



The Investment Migration Forum

3rd – 6th June 2019, Grand Hotel Kempinski Geneva, Switzerland

The must-attend specialised global gathering of the investment migration industry. Renowned academics, government officials, representatives of international organisations, as well as the world's leading professionals will be gathering once again in Geneva for an exceptional forum. Be part of this unique environment to network and hear first-hand valuable insights from visionary experts.

Programme Highlights

- Shaping the Future of Residence and Citizenship by Investment
- Global Sanctions and their Impact on the International Migration Industry
- Investment Migration: Managing a Challenging Media Environment
- Taxation in the Context of Residence and Citizenship Programmes
- EU Competence and the Attribution of Nationality in Member States
- The Rise and Development of China's Investment Migration Market
- Current State of Play in the Caribbean Jurisdictions
- New Motivations for CBI in the Age of Trump's America
- The Global Competition for Talent
- Building a Framework of Professional Standards and Education
- Eb-5 Panel. Brexit Update
- **NEW** Participate in the First Global Roll Out of the Certificate in Investment Migration (Cert IM) Programme

Programme

Monday, 3rd June

09h00 - 17h00

Academic Day: **Leman Room** (*by registration only*)

Dimitry Kochenov IMCM, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva



- 09h00 - 14h00** **IMC Education & Training Session: Jura Room** *(by registration only)*
Delivered by the IMCET Team
- 16h00 - 18h00** **Intergovernmental Roundtable: Jura Room** *(by invitation only)*
Joey Jones, Former Spokesperson for UK Home Office Minister Theresa May, Strategic Counsel, Cicero Group, London
Gerd Damitz, Past President, Chair Federal Statute, Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), Toronto
- 16h00 - 19h00** **Registration Desk**
- 18h00 - 19h00** **IM Special Task Force Meeting: Leman Room**
Helena Walsh, Executive Director Brussels and Dublin, Cicero Group, Brussels
- 19h30 - 20h30** **IMC Advisory Committee Meeting: Jura Room** *(Private function)*
Chaired by Bruno L'ecuyer IMCM, Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

Tuesday, 4th June

- 09h00** **Opening Address**
Joey Jones, Former Spokesperson for UK Home Office Minister Theresa May, London
- 09h15** **Shaping the Future of Residence and Citizenship by Investment**
Dimitry Kochenov IMCM, Chairman, Investment Migration Council, Geneva
Vladimir Popov, Research Director, Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute, Berlin
Andres Solimano IMCM, President, International Center for Globalization and Development, United Nations, Santiago
Daniel Sarmiento, Professor of EU Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Suryapratim Roy, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin
- 10h00** **Mandatory Disclosure Rules**
Zac Lucas, Founder, Head of Legal, Centenal Pte Ltd, Singapore
- Scope of the Rules as They Apply to Migration Professionals
 - Consequences of breaching the rules
 - Best Practice Compliance Protocols



- 10h15** **Migration Professionals - We Need a Uniform Transnational Code Ethics**
Richard Kurland, Immigration Lawyer and Policy Analyst, Kurland, Tobe, Vancouver
- Interacting Transnationally with Citizenship and Immigration Authorities
 - A Need for a Uniform Transnational Code of Ethics
 - Standards for Professional Competence, Expected Practices
- 10h30** **The Transformational Development Impact of CBI Real Estate Projects**
Mohammed Asaria, Joint Managing Partner, Range Developments, Dubai
- Direct / Indirect Economic Impact
 - The Urgent Need for Regulation
 - Lessons from Other Markets
- 11h00** **Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer In Association with TBD**
- 11h30** **Global Sanctions and their Impact on the Investment Migration Industry**
Jonathan Galea, Senior Manager, Deloitte Private, Valletta
- Nature and Effect of International Sanctions
 - Overview of Global Sanctions Regimes – US OFAC, EU and UN
 - Strategies and Safeguards for Practitioners
- 11h45** **Investment Migration: Managing a Challenging Media Environment**
Joey Jones, Former Spokesperson for UK Home Office Minister Theresa May, London
- Dealing with Scrutiny - An Industry Under the Microscope
 - Journalism Without Borders - The Modern Media Landscape
 - Marrying Tone and Substance to Best Effect
- 12h15** **The Invention of the Passport**
John Torpey, Professor; Director of Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies at the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 12h30** **Book Signing**
John Torpey, Professor; Director of Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies at the Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 12h30** **Lunch Served in the Networking Foyer in Association with TBD**
- 12h45** **Working Lunch - Brexit Update - Leman Room**
Nadine Goldfoot IMCM, Partner, Fragomen LLP, London
Christine Sullivan IMCM, Attorney and Senior Manager, Private Client Practice, Fragomen Global LLP, Brussels



