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A good example is international investment treaty practice, and so one research project I was involved in with colleagues at the University of Liverpool and a colleague in Turkey, we looked at three countries. We found that when we talk about international investment treaty practice, and

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international investment treaty practice and how it translates to their day to day jobs and their day to day lives. Or functions when they interact with international investors.

Now the problem with this is that we see it as their problem but they don't see it as relevant to what they do in their day to day jobs and if that continues to be the case there will always remain a gap between the amazing policies and objectives and aspirations we have - and we hope law will be able to change this - and actually what happens on the ground. u

‡ We have a collaborative team of researcher across different disciplines so law, sociology, technology and what we are trying to do is we are trying to say not only should we be criticising the fact that there is a gap, but could we bring alternatives that could help to make law more effective?

So for instance in relation to a country like Nigeria, I mentioned that IITP is not something that even registers on the minds of Government officials. That creates an avenue for us to be able to do retraining or more targeted training that helps to make these policies reality and in a way they can relate with them, and that way, change can occur. We know that change will not always occur immediately, it will take time so we are looking to take our research and use it as a way to drive policy change in those countries.