The International Development Law Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria cordially invites you to a public lecture on ‘The Doctrine of Odious Debt’ by Lee C. Buchheit

Date: Monday 3 July 2017
Time: From 09:00
Venue: Room 2-65, Graduate Centre, University of Pretoria (Hatfield Campus)
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Speaker: Lee C. Buchheit

The lecture is the first lecture in a series of lectures that Mr Buchheit will be giving to the LLM in International Trade and Investment in Africa students on sovereign debt. Mr Buchheit is a partner at the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton LLP in New York and is one of the world’s leading experts on sovereign debt renegotiations. He has represented sovereign debtors in Africa, Latin America and Europe and has been the legal advisor to the debtor country in many of the most important sovereign debt renegotiations of the past 30 years.

Mr Buchheit’s practice areas include: International and corporate transactions, including Eurocurrency financial transactions, sovereign debt management, privatisation and project finance. He is a leader in sovereign advisory practice, advising on almost every major sovereign debt restructuring carried out in the past four decades. He is a member of the New York and Pennsylvania Bars. He is also a prolific author of two books and over 40 articles. Mr Buchheit is also a lecturer at Columbia University, Chuo University, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Duke Law School and NYU Law School.

About the International Development Law Unit (IDLU)

The mission of International Development Law Unit (IDLU) is to conduct and promote policy-oriented legal research on international development law topics. Its focus is on how international legal principles can be incorporated into the procedures, operating principles, laws and regulations, and structures required to promote sustainable and equitable development at the global, regional, national, and community level, with a particular emphasis on the needs of Africa in general and Southern Africa in particular. In addition to its research activities, IDLU also seeks to stimulate discussion and debate on topics related to international development law by arranging lectures and the publication of short articles in the media on topics of current interest relating to international development. It also sponsors doctoral students and participates in the Centre’s LLM in International Trade and Investment Law for African lawyers.