At a time when the new planetary regime of the Anthropocene is urgently calling into question our current modes of natural resource exploitation, the number of disputes between investors and States over extraction projects has exploded. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), a private arbitration mechanism, challenges prevailing conceptions of state sovereignty and may hinder domestic efforts towards an ecological transition.

By bringing together social scientists, arbitration practitioners and members of civil society, this public roundtable will question the legal and ethical challenges posed by investment arbitration, and discuss its political role in the age of climate change.