



40th Anniversary Conference, School of International Arbitration Queen Mary University of London

10th and 11th of September 2025

Arts 2 Lecture Theatre
Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS

**Gala Dinner
10 September
Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL**

Conference Programme and Information



Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you as the School of International Arbitration (SIA) celebrates its 40th anniversary with a landmark conference, Arbitration in Context, on 10 and 11 September 2025 at the main QMUL Campus in the ArtsTwo Lecture Theatre.

Established in 1985, the SIA was the first academic institution dedicated to the teaching and research of international arbitration as a distinct discipline. Over the last four decades, the SIA has been recognised globally as a leading academic centre for international commercial and investment arbitration. Notably, the influential SIA-led international arbitration surveys have shaped practice and scholarship in the field, with the 14th edition published in June 2025. Over the years, we have welcomed more than 3,000 alumni from over 120 jurisdictions.

This anniversary conference is an innovative event exploring arbitration as an academic discipline in the context of economy, sociology, philosophy, regulation, and history.

Across the next two days, the event will bring together academics, practitioners, and other stakeholders to reflect on how arbitration has adapted to evolving global events— geographic, economic, and technological. The programme will look ahead, focusing on the future and the broader evolution of arbitration.

London, 10 September 2025

Prof Julian D M Lew KC, Head, SIA

Prof Norah Gallagher, Director, SIA

About the School of International Arbitration

The “SIA” was established in 1985 under the auspices of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London and it was the first international arbitration university institute in the world. It was the vision of Professor Sir Roy Goode and Professor Julian Lew that brought the SIA to life and laid the foundations of its success.

Its aim was, and still is today, to promote advanced teaching and produce excellent research in international arbitration and international dispute resolution generally. To achieve these objectives, SIA offers an extensive programme of international arbitration courses including LLM modules, postgraduate diplomas, an online LLM, executive education and one of the largest specialist PhD programmes in the world. Today, SIA is widely acknowledged as the world’s leading postgraduate teaching and research centre on international arbitration.

Since its establishment, more than 3,000 students from more than 100 countries have graduated from SIA and more than 50 PhD students have successfully completed their doctoral studies. Many of our graduates are now successfully practising arbitration around the world as advocates, in-house counsel, academics and arbitrators. Others serve governments, international organisations, or work for major arbitration institutions.

From one academic member at the outset, SIA now has currently nine permanent professors, senior lecturers and lecturers, a strong network of part-time and visiting academic members, and campuses in London and Paris. Although SIA is physically located in the centre of legal London, our faculty delivers courses all over the world, in addition to our London and Paris-based flagship programmes.

About the School of International Arbitration

Apart from its academic staff, SIA involves several high-profile practitioners in its teaching programmes. This adds crucial practical experience to academic knowledge and analysis. Further, SIA has close links with major arbitration institutions and international organisations working in arbitration. It also offers consulting services and advice to governments and non-governmental agencies that wish to develop their knowledge of arbitration, as well as training for lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel, judges, arbitrators and mediators. One of our key programmes has been the 14 empirical surveys we have conducted since 2006 which are a major resource for further arbitration research and quoted in many events globally.

The strength of SIA lies in the quality and diversity of its students and the desire of the SIA's staff to shape our students' academic and professional development. However, the work of SIA extends well beyond the classroom and plays a leading role in the evolution of arbitration as an academic subject. Arbitration is a dynamic and adaptable process and so is the SIA in its profile and outlook.

For further information, please visit the SIA's website: www.arbitration.qmul.ac.uk

Programme

10th of September 2025

12:30 – 13:30	Registration and Coffee	Speakers
13:30 – 14:00	Opening and Keynote Speech	• Dominique Hascher
14:00 – 15:30	Session 1: Arbitration and Economy • Economics of Arbitration (efficiency models) • Arbitration as a Market (competition amongst institutions, seats, law firms) • Contribution of Arbitration to the Economy • Impact of Arbitration on (State) Justice System	• Guled Yusuf • Dr Laurence Shore • Nania Owusu-Ankomah Sackey • Norah Gallagher • Sylvia Tordova
15:30 – 16:00	Refreshment Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Session 2: Arbitration and Sociology • Is Arbitration an (Eco-) System • Actors in International Arbitration • Arbitration Sub-systems • Arbitration and Network(s)	• Dr Mary Mitsi • Dr Mikael Schinazi • Dr Mohamed Mahayni • Prof Moshe Hirsch, • Dr Remy Gerbay • Saadia Bhatti
17:30 – 18:30	Roundtable of International Luminaries on the evolution of Arbitration in the last 40 years	• Alan Redfern KC • Prof Bernard Hanotiau • Hilary Heilbron KC • Prof Julian Lew • Teresa Giovannini
19:00 – 22:00	Gala dinner celebrating the 40th Anniversary, At the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, WC2A 3UP	

