



Edwin TONG SC

Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Singapore

Edwin Tong SC was appointed Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law on 27 July 2020. Prior to this, he served as the Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Law and the Ministry of Health from 1 July 2018 to 26 July 2020. At the Ministry of Law, he focuses on the development and promotion of Singapore's legal and dispute resolution sector. He also handles wide-ranging aspects of law reform, including intellectual property, corporate restructuring and insolvency, and legal aid. Before taking office, Mr Tong spent his entire working life at Allen & Gledhill LLP. In that time, he was concurrently Head of the Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency Department, Co-Head of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department, and a member of the Exco. He was widely acknowledged to be a leading lawyer of the Singapore Bar, and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2015.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 09:35 - 09:45

Topic: Welcome Address



Anna JOUBIN-BRET

Secretary of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. She is the ninth Secretary of the Commission. Prior to her appointment on 24 November 2017, Ms Joubin-Bret practiced law in Paris, specialising in International Investment Law and Investment Dispute Resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Ms Joubin-Bret was the Senior Legal Adviser for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Ms Joubin-Bret was formerly appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 09:45 - 09:50

Topic: Opening Remarks



Dr Hab Marcin CZEPELAK

Secretary-General, Permanent Court of Arbitration

Dr Hab Marcin Czepelak is the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). Prior to his election as Secretary-General of the PCA, Dr Hab Czepelak was ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and permanent representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. He represented the Republic of Poland at various international fora, including the Committee on the Election of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, and the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. Dr Hab Czepelak is a professor of private international law at Jagiellonian University in Kraków. He completed his habilitation and doctorate at Jagiellonian University and has published widely in the fields of private international law, international litigation, and arbitration.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 10:30 - 11:00

Topic: Fireside Chat: The Future of International Dispute Settlement Involving States



Lionel YEE SC

Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Chambers

Lionel Yee SC is a Deputy Attorney-General of Singapore. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Solicitor-General from 1 February 2014 to 13 January 2017. Mr Yee served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Singapore Supreme Court from February 2013 to January 2014. Between July 2008 and May 2012, he was the Director-General of the International Affairs Division in the Attorney-General's Chamber of Singapore, which provides advice on public international law to all agencies of the Singapore Government. He was appointed a Senior Counsel of the Singapore Supreme Court in 2013.

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Susie ABDEL-NABI

Partner and Head, Middle East Dispute Resolution Group, Clyde & Co LLP

Susie Abdel-Nabi is a partner and the Head of the Middle East Dispute Resolution practice in Clyde & Co. She has successfully represented numerous clients in high-value, multi-jurisdictional disputes and has over 21 years regional experience. Ms Abdel-Nabi is an English law qualified lawyer and handles a wide range of general commercial disputes, with particular expertise in shareholder and joint venture disputes, all aspects of agency and distribution matters, high-value multi-jurisdictional real estate and hospitality disputes. She has extensive experience in local and international arbitrations. She has been appointed as an arbitrator by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and previously the DIFC/LCIA. Ms Abdel-Nabi also regularly represents clients in onshore and offshore court proceedings across the Middle East. In 2023, Ms Abdel-Nabi was awarded the prestigious Arbitration Lawyer of the Year at Lexis Nexis' Women in Law event. The Awards celebrate women's achievements and innovations in legal practice in the Middle East.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 12:00 - 12:45

Topic: Panel Discussion: Navigating Inter-Cultural Needs in Mediation and Arbitration



Shanti ABRAHAM

International Mediator and Arbitrator, Shanti Abraham & Associates

Shanti Abraham holds an LLB (Honours) (National University of Singapore), a Diploma in International Arbitration and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is called to both the Singapore and Malaysian Bar and has been in practice as a lawyer for over 25 years with her legal practice based in Kuala Lumpur. Her practice ranges from corporate work to the whole range of dispute resolution from litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation. Ms Abraham has been at the forefront of mediation and mediation advocacy for many years. She is an International Mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Centre and is a Singapore International Mediation Institute (Level 4) and International Mediation Institute Certified Mediator. She is also a Healthcare Mediator and a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre, Malaysian Mediation Centre as well as various other international panels. Ms Abraham is also part of the Malaysian government's working group to revamp the Malaysian Mediation Act including the ratification of the Singapore Convention on Mediation for international commercial mediation.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 14:00 - 15:30

