**Tuesday 27 November 2018**
**18.00-20:30**

The **Belgian Branch of the International Law Association** and the **Brussels Diplomatic Academy** invite you to

## *International Trade in a Changing Landscape*

Lecture
**Professor Ricardo Ramírez Hernández,**
**VUB Fellow**

Former Member of the Appellate Body, World Trade Organisation

Professor of International Trade Law, National Autonomous University Mexico

Followed by a panel discussion with Professor Ricardo Ramírez Hernández, Professor Marco Bronckers (University of Leiden), Roberto Reyes Barrera (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

**Chair: Prof. Dr. Kim Van der Borght**
Chair Asia-Pacific Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
President of the Belgian Branch of the International Law Association

The event will take place at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels in Promotiezaal D.2.01.

Attendance is free but registration is compulsory through ila@mimat.org

Ricardo Ramirez was judge of the highest court on international trade, the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO), for more than 8 years (2009-2017). He was the first Mexican to be part of the WTO's Appellate Body and was elected for two consecutive terms as Chair.

In 2017, he was appointed by the Chairman of the Administrative Council of the World Bank to the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) for a period of 6 years.

Prior to this appointments, Ricardo Ramírez worked at the Ministry of Economy where he represented Mexico and served as the lead attorney in several international trade negotiations, as well as in several disputes brought before the WTO and other trade agreements. In the private practice, he was head of the International Trade Practice for Latin America at Chadbourne & Parke, S.C. and is the founding partner of RRH Consultores S.C., which provides legal advice in the field of international trade law.

Ramirez is Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and Chairman of the International Trade Professors Association of UNAM. He holds a Law Degree by the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico and an L.L.M on International Legal Studies by the American University.