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and Coffee

09:30 – 11:00 Session 3: Arbitration and Philosophy

- Restorative Justice (Aristotelian Approach) v State Interests
- Arbitration and Moral Justice, Arbitration as Justice
- Arbitration and Ethics
- Cultural approaches
- James Castello
- Prof Diane Desierto
- Prof Thomas Schultz
- Eduardo Silva Romero
- Prof Kun Fan
- Prof Loukas Mistelis

11:00 – 11:30 Refreshment Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 4: Arbitration and Regulation

- ISDS and the quest for (more) regulation
- The hardening of Soft Law – the Formulating Agencies
- Is there an Erosion of Party Autonomy or Who Calls the Shots
- The Re-emergence of ad hoc arbitration
- Prof Andrea Bjorklund
- Prof Stefan Kroll
- Audley Sheppard KC
- Matthew Weiniger KC
- Dr Maria Fanou

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Session 5: Arbitration as Academia

- Teaching of Arbitration Theory and Practice
- Research and Scholarship
- Experiential Learning (Moots and teaching of skills)
- Empirical Research 2.0
- Dr Crina Baltag
- Prof Debbie De Girolamo
- Dominic Spenser Underhill
- Mike McClure KC
- Prof Patricia Shaughnessy

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshment Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session 6: Arbitration and Technology

- Opportunities and challenges of the use of AI in international arbitration
- Privacy, Security and Tech-savviness
- Soft law instruments and other regulatory issues of AI
- Ana Vermal
- Clement Fouchard
- Greg Falkof
- Hugh Carlson
- Prof Maxi Scherer

17:30 – 18:00 Keynote Speech II & Closing

Speakers



Alan Redfern

Alan Redfern started his professional career at Freshfields, where he became the firm's first litigation partner. Alan was then joined by Martin Hunter. In addition to their professional activities, they wrote the First edition of Redfern and Hunter, published in 1986. Alan and Martin also became friends of Julian Lew, which led to Freshfields becoming sponsors of the celebrated annual Q.M.C/ Freshfields' lecture on international arbitration. Alan retired from Freshfields in 1995, joined the Bar and, as a member of One Essex Court, developed a substantial practice as an international arbitrator. He also devised the much-loved 'Redfern schedule'. Alan retired from the Bar in December 2000, but he continues to write about international arbitration and to contribute as an author to Redfern and Hunter. Published by Oxford University Press, this is now in its Seventh edition with a considerable national and international following.



Ana Vermal

Ana Vermal is a partner in the Litigation Department and co-head of the firm's International Arbitration Group.

Ana Vermal is a seasoned quadrilingual lawyer with extensive experience in both common law and civil law. With over 20 years of experience, she represents corporations from around the world on complex arbitrations arising from cross-border business transactions including acquisitions, joint ventures, distribution and licensing agreements. Ana handles arbitral proceedings under the rules of all major arbitral institutions, and is frequently appointed to serve as an arbitrator. In addition, she represents clients before courts in France and the United States in legal proceedings related to the enforcement or annulment of arbitral awards.

Ana is currently a member of the Arbitration Council of the DIS (Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit), in which she participates in the Council's supervision of DIS Arbitrations. Ana is an immediate past Vice Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, co-heads the IBA's Task Force on AI in International Arbitration and serves as the Argentine representative to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Additionally, she is a frequent speaker on international arbitration topics.

Ana's wealth of legal and cultural experience is highly sought after by our clients. An Argentine and Spanish national, she has lived in Germany, Spain, the United States and France, and is fluent in English, French, Spanish and German. Ana is qualified to practice law in both New York and Paris.