Topic: UNCITRAL Academy Industry Capacity-Building Workshop - Mediation Advocacy: From Breakdown to Breakthrough



Sheila AHUJA

Partner, Allen & Overy LLP

Sheila Ahuja is a Partner in Allen & Overy's Global International Arbitration Group based in Singapore and Co-head of the firm's India Group. She has advised on a wide range of arbitration matters, both commercial arbitrations and investor-State arbitrations, as well as arbitration related court matters. She is a Solicitor Advocate, with Higher Rights of Audience before the Senior Courts of England & Wales and the Courts of Hong Kong, and is also qualified to appear before the Singapore International Commercial Court. She regularly sits as arbitrator, and more recently, as presiding arbitrator. Ms Ahuja has particular experience in complex commercial disputes, disputes arising from joint ventures and distributorship arrangements, disputes relating to complex financial products and energy and infrastructure disputes. Ms Ahuja is a committee member of the IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum and a member of the Appointments Committee of the HKIAC. She is also Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 16:15 - 17:30

Topic: Debate: Robots are Better Arbitrators and Mediators than Humans



Professor Nadja ALEXANDER

Professor of Law and Director, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, Singapore Management University

Professor Nadja Alexander is a Professor of Law and Director of the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy at Singapore Management University. She holds honorary appointments in Australia and the US. Professor Alexander has been engaged in diverse dispute resolution settings in more than 40 countries as trainer, policy-adviser, scholar and practitioner. A multi-award winning author and educator, she is recognised as a global thought leader in the field of mediation (Who's Who Legal). In 2023, she was conferred the award for Outstanding International ADR Educator by the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration and Mediation. Over the years, Professor Alexander has trained mediators throughout Asia, the Pacific, Australia, North America, the Middle East and Europe. She is on the International Advisory Board of the UN Office of the Ombudsman and the APEC lead academic group for Online Dispute Resolution. Her expertise has contributed to the drafting of mediation legislation across civil and common law jurisdictions.

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Mohamed Shahdy ANWAR

Managing Partner, S&A Lawyers

Mohamed Shahdy Anwar read law at the University of Bristol and at the National University of Singapore. He is the Managing Partner of S&A Lawyers and is a Chambers & Partners band 1 ranked leading lawyer in the Maldives. He is the Chairman of the Maldives International Arbitration Centre, member of the council representing the legal profession at the Maldives National University and is also a member of the board of directors of the country's central bank – the Maldives Monetary Authority.

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29 August 2023, 11:00 - 12:00

Topic: Panel Discussion: Investor-State Mediation



Chiann BAO

Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers

Chiann Bao is an independent arbitrator with Arbitration Chambers based in Singapore. She has been appointed in numerous ad hoc and institutional arbitrations totaling several billions USD in dispute. She serves as a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration and was a co-chair of the ICC Commission's Task Force on ADR and Arbitration. She also serves as the Senior Vice Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee. She is an Adjunct Professor at National University of Singapore and a lecturer at Sciences Po Law School and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and an honorary senior fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. Ms Bao also serves as a member of the advisory board for the Journal of International Arbitration. She is a member of the board of directors for Maxwell Chambers as well as a member of the global advisory board for the New York International Arbitration Center. Tri-qualified in New York, England and Wales and Hong Kong, Ms Bao is a Chartered Arbitrator and CEDR-accredited mediator.

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John BASSIE JP

Global President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; President, The Jamaican Bar Association; Chairman, Dispute Resolution Foundation

John Bassie JP is the Global President of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) for 2023. In addition to being a former Council Member of the General Legal Council, he was the chairman of its subcommittee with responsibility for the formation of the Compensation Fund. Mr Bassie is the current President of the Jamaican Bar Association and he was Chairman of the ADR Sub-committee. Mr Bassie is the founder of the Caribbean Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2009) and the first Chairman of the Branch. He is also Chairman of the Board of the Dispute Resolution Foundation, which is the oldest ADR organisation in the Caribbean region, having just celebrated 28 years of service to the industry. Mr Bassie is a Chartered Arbitrator and Certified Tutor of CI Arb, and a Certified Mediator of both the Supreme Court of Jamaica and the Supreme Court of the State of Florida. He has mediated in the Caribbean, North America, Europe and Africa.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, Panel Discussion: Navigating Inter-Cultural Needs in Mediation and Arbitration