- 12h45** **Lunch Briefing Presentation: Moldova's Visa Policy and EU Integration Strategy**
Marco Gantenbein IMCM, Managing Partner, Henley & Partners, Dubai
Stefan Kraus IMCM, Executive Committee, Henley & Partners, Vienna
Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
- 14h00** **Welcome Back by Forum Co-Chair**
Joey Jones, Former Spokesperson for UK Home Office Minister Theresa May, London
- 14h15** **Taxation in the Context of Residence and Citizenship Programmes**
Nicky Gouder IMCM, Tax & Private Clients Partner, ARQ Group, Malta
- How Countries Impose Taxing Rights and What this Means in the Context of RBI and CBI Programmes
 - The Importance of Obtaining Tax Advice from Professionals
 - Tax Related Changes in the Coming Years
- 14h45** **Building a Framework of Professional Standards and Education**
Bill Howarth IMCM, President of the International Compliance Association, London
- 15h15** **The Rise and Development of China's Investment Migration Market**
Moderator: Christian Henrik Nesheim IMCM, Founding Editor, Investment Migration Insider
David Chen IMCM, Executive Director, Visas Consulting Group, Shanghai
Winner Xinli Xing IMCM, Worldway Group, Shenzhen
Linda He Mei IMCM, President, Wailian Overseas Consulting Group Limited, Shanghai
- Economic Growth and the Rise of the Investment Immigration Market
 - Choice of Chinese Immigrant Investors
 - Immigration Drivers Caused by Differences
- 15h45** **Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer In Association with TBD**
- 16h15** **IATA Transport Report**
Kim Kian Wee, Assistant Director, Training & Innovation, IATA, Geneva
- 16h45** **Nottebohm and 'Genuine Link': Anatomy of a Jurisprudential Illusion**
Peter J. Spiro, Charles Weiner Chair in International Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia
- The 1954 Decision of the International Court of Justice in the Nottebohm Case
 - The Subject of Withering Critiques by Commentators



- Resurrecting the "Genuine Link" Doctrine Today Would Fly in the Face of Globalization

EU Competence and the Attribution of Nationality in Member States

17h00

Daniel Sarmiento, Professor of EU Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

- The EU's Competence in the Field of Nationality is Limited
- The Court of Justice is Willing to Scrutinize the Exercise of Nationality Law in the Member States When it has a Restrictive Effect on Rights, But Not When it Confers Rights
- Any Action on the Part of the EU to Legislate in this Field Requires the Use of Article 352 TFEU and a Unanimous Vote in the Council

17h15

IIUSA - EB5 Panel

Robert Kraft, President of the IIUSA Board of Directors, Chicago

Darrell Sanders, Managing Director, Investment Programs, American Life, Inc, Washington

Irina Rostova IMCM, Founding Partner, Rostova Westerman Law Group, P.A., Fort Lauderdale

Edward C. Beshara IMCM, Managing Partner, Beshara Global Migration Law Firm, Orlando