Professor Andrea K. Bjorklund

Andrea K. Bjorklund is a Full Professor and the L. Yves Fortier Chair in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law at McGill University Faculty of Law. She is the General Editor of *Arbitration International* and is the General Editor for investment for the *Journal of International Dispute Settlement* as well as a member of the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. In addition to her academic work, she acts as arbitrator and expert in both investment and commercial arbitrations. She was appointed to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators by the Government of Canada and is on the roster of several other arbitral institutions. A citizen of both Canada and the United States, she holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.A. in French Studies from New York University, and a B.A. in History and French from the University of Nebraska. In June 2025 the University of Vienna awarded her an honorary doctorate.

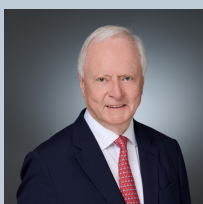


Audley Sheppard KC

Audley Sheppard KC is a full-time arbitrator with extensive experience of major disputes arising out of infrastructure and energy projects, and international trade and investment. He has been appointed under the LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, DIAC, SCCA, LMAA, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules.

Audley is a member of Twenty Essex, London, before which he was a partner of Clifford Chance, where he was the co-Head of the International Arbitration and International Law groups.

Audley is President -elect of ICCA. He is a former Chair of the Board and a Vice-president of the Court of the LCIA, Member on the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Arbitration Commission, Rapporteur of the ILA Arbitration Committee, and Co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee. He is Chair of the Board of Sport Resolutions, and a Director of BIICL.



Professor Bernard Hanotiau

Bernard Hanotiau is a member of the Brussels and Paris Bars. Since 1978, Bernard Hanotiau has been involved in several hundred international arbitration cases (commercial and investment) in all parts of the world, in all sectors of industry. Mr. Hanotiau is professor emeritus of the law school of Louvain University, Belgium. He is visiting professor at the universities NUS in Singapore and EPCL in Shanghai. He is member of the ICCA Advisory Board and member of the ICC Institute. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration of SIAC and a member of the HKIAC International Advisory Board.

He is the author of *Complex Arbitrations: Multi-party, Multi-contract & Multi-issue* (Kluwer, The Hague, 2006, second edition 2020, third edition in preparation). In March 2011, Mr. Hanotiau received the GAR Award for Arbitrator of the Year. In April 2016, he also received the Who's Who Legal Award for Lawyer of the Year in Arbitration.



Clément Fouchard

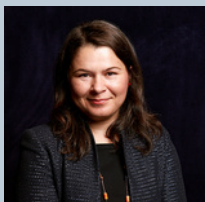
Clément focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration. He has 20 years' experience advising on major litigation and arbitration proceedings.

Clément has regularly acted for French and international clients in arbitrations seated across the globe and has particular experience in complex disputes in the energy and infrastructure, construction, mining, defense and distribution sectors.

Clément acts as an arbitrator in domestic and international arbitrations. Clément is the President of the Arbitration Committee of the ICC France (ICC French national committee).

He is a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Centre de Médiation et d'Arbitrage de Paris (CMAP), a board member of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage (CFA), and a founding member and board member of AfricArb.

He is a co- founder of Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) and a former member of the PAW board and served as treasurer between 2019 and 2022.



Dr Crina Baltag

Dr Crina Baltag is Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer) in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at Queen Mary University of London, and qualified attorney-at-law, with over twenty years of extensive practice in various aspects on international dispute resolution, private and public international law.

Crina is member of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute, as well as the chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration Academic Council.

Crina is the Director of the Diploma Course on International Commercial Arbitration of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Crina has been appointed as arbitrator in numerous arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, DIAC, SIAC, SCC, FAI, VIAC, CAM-CCBC etc., and has acted as expert and counsel in various international commercial and investment arbitrations.

Crina is the managing editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog, and member of editorial boards of prestigious journals and book series in the field.



Professor Debbie De Girolamo

Professor Debbie De Girolamo joined Queen Mary University of London in September 2012 where she teaches in the LLM programme at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies and also in the LLM programme in Paris, in particular Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Theory and Practice. Debbie is also the Academic Director of the Postgraduate Diploma Course (taught by distance learning) in International Mediation and also for the Postgraduate Diploma Course in International Dispute Resolution (Mediation). Prior to joining Queen Mary as a full-time lecturer, she was the Course Convenor for a combined Queen Mary and University College London LLM ADR course at CCLS and she taught Introduction to the Legal System at the LSE.

