

# Once BIT-ten, twice shy, managing political risk and optimising value in foreign investments during turbulent times

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Please join our experienced panel for an engaging and topical conversation looking at how to manage and mitigate political risk in foreign investments in a time of geopolitical uncertainty. Our panel will explore how businesses investing capital overseas can optimise the value and return of their foreign investments, including upfront risk analysis, investment strategy and structuring, use of political risk insurance and effective use of investment arbitration.

## Event details:

Australian Arbitration Week 2024

### Key time (AEST):

10:00am - Registrations open

10:15am - Session begins

11:15am - Session concludes followed by morning tea

### Location:

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**Our speakers**



**Prof. Chester Brown**  
Professor  
7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers

Chester is Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the University of Sydney Law School, a barrister at 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, and an Overseas Member of Essex Court Chambers, London. His practice focuses on international arbitration, and encompasses advisory work and appearances in court and before arbitral tribunals. He has particular expertise in disputes which raise issues of public and private international law, and he is presently engaged in a number of disputes arising under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties.



**Joe Morris**  
Managing Partner  
Control Risks

Joe Morris is the Managing Partner leading Control Risks' Australia-Pacific business, overseeing the delivery of solutions and services to clients.

He supports companies as they look to enter new markets, manage critical business issues, and strengthen their resilience.



**Kyle Williams**  
Senior Vice President,  
Political Risk & Structured  
Credit Leader  
Pacific, Marsh

Kyle leads Marsh's Political Risk and Structured Credit team in the Pacific region. Kyle has overall responsibility for supporting Marsh's client base across banks, non-bank financial institutions, institutional investors and corporates. The role encompasses strategic client engagement and support, transactional origination and structuring, advisory, (re)insurer engagement, risk placement, transaction execution, portfolio management and client support / advisory in claims and work-outs. Kyle has over 29-years of experience in the insurance industry specialising in Political Risk and Structured Credit.



**Jo Feldman**  
Partner  
Norton Rose Fulbright

Jo Feldman is a dispute resolution partner who has represented clients in commercial and treaty arbitrations. She has worked for governments and claimants, on some of the largest arbitrations in the world including the tobacco plain packaging disputes against Australia, Ukraine and sanctions disputes, human rights and environmental disputes, resources arbitrations in Asia and Africa, the Boeing and Airbus disputes in the World Trade Organization, utilities disputes in Eastern Europe, and IP disputes against China. Jo has also negotiated or advised on all of Australia's investment and trade treaties, including with the US, UK, EU, Canada, Chile, Mexico, China, Japan, South Korea, India, ASEAN, Singapore, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Jo is co-Chair of the Australian Law Council Trade and Business Law Committee, is recognised by LawDragon 500, and sits on the Australian Expert Advisory Committee for UNCITRAL.



**Besma Grifat-Spackman**  
Senior Associate  
Norton Rose Fulbright

Besma Grifat-Spackman is a Senior Associate in the arbitration team of NRF. She has over 9 years' experience advising and representing international corporations and foreign governments in complex and high value matters under the rules of various international arbitration institutions (ICSID, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA) and the laws of multiple jurisdictions (including France, England & Wales and Australia).