

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

18 SEP 2025 | LIECHTENSTEIN PALACE PRAGUE

09:00-09:30 MORNING COFFEE & REGISTRATION

09:30-09:45 WELCOME ADDRESS

- MARTINA MATEJOVA (Chief Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic)
- JAROSLAV KUDRNA (Head of International Arbitration and Investment Protection, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic)

09:45-10:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE

THE COMPLEXIFICATION OF INVESTMENT ARBITRATION & HOW TO KEEP THE PROCESS EFFICIENT

- GABRIELLE KAUFMANN-KOHLER (Founding Partner, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler)

10:15-11:30 PANEL 1

ON THE STAND: THE POWER AND LIMITS OF CROSS-EXAMINATION IN ISDS

MODERATOR: ALEXIS MARTINEZ (Partner, Watson Farley & Williams, London)

- SIRSHAR QURESHI (Partner, PwC, Prague)
- DIORA ZIYAEVA (Partner, Dentons, New York)
- ALEXANDER G. LEVENTHAL (Partner, Quinn Emanuel, Paris)
- AUDREY CAMINADES (Counsel, Wordstone Dispute Resolution, Paris)
- SYLVIE TABET (General Counsel and Director, Trade Law Bureau, Canada)

11:30-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:15 PANEL 2

UNCITRAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ARBITRATORS: EMERGING & PERSISTENT CHALLENGES

MODERATOR: MARTINA POLASEK (Secretary-General, ICSID, Washington, D.C.)

- PIERRE TRIPPEL (Partner, Aurelius Cotta, Frankfurt)
- MAIRÉE URAN BIDEGAIN (Independent Arbitrator, Chile)
- CHIARA GIORGETTI (Professor of Law, Richmond Law School, USA)
- NICOLE CLEIS (Legal Advisor, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland)

13:15-14:30 LUNCHEON

14:30-15:45 PANEL 3

PUBLIC ENTITY, PRIVATE ACT? SOES AND THE PUZZLE OF ATTRIBUTION

MODERATOR: MARINA WEISS (Partner, Bredin Prat, Paris)

- AMIR FARHADI (Associate, Foley Hoag LLP, Boston)
- DANNY KHAYAT (Partner, Mayer Brown, Paris)
- ANTONIO PASTOR (Consultant, Herbert Smith Freehills, Madrid)
- ARMAN SARVARIAN (Reader in Public International Law, University of Surrey)
- MARCIN KAŁOŃSKI (Vice-director, General Counsel to the Republic of Poland)

15:45-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:30 PANEL 4

WHAT INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN FOR THE STANDING INVESTMENT COURT & APPELLATE MECHANISM?

MODERATOR: CLAUDIA ANNACKER (Independent Arbitrator, Annacker International Disputes)

- JOHANNA KLEIN KRANENBERG (Head of Legal Defense Unit, Min. of Foreign Affairs, Chile)
- NORA BELLEC (Legal Officer, EC, Brussels)
- KABIR DUGGAL (Senior Fellow & Advisor, Columbia Law School)
- ALBERT MARSMAN (Partner, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Singapore)
- GIORGIO SACERDOTI (Independent Arbitrator; Emeritus Professor, Bocconi University)

17:30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION



WORKSHOP FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

19 SEP 2025

LIECHTENSTEIN PALACE PRAGUE

09:30-09:40 WELCOME ADDRESS

- JAROSLAV KUDRNA (Head of International Arbitration and Investment Protection, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic)

09:40-10:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE & DISCUSSION

**THE CHALLENGE FOR RESPONDENT GOVERNMENTS IN ISDS TO SELECT
THEIR ARBITRATOR: AN “INSIDER’S” VIEW**

- GIORGIO SACERDOTI (Independent Arbitrator, Emeritus Professor, Bocconi University)

MODERATOR: JAROSLAV KUDRNA

- MARTINA POLASEK (Secretary-General, ICSID, Washington, D.C.)
- MARGIE-LYS JAIME (Head of the Investment Arbitration Office, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Panama)

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:00 PANEL

STATE DEFENSE IN INVESTMENT CASES: EXPERIENCE OF CANADA AND CHILE

MODERATOR: JAROSLAV KUDRNA

- SYLVIE TABET (General Counsel and Director, Trade Law Bureau, Canada)
- JOHANNA KLEIN KRANENBERG (Head of Legal Defense Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile)

12:00-13:30 LUNCHEON