Debbie is a qualified Barrister and Solicitor in Ontario Canada where she practised prior to coming to England to commence her doctoral studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science. While in Canada, she obtained her LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School and began teaching mediation, negotiation and general dispute resolution courses at law schools in Ontario and also for professional development programmes while continuing her law practice. She also trained as a mediator and became a community mediator in Toronto.

Debbie has written in the area of negotiation and mediation. Her book, *The Fugitive Identity of Mediation: Negotiations, Shift Changes and Allusionary Action* was published by Routledge in Spring, 2013.



Professor Diane Desierto

Diane is a full tenured Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School and Professor of Global Affairs at the Keough School of Global Affairs. She directs the LLM Program in International Human Rights Law and founded the Notre Dame Law School Global Human Rights Clinic. At Keough, she is a Faculty Fellow across five Institutes and Co-Principal Investigator of the Reparations Design and Compliance Lab.

An award-winning scholar and counsel, Desierto has authored or edited 8 books, over 70 law review articles, 35 book chapters, and numerous reports for the UN, ASEAN, EU, and ADB. Her work has been cited by international courts, arbitral tribunals, and the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

She serves on several editorial boards, was for 12 years on the European Journal of International Law board, and has held fellowships and visiting professorships worldwide. In practice, she appears before the ICJ, ICC, PCA, SIAC, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and is a listed arbitrator at the BVI Arbitration Centre. She also served as UN Chair-Rapporteur of the Expert Group on the Right to Development.



Dominic Spenser Underhill

Dominic is an English solicitor, arbitrator, and an Honorary Professor at Queen Mary.

He is a former Visiting Professor at the University of Turin, where he still lectures annually. When he was the head of international arbitration at Mayer Brown in London and Paris, Dominic began to accept arbitral appointments.

He co-founded Spenser Underhill Newmark LLP in 2006, to develop his career as an arbitrator and where he now sits as an arbitrator full time. From 2009 - 2024, Dominic also sat as an Adjudicator for the Solicitors Regulation Authority. He is a former Chair of the Solicitors Compensation Fund, and presented to SRA investigators on legal professional ethics.

He has advised other finance-based professions on professional ethics.



Dominique Hascher

Dominique Hascher an independent arbitrator with extensive experience across leading international arbitration institutions, including the ICC, CAS, ICSID, and others.

He served as a Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court of France and held the position of General Counsel and Deputy Secretary-General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration from 1990 to 1998.

A Fulbright Scholar, he studied law at Paris II and Harvard University. He is currently a member of the panel of arbitrators at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (2024) and the Court of Arbitration for Sports (2024), and serves as an Appointing Authority under the UNCITRAL Rules, designated by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2017, 2024). He also contributes to the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) as an Advisory Board Member (2020).

He has taught extensively, serving as Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Paris I (2001–2015) and as Visiting Professor at University College London (2005) and the University of Texas, Austin School of Law (2007). He has delivered lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law (1999 and 2022).

He served as President of the French Society of Comparative Law (2015–2019), and has been recognized as an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn (2004) and a member of the American Law Institute (2007).



Eduardo Silva Romero

Eduardo Silva Romero is a founding partner at Wordstone, specialising in international commercial and investment arbitration, with a historic focus on disputes involving States and State-owned entities.

Eduardo is recognised as one of the world's most in-demand arbitrators, having acted in over 180 international commercial and investment cases under a wide variety of institutional rules.

Eduardo has advised and advises on arbitration matters conducted under the auspices of ICC, ICSID, PCA, LCIA, ICDR and SCC, as well as in ad hoc proceedings under the UNCITRAL and EDF arbitration rules.

Eduardo is a former Deputy Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and former member of the ICC Court, and is currently the Chair of the ICC Institute of World Business Law.

Eduardo has published several articles, books and chapters on international arbitration, including his lectures on "Legal Fictions in the Language of International Arbitration" delivered at The Hague Academy of International Law in 2019.