Brian CHI

General Counsel, Kyndryl Japan

Brian Chi is the General Counsel for Kyndryl Japan. He served in senior roles in Greater China and Japan in his 25 years with IBM (General Counsel of Greater China and General Counsel of Japan). He was the Asia-Pacific General Counsel for IBM managing a team of more than 40 lawyers and contract professionals before IBM spun off its outsourcing business into the new company Kyndryl. Mr Chi is a qualified solicitor in Hong Kong as well as England and Wales for more than 30 years, with stints at Baker & McKenzie and Allen & Overy before joining IBM in 1997. He was on the Board of Directors of IBM Japan from 2012 to 2018 and currently sits on the Board of Kyndryl Japan since 2021. He was also on the panel of the Singapore International Mediation Centre's Specialist Mediators from 2019 to 2022.

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Topic: UNCITRAL Academy Industry Capacity-Building Workshop - Mediation Advocacy: From Breakdown to Breakthrough



Dr Kun FAN

Associate Professor, University of New South Wales Law and Justice; Visiting Faculty, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, Singapore Management University

Dr Kun Fan (LLM, New York University and Ph.D. summa cum laude, University of Geneva) is Associate Professor of University of New South Wales (UNSW) Law and Justice, a member of China International Business and Economic Law Centre (CIBEL). She is an award-winning scholar in the area of international arbitration, mediation and comparative legal studies. She held academic positions at the Faculty of Law, McGill University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and was also a Visiting Scholar of the Harvard Yenching Institute, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA), Panthéon-Assas University Paris II and a Scholar-in-Residence at WilmerHale. She has extensive experience in ADR practice, having worked as counsel, legal expert, secretary for the arbitration tribunal, arbitrator and domain names panelist, and deputy counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is called to the New York Bar, an Academic Council Member of the ITA, a Domain Names Panelist of the HKIAC and the ADNDRC, an Accredited Mediator of the HKMAAL, and an Arbitrator of a number of arbitration institutions.

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Francis GOH

Partner, Harry Elias Partnership LLP; Head, International Arbitration and Mediation; SIMI and IMI Certified Mediator; IMI Certified Mediation Advocate

Francis Goh has over three decades of dispute resolution experience. He leads the International Arbitration and Mediation Practice group at Harry Elias Partnership. An early adopter of mediation since 2001, he has incorporated mediation techniques into his dispute resolution practice, both as mediation advocate and as mediator. Mr Goh weaves litigation, arbitration and mediation expertise to obtain outcomes enabling clients and parties to ‘get back to doing business’ in a time and costs-efficient way. He is the Chairman of the Advocacy Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. Mr Goh is a Mediator on the panel of many institutions including the Singapore Mediation Centre, the Singapore International Mediation Centre and the American Arbitration Association - International Centre for Dispute Resolution. He is a Singapore International Mediation Institute and International Mediation Institute (IMI) Certified Mediator. He is also an IMI Certified Mediation Advocate.

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Christina HIOUREAS

Partner and Global Co-Chair, International Litigation and Arbitration Department, Foley Hoag LLP

Christina Hioureas is a partner and Global Co-Chair of the firm's International Litigation & Arbitration Department, and Chair of the firm's United Nations practice group. Ms Hioureas represents States, private and State-owned entities, and individuals on international disputes and public international law matters and advises States on matters before the United Nations and its bodies. She also serves as arbitrator in international disputes.

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Topic: Panel Discussion: Investor-State Mediation



Rajat JARIWAL

Partner, Trilegal

Rajat Jariwal is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice group in the New Delhi NCR office. With diverse litigation experience of over 15 years, Mr Jariwal has practiced extensively before different courts including the Supreme Court of India and High Courts. He regularly advises clients on constitutional, commercial, and environmental law matters. Mr Jariwal focuses on Environmental Law with a deep interest and experience in the ESG ecosystem and regularly advises clients on the same. He regularly appears before the domestic environmental tribunals, various High Courts in the country and the Supreme Court of India for environmental disputes. He also advises his clients on issues of sustainability and environmental compliance in the country.

