercial courts and a specialized arbitration center.

Challenges and Opportunities

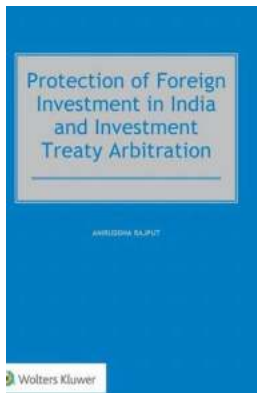
While the investment treaty arbitration system in India has witnessed significant progress, there are still challenges that need to be addressed. The enforcement of arbitral awards and the issue of delay in court proceedings remain areas of concern.

Nevertheless, investment treaty arbitration in India also presents several opportunities. The rise in bilateral and multilateral agreements, coupled with the development of infrastructure for dispute resolution, has made India an attractive jurisdiction to resolve investment disputes.

The Indian government's efforts to improve the arbitration regime and protect foreign investments have been recognized globally, further boosting the confidence of international investors.

Protection of foreign investment in India is paramount for the country's economic growth and attracting international investments. Investment treaty arbitration provides a robust mechanism for the resolution of investment disputes and promotes a fair and transparent business environment.

India's commitment to improving its arbitration regime and offering greater protection to foreign investments is a positive step toward creating a conducive investment climate. With continued efforts, India can become a preferred destination for foreign investors seeking reliable dispute resolution mechanisms and opportunities for growth.



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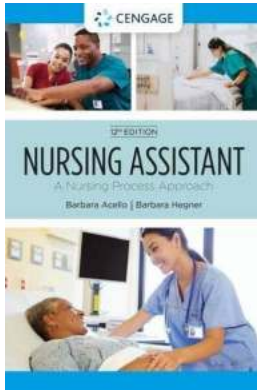


India is one of the fastest growing economies and intends to achieve the desired growth with the help of foreign investment. Recently, India terminated all the existing Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and announced to renegotiate them based on the newly issued Model BIT. This book is the first comprehensive commentary and analyses of international investment law with focus on India. It offers detailed examination of India's legal position in relation to protection of foreign investment and the impact of investment treaty arbitration and related jurisprudence on the country's governance structures and regulatory framework. Additionally, it reflects upon the political and economic rationales for the policy on foreign investment.

Among the matters discussed are the following:

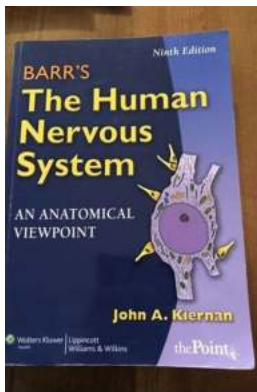
- • jurisprudence of investment tribunals, with focus on cases where India was a party (*White Industries v. India*);

- • impact of the Make in India campaign and other reforms on foreign investment;
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- • requirement of valid entry and operation of foreign investment;
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- • prominent treatment standards such as expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, full protection and security, most favoured nation, and national treatment;
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- • dispute resolution clauses and enforcement of investment arbitration awards;
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- • interaction of protection of foreign investment and the Indian judiciary; and
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- • reasons for India not joining the ICSID Convention.
- Given India's position as a hugely influential player in the cross-border movement of capital, with the willingness to 'change the rules' on foreign investment and investment treaty arbitration worldwide, this book will prove of immeasurable value to practitioners, legal academics, interested policy makers, multinational corporations and their counsel and others interested in international investment law and India.



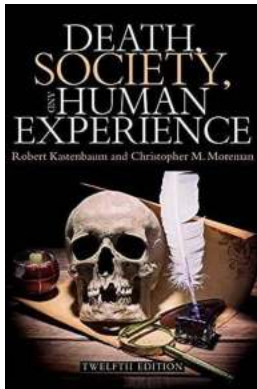
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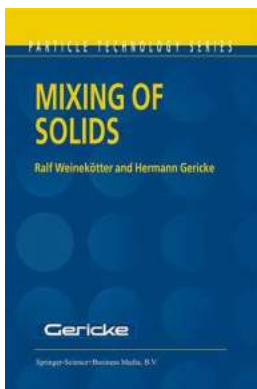
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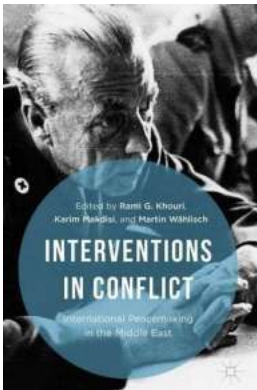
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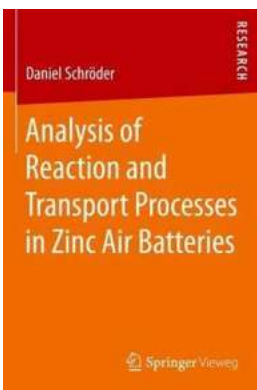
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