He also lectures on investment arbitration and international contracts at Sciences Po in Paris, international arbitration at Paris II University, international commercial arbitration involving States and State-entities at the MIDS in Geneva, and is Professor Emeritus at the University of Rosario in Bogotá.

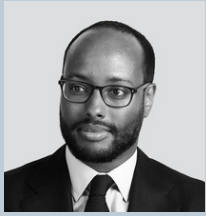


Greg Falkof

Greg Falkof is a Partner and Head of the International Arbitration Practice at Mishcon. He has a particular focus on the effective resolution of disputes in the energy, natural resources, international trade, transport, engineering, infrastructure and construction sectors, as well as international investment arbitration and public international law.

Greg has represented both claimants and respondents in international arbitrations, including large complex disputes worth billions of dollars, and before major arbitral institutions, as well as ad hoc arbitration proceedings. He also regularly sits as an arbitrator, either as a party-appointed or as sole arbitrator in expedited or standard proceedings, and he has accepted appointments from the ICC Court of Arbitration and the London Court of Arbitration (LCIA).

Greg is ranked by Chambers & Partners and by Legal 500 as an expert in International Arbitration, and is recommended by Who's Who Legal as an expert International Arbitration.



Guled Yusuf

Guled has extensive experience in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration as well as public international law.

He has expertise in commercial and investment treaty disputes (as well as related court proceedings) in the mining, energy and infrastructure sectors, as well as disputes arising out of a variety of agreements, including joint venture, shareholder, put / call option and share purchase agreements. Guled has represented States, corporations, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations in arbitral proceedings under all of the major institutional rules.



Hilary Heilbron KC

Hilary Heilbron KC now focuses on sitting as an international arbitrator. She has been appointed as an arbitrator in over 130 arbitrations, many as Chair, with a range of different applicable laws, seats, institutional rules and subject matters, both ad hoc and under institutional rule.

She brings to this role her prior extensive experience as counsel in commercial cases in which capacity she acted for a wide range of national and international clients, including appearing as leading counsel in the Supreme Court, the House of Lords and the Privy Council.

She is a past member of the LCIA Court and the ICC UK Arbitration and ADR Committee and former member of several task forces including the ICCA-ASIL Task Force on Damages and the ICCA/IBA Joint Task Force on Data Protection in International Arbitration Proceedings. She speaks regularly to international audiences and writes on the subject of international arbitration and has given several prestigious lectures on the topic globally.



Hugh Carlson

Hugh Carlson is the CEO and General Counsel of Three Crowns. He helps shape the firm's strategic initiatives and leads its global operations.

A litigator by background, Hugh has represented large multinationals and sovereigns in their complex, high stakes disputes. He has been described by clients and peers in Who's Who Legal as "absolutely phenomenal," "a great strategist," and "integral to the success of Three Crowns," and has repeatedly been recognized in Lawdragon's "Global Litigation 500" and Super Lawyers as a leading litigator. He has taught at Harvard Law School since 2019 and co-founded its international arbitration workshop.

Prior to practicing law, Hugh served as a software engineer. His experience in technology now extends to hands-on leadership in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure. Microsoft recently recognized his AI initiatives at the firm as "bending the curve on innovation."



Professor Julian Lew KC

Professor Julian Lew KC is a well-known name in the field of international arbitration, having practised as an academic, counsel and arbitrator.

Professor Lew was the founder and has been the head of the School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London since its creation in 1985. He has written and lectured extensively on many different aspects of international arbitration.

He is now a full-time arbitrator in international commercial and investment disputes at Twenty Essex. Before 2005, he was a partner and for some years the head of the international arbitration practice group at a leading international law firm.

Professor Lew has been involved with arbitrations involving many areas of commercial and investment contracts. They include claimed breaches of investment treaty commitments and disputes regarding purchase and sale of corporate entities and assets, joint ventures, oil and gas exploration, development and production agreements, research and development and promotions of pharmaceutical and chemical products, mining and concession arrangements, distribution and agency contracts, and intellectual property licensing contracts. Many of the arbitrations have had a state or state entity as a party.



Professor Kun Fan

Kun Fan (PhD summa cum laude, University of Geneva; LLM, NYU) is Associate Professor at UNSW Law and Justice, specializing in international dispute settlement and comparative law.

