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Conduct of the tobacco plain packaging litigation under the Hong Kong bilateral investment treaty and conduct of the tobacco plain packaging disputes at the WTO

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Australia's landmark Tobacco Plain Packaging (TPP) law entered into force in 2012, having survived a challenge in the Australian High Court. However, the TPP law is currently being challenged in an investor-State dispute settlement arbitration under the Australia-Hong Kong Bilateral Investment Treaty – the first time that Australia has been a Party in an ISDS arbitration. Separately, the TPP law is also being challenged by five WTO Members in WTO dispute settlement proceedings – one of the most significant WTO cases in many years, and one which has attracted a record number of WTO Members as third parties. This seminar will

examine the challenges faced and lessons learnt arising from Australia's ongoing defence of its TPP law in these two international fora.

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John Atwood currently heads the Tobacco Litigation Taskforce in the Office of International Law, which has the conduct of the arbitration brought by Philip Morris Asia under the Australia-Hong Kong BIT. Prior to joining the Taskforce in 2012, he held a number of senior legal positions in international organisations.

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