

CURRENT STATE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ARBITRATION:

HAS THE DUST SETTLED?

AIAC YPG Conference in Conjunction with the 6th AIAC Pre-Moot
for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Programme

- 3.00 p.m. Welcoming Remarks by the AIAC YPG Co-Chair
Opening Remarks by the Director of AIAC
- 3.30 p.m. Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. iur. Ulrich G. Schroeter
The Interplay of International Trade and Arbitration: One Step
Forward or One Step Backward?
- 4.00 p.m. **Session 1 - Threading the Needle: Contracts and International
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- 5.30 p.m. Break
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To Appoint or Not To Appoint?**
- 7.30 p.m. Break
- 8.00 p.m. **Session 3 - Hot Debate**
- 9.00 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Co-Chair of the AIAC YPG



Keynote Speaker

Prof. Dr. iur. Ulrich G. Schroeter



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The Interplay of International Trade and Arbitration: One Step Forward or One Step Backward?

As the world moves forward and regains normalcy, it has witnessed creative and remote ways of conducting international trade. With such development, two schools of thought have emerged. One being the proponent of maintaining arbitration and its incorporation in contracts as a way to solve trade disputes due to finality and efficiency, and the other holding the view that arbitration is no longer suitable to facilitate trade dispute settlement. With recent endeavours by international arbitration stakeholders to better the workings of this dispute settlement mechanism, are we actually taking one step forward, or should we take one step backwards and assess whether less or more should be done to facilitate the interplay of international trade and arbitration.

4.00 p.m. **Session 1 - Threading the Needle: Contracts and International Commercial Arbitration**

Despite being an oft discussed subject in international commercial arbitration, contractual claims often become pitfalls for the disputing parties when it is not considered carefully. Multiple procedural challenges may be raised on the validity of the contract which affect the progress of the arbitral proceedings and the proper applicable law. The Panel in this session will navigate and “thread” through the complexities of contractual claims work in international commercial arbitration and provide practical tips thereto.

5.30 p.m. Break

6.00 p.m. **Session 2 - Appointment of Arbitrators in Multi-Party Arbitration: To Appoint or Not To Appoint?**

Since the landmark *Siemens – Dutco* case made its waves across the international arbitration community, the question of party autonomy is raised from time to time when it comes to appointing third party neutrals in multi-party arbitration. Many international arbitration institutions consistently update and revise their rules in their attempts to balance party autonomy against the institution's authority to minimise room for challenges when dealing with matters. The Panel in this session will delve into these issues further and share their experience as well as practical tips in encountering challenges arising out of the constitution of the arbitral tribunal in multi-party arbitration.

7.30 p.m. Break

8.00 p.m. **Session 3 - Hot Debate**

Debate Motion: (Victoria Kigen) for This House believes that arbitral institutions should adopt a far more hands-off approach when determining procedural challenges in arbitration proceedings as these are matters best to left with arbitral tribunal v. (Wesley Pang) for This House believes that arbitral institutions shall guard the integrity of the proceedings and ensure efficiency through procedural compliance and decisions in the event where procedural challenges are raised.

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