She has held academic positions at McGill University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and visiting appointments at the Harvard Yenching Institute, University Paris Panthéon-Assas, the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, and WilmerHale. Author of *Arbitration in China: A Legal and Cultural Analysis* (Hart Publishing), she has published widely in leading international journals.

She has served as counsel, legal expert, secretary for the arbitration tribunal and arbitrator in a number of international arbitrations and domain name disputes, and oversaw over a hundred ICC arbitrations while working at the Secretariat in Paris. Called to the New York Bar, she is a Domain Names Panelist for CIETAC, HKIAC, ADNDRC, an arbitrator for BAC, SHIAC, eBRAM, Zhuhai Arbitration Commission, and is an accredited mediator of HKMAAL.



Dr Laurence Shore

Laurence Shore practises international arbitration, as counsel and arbitrator, at Seladore Legal's Milan branch office, where he is a partner. He previously practised law in London, New York City, and Washington, DC.

Laurence is a co-author of *International Investment Arbitration: Substantive Principles* (Oxford University Press, second edition, 2017), and "The Witness Statement Problem in International Arbitration", *New York Law Journal* (28 February 2025). Larry's law degree is from Emory University, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Emory Law Journal*.

He has a doctorate in American history from Johns Hopkins University. Larry is a member of the New York, District of Columbia, and Virginia (inactive) Bars, and he is a solicitor for the Senior Courts of England and Wales.



Professor Loukas Mistelis

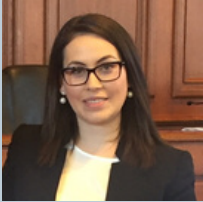
Professor Loukas Mistelis is the Clive Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London and an International Arbitration Partner at Clyde & Co LLP. Loukas is an acknowledged authority on international dispute resolution and investment treaty law.

In 2006 he was listed as one of the "leading lights in international arbitration" and since 2007 he is listed on the Who's Who Commercial Arbitration and since 2017 as Global Elite Thought Leaders in International Arbitration.

He has been listed in the Legal500 International Arbitration Powerlist since its inaugural year (2019). He is also listed as Tier 1 Arbitrator by Chambers and Partners. He has been also part of the team which won the 2022 GAR Award for best innovation, the Cross-Examination Moot and has also won the GAR Award for the best lecture in International Arbitration in 2014 and has been shortlisted several times since.

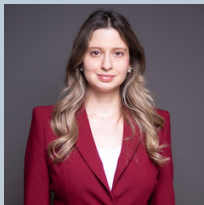
He acts as a counsel and expert in complex arbitration cases and regularly sits as an arbitrator with most major arbitral institutions. His substantial arbitration experience covers ad hoc and ICC, ICSID, LCIA, DIAC, VIAC, PCA, UNCITRAL, GCC, SCC, Swiss Chambers and Moscow cases and also Emergency Arbitrator proceedings under ICC and DIAC Rules.

Loukas is a member of the Board of Trustees of CRCICA, member of the SCCA Court and member of panels of most major arbitral institutions. He is also a widely published author and Deputy Director of the QMUL LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution .



Dr Maria Fanou

Dr Maria Fanou is an academic with the School of International Arbitration (SIA), Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and the Director of the Comparative and International Dispute Resolution programme (CIDR). She is a qualified attorney-at-law (Athens Bar Association). Maria gained practical experience in disputes in law firms in Athens, Brussels, and Paris. She also focused on empirical research (as a postdoctoral fellow at QMUL, and the University of Zurich), and worked as a Référéndaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union. She is an Associate Editor of the Kluwer Arbitration Blog. Maria completed her Ph.D. at the European University Institute in Florence, a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B.) and a Postgraduate Diploma (Master) in Civil Law at the University of Athens, as well as postgraduate studies at the University of Cambridge (LL.M.) and Harvard Law School (LL.M., VR, Fulbright Schuman Scholar).



