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## “NEW ECONOMIC REALITIES IN ARBITRATION: THE INFLUENCE OF BRI”

The arbitration community is faced with new challenges as a result of economic trends. At the same time, these challenges lead to additional opportunities for the next generation of arbitration practitioners.

This Panel Discussion will explore the flow of investment under the Belt and Road Initiative (“BRI”). Following a review and analysis of the current trends in the arbitration market, the panellists will focus on the nature and types of issues that could arise from the BRI in the upcoming years (for instance, whether involvement in BRI-related disputes will require a special background, knowledge and skills). The panellists will also share their views on the challenges and problems that may lie ahead for the new generation of arbitration practitioners, and well as exploring potential career opportunities for young ADR practitioners.

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### Featured Panelists:



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**Dr. Lars Markert**  
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**Dr Gavan Griffith QC**  
*Essex Court Chambers*

Following 14 years as Solicitor-General of Australia to end 2017, including extensive practice at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Gavan Griffith has practiced as an international investment and commercial disputes arbitrator out of Essex Court Chambers, London, particularly at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and also in the Asia region, including the now AIAC. He was delegate and sometime Vice-Chairman at UNCITRAL, including for the adoption of the Model Law in 1985. He has taught at Magdalen College Oxford, and was appointed special counsel seconded to the United Nations in 1994-5.



**Mr. Jay Patrick R. Santiago**  
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Mr. Jay Patrick R. Santiago is currently a Senior Associate in Quisumbing Torres (a member firm of Baker & McKenzie International). He has acted as an arbitrator, a party representative, and a tribunal secretary.

Jay has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health from the University of the Philippines. He obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo De Manila University where he also received the prestigious St. Thomas More Most Distinguished Award. He is qualified to practise law in the Philippines and England and Wales.

In 2014, Jay became the first Filipino counsel at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). His responsibilities included constituting the arbitral tribunal, assessing jurisdictional issues and challenges against arbitrators, appointing emergency arbitrators, and dealing with applications for joinder, consolidation, and expedited procedure.

Jay has a genuine passion for alternative dispute resolution (ADR). He was a member of the technical working group that the Philippine government organised to propose amendments to the Philippines' ADR law. He has spoken at ADR seminars or conferences organized by various organizations, including Asialaw, Asian International Arbitration Centre, HKIAC, Hong Kong Legal Training Institute, In-House Community, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb), and World Mediation Organization.

Atty. Santiago is currently PIArb's Vice President for International Initiatives (Hong Kong) and the founding co-chairperson of Young PIArb -- the first group for young ADR practitioners in the Philippines. He is also a member of the ASEAN Law Association, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Bar Association, Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, and various arbitration young members groups including AIAC Young Practitioners Group, HK45, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum, and Young ICCA.



**Ms. Weina Ye**  
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Weina is particularly experienced in China-related commercial disputes and international arbitration, with a focus on disputes related to energy and infrastructure, M&A, joint ventures and international trade.

Her current clients include central Chinese state-owned enterprises (SOEs), regional SOEs, private Chinese enterprises, international companies operating in China. Fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese, Weina is qualified to practice in England & Wales and in the PRC (non-practicing). She has worked in Herbert Smith Freehills' London, Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai offices.



**Dr. Lars Markert**  
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Lars Markert is a counsel in the international dispute resolution department of Nishimura & Asahi's Tokyo office. He is admitted to the German and New York bars and frequently advises clients in complex international disputes in sectors such as pharmaceutical, construction, manufacturing and energy, covering commercial, international trade, post-M&A, IP and international investment law. He has been involved in numerous international arbitrations as counsel, arbitrator or tribunal secretary under the arbitration rules of institutions such as the DIS, ICC, Swiss Chambers, NAI, ICDR, KCAB, JCAA, SIAC and ICSID.

Lars worked for more than a year with a leading US law firm in New York, and has spent almost 10 years working in one of Germany's leading law firms, mainly focusing on dispute resolution and internal investigations relating to Asia. In 2018 he permanently relocated to Asia, deepening his understanding of arbitration in Japan and in neighboring Asian jurisdictions.

Lars serves on the Global Advisory Board of the ICDR Y&I, and is a regional ambassador for HK45. He was a regional coordinator for DIS40 and a "Buddy" in YoungICCA's Mentoring Programme 2015-2016.

Lars is recommended in the 2018 and 2017 (Future Leaders) editions of Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, in the 2018 edition of Legal500 Germany: Dispute Resolution, and the 2017 and 2016 editions of



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Crystal Wong Wai Chin is a Senior Associate with Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill. Her primary area of practice is in international arbitration focusing on the areas of Energy, Project & Infrastructure. She has been admitted as a Barrister at Lincoln's Inn, and as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. Crystal also holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and also on the panel of arbitrators for Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC).



**Alonso Mayordormo Castilla**  
*Senior International Case Counsel, AIAC*

Alonso is presently the Senior International Case Counsel at the Asian International Arbitration Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He handles and manages case management portfolio of the AIAC which includes Arbitration, Adjudication and Domain Name Dispute Resolution (DNDR) cases.

He is a qualified lawyer with the Spanish Bar Association and also holds an LLM in International Business Law from IE Law School, based in Madrid. He also holds a Diploma in Islamic Banking and International Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Prior to the AIAC, he has worked and gained experience in various jurisdictions including Spain and Indonesia. He has represented the AIAC in Jakarta, Bangkok, Haikou, Madrid, Puerto Rico and Malaysia, in talks involving the development of arbitration rules in Asia and the application of the emergency arbitration provisions.

Alonso is the Co-Chair of AIAC's Young Practitioners' Group (YPG).