Speaker: Brevet Capital

Speaker: Peng & Weber

18h15

Closing Remarks followed by Cocktail Reception In Association with IIUSA

20h00

End of Day 1

Wednesday, 5th June

09h00

Opening Remarks by Forum Co-Chair

Joey Jones, Former Spokesperson for UK Home Office Minister Theresa May, London

09h15

Shaping the RCBI Industry: Real Estate and its Role in CBI & RBI Programmes

Denis Kravchenko IMCM, Head of Stakeholder Relations, Investment Migration Council, Geneva

Mohammed Asaria, Founder and Vice Chairman of Range Developments, Dubai

Yiannos Trisokkas IMCM, Managing Partner, Casamont, Limassol

- Socio-Economic Impact of Real Estate Investment Option in the Caribbean Region
- Crisis "Cure" in the EU: How Real Estate Investments Via RBI / CBI Helped Economies of Greece and Cyprus to Recover
- How Real Estate and Infrastructure Investments Via EB5 are Helping the USA



- 09h45 **Current State of Play in the Caribbean Jurisdictions**
Moderator: Christopher Willis IMCM
Nestor Alfred, CEO, Citizenship-by-Investment Unit, Saint Lucia
Larry Franklin, Permanent Secretary for Economic Development, Anguilla **TBC**
Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda **TBC**
Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia **TBC**
Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada **TBC**
Timothy Harris, Prime Minister of St Kitts & Nevis **TBC**
Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica **TBC**
Peter Charles David, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Grenada **TBC**
- 10h15 **Refreshments Served in the Networking Foyer**
In Association with **TBD**
- 10h45 **New Motivations for CBI in the Age of Trump's America**
Ron Klasko IMCM, Managing Partner, Klasko Immigration Law Partners LLP,
Philadelphia
- 11h15 **Keynote: TBD**
Ana Gomes MEP, European Parliament, Brussels
- 11h30 **Keynote: Investment Migration Council**
Bruno L'ecuyer IMCM, Chief Executive, Investment Migration Council, Geneva
- 12h00 **The Global Competition for Talent**
Khalid Ali Koser, Executive Director, Global Community Engagement and
Resilience Fund, Geneva
- 12h30 **Special Keynote**
Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua & Barbuda
- 12h45 **Book Signing in the Forum Foyer**
Ius Doni in International Law and EU Law
Christian H. Kälin IMCM, Group Chairman, Henley & Partners, Zurich
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London



- 14h30 **Future of the Industry: TBC**
Juerg Steffen IMCM, Group CEO, Henley & Partners, Vienna
- 15h00 **Due Diligence Panel**
Che Sidanius, Global Head of Financial Crime & Industry Affairs, Refinitiv, London
Jonathan Cardona IMCM, CEO, Malta Individual Investor Programme Agency, Valletta
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BDO: **TBC**
Antigua: **TBC**
- 15h30 **Billionaires, Millionaires, Inequality and Happiness**
Vladimir Popov, Research Director, Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute, Berlin
- More Millionaires - Less Inequality?
 - More Millionaires - More Happiness?
 - Do Happy Countries Have Lower Inequality, But Higher Concentration of Millionaires?
- 15h45 **Title: TBC**
Malta: MRVA
Cyprus: P.Papaphilippou
Malaysia: TBC
- 16h00 **Closing Remarks by Forum Co-Chair**
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- 17h00 **Shuttle Service to Geneva Polo Club***
Pickup: outside the Kempinski by the main entrance (rue de la Cloche)
Last shuttle departs at 17h45
- 17h15 **Pre-Dinner Drinks & Entertainment**
- 18h15 **Demo Polo Match**
- 19h00 **Argentinian Asado BBQ & Buffet**
- 21h30 **Shuttle Service available: return to Grand Hotel Kempinski**
Last bus: 22h00



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22h00

End of the Investment Migration Forum 2019

*Rustic terrain; recommend comfortable shoes & clothing for outdoor activities

Thursday, 6th June Check-out and depart Geneva