Dr Mary Mitsi

Mary is a Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Commercial Law and International Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London, where she teaches on the LLM programme in London and Paris. Her courses focus on International Commercial Arbitration and International Investment Arbitration. Her scholarship includes the monograph *The Decision-Making Process of Investor-State Arbitration Tribunals* (Kluwer Law International, 2019), alongside other publications in the field of arbitration and dispute resolution. Mary also serves as Director for Executive Education at CCLS, where she designs and delivers training programmes for practitioners, government officials, and judges. She has led and contributed to projects commissioned by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other international institutions. With professional experience in both civil and common law systems, Mary has worked on international arbitration cases under leading arbitral institutions, including the LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, and ICSID. She is admitted to practice as an Attorney in Greece and previously served as Special Legal Advisor at the Greek Ministry for Development, where she advised on competition law and entrepreneurship.



Matthew Weiniger KC

Matthew specialises in international arbitration and public international law. He also advises on non-contentious matters involving the protection of investments under public international law. He has particular expertise in investment treaty arbitrations. Matthew regularly represents parties in proceedings before the English Commercial Court whereby arbitral awards are challenged under the applicable provisions of the English Arbitration Act 1996. Matthew has conducted numerous international arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional (including under International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) rules), in cases arising from all major industry sectors, in particular energy, construction and financial services. Much of Matthew's experience has been gained in emerging markets.



Professor Maxi Scherer

Maxi Scherer is a Professor of Law at Queen Mary University of London, where she holds the Chair for International Arbitration, Dispute Resolution and Energy Law. She is also co-founder of ArbBoutique and has practiced international arbitration for over 20 years and represented clients, served as arbitrator or legal expert in more than 140 commercial and investor-state arbitrations.

She is the President of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and holds many other public appointments and commissions of trust, including co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Rules and Guidelines Committee, member of the Governing Body of International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and appointee to the ICSID panel of arbitrators. Maxi is regularly ranked by Who's Who Legal, Chambers, The Legal 500, BestLawyer etc. as leading arbitration practitioner and, since 2019, included in the selective highest category of "Global Elite Thought Leaders" in the field.

Peers and clients describe her as "first-rate name" "who "combines strong judgement with a calm and controlled manner," and "one of the very best in both commercial and investment arbitration proceedings." She received GAR Awards for Best Speech or Lecture in 2018 and for Best Prepared Arbitrator in 2022.



Dr Mikaël Schinazi

Mikaël Schinazi is a lawyer at Jones Day in Paris. He advises and represents companies, sovereign States, and State-owned entities in high-stakes international disputes. He is trained in the common law and civil law traditions and has practiced at major U.S. and European law firms with a focus on international arbitration and international law.

Mikaël has acted in a wide range of cross-border disputes, including commercial and investment treaty arbitrations governed by various substantive laws and arbitral rules. His industry experience includes matters in the transport and logistics, pharmaceuticals, mining, aviation, and defense sectors, among others. He also has experience challenging and enforcing arbitral awards in multiple jurisdictions. Mikaël is a frequent speaker and lecturer on issues of international arbitration and legal history, having published a widely recognized monograph on the modern history of international commercial arbitration (The Three Ages of International Commercial Arbitration, Cambridge University Press, 2021, paperback edition 2024).

Mikaël has also spoken at conferences at numerous law schools and institutions. Since 2016, he has taught a course on the history, sociology, and legal theory of international arbitration at Sciences Po Law School in Paris. In 2025, he was appointed to the editorial board of the ICC International Dispute Resolution Bulletin for a three-year mandate.



Mike McClure KC

Mike is a Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer in London, and a King's Counsel solicitor advocate who specialises in international arbitration.

He works across a variety of sectors, but he has particular experience in the energy, construction, infrastructure and financial services sectors. Mike advises clients on arbitrations under the auspices of all the major arbitral institutions and has appeared as lead advocate for clients in English High Court and Court of Appeal proceedings. He also sits as an arbitrator.

He is consistently recognised as a leading individual for international arbitration by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and Lexology Index. According to Chambers Asia Pacific, Mike is "one of the best dispute resolution attorneys," and that "he knows how to get the job done - a go-to person for high-stakes issues."

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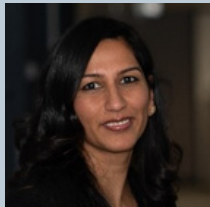
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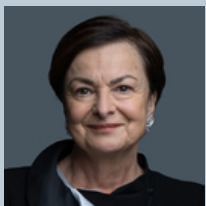


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