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Topic: Panel Discussion : Dispute Resolution for Carbon Markets



Tejas KARIA

Partner and Head – Arbitration, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. India

Tejas Karia is the Partner and Head – Arbitration at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, India. Mr Karia has wide experience in handling International and Domestic Commercial Arbitrations across sectors and advising on Information Technology law related issues. He regularly represents multinational and Indian corporations in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations as Counsel and also sits as an Arbitrator. Mr Karia has advised on amendments to the Indian Arbitration Act. He is a member of SIAC Court of Arbitration and ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He is a Fellow of the CIArb and Director of CIArb India branch. He is part of the Governing Council of Indian Law Society, Vice-Chairman of SCL - India and Director of Indian Arbitration Forum. He is ranked in 'Band 1' for arbitration by Chambers & Partners and 'Distinguished Lawyer' for dispute resolution by Asialaw Profiles. Who's Who Legal: Arbitration lists him as a 'Thought Leader' and 'Global Leader', Benchmark Litigation as 'Dispute Resolution Star', Legal 500 as 'Leading Individual' for Arbitration, Forbes India Legal Power List as Top Individual Lawyer for Arbitration and Information Technology Law and ALB Asia as one of Asia's Super 50 Dispute Lawyers.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 09:50 - 10:30

Topic: Panel Discussion: Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy (DRDE)



Jinhee KIM

Head, Global Dispute Resolution Practice, Jipyong LLC

Jinhee Kim specialises in international arbitration and cross-border litigation at Jipyong, one of Korea's premier law firms. She defends corporations and individuals of various nationalities and industries before courts and tribunals around the world. She has settled hundreds of class actions and high-stake disputes through mediation or private negotiations. She is ranked by Chambers & Partners as a leading lawyer in international arbitration and named by Asian Legal Business as Korea's Super 30 Lawyers in 2021. Ms Kim brings a diverse background and professional training to the practice of law. She began her career as a TV journalist and later as an associate expert at the United Nations (DESA). She started her legal career with international law firms in California and worked inhouse at LG Display before joining Jipyong in 2016. Ms Kim regularly serves as arbitrator for the KCAB and is currently a Specialist Mediator with the SIMC.

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Kevin KIM

Founding Managing Partner, Peter & Kim

Kevin Kim, Founder and Managing Partner at Peter & Kim, is one of the world's leading dispute resolution professionals and a key figure in the Korean arbitration market. Mr Kim has acted as counsel, presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator or sole arbitrator in more than 300 international arbitrations under various arbitration rules. He has served as Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Secretary General for the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Vice Chair of the International Bar Association's (IBA) Arbitration Committee, and Court Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). Mr Kim currently serves as Chairman of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board's (KCAB) International Arbitration Committee, Advisory Board Member for the ICCA, and an Adjunct Professor at the Seoul National University Law School.

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Dr Judith KNIEPER

Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Dr Judith Knieper is a legal officer at the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in Vienna. She is the Secretary of Working Group II on Dispute Settlement and also services Working Group III on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform in its work on mediation. Until her appointment to the Secretariat, she had been working in Southeast Europe from 1998 -2013 for numerous donors/organisations, e.g. OSCE, CoE, Worldbank and GIZ, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, the German international cooperation. She obtained both Legal State Exams in Frankfurt, Germany as well as her PhD and is also qualified and certified as a Mediator.

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Topic: Panel Discussion: Investor-State Mediation



Toby LANDAU KC

Barrister, Advocate and Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice)

Toby Landau KC is a barrister, advocate and arbitrator, and a member of the Bars of England & Wales, Singapore, New York, the BVI and Northern Ireland, and registered in the DIFC. He practises in London as a sole practitioner and in Singapore from Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice). He is Visiting Professor at Kings College London; a Vice President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration; Member of the Board of Directors of the SIMC; Member of the Governing Board of ICCA; Fellow of the CI Arb and Chartered Arbitrator; Vice-Chairman of the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration; UK delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration (1994-2013); a draftsman of the English Arbitration Act 1996. He holds a first-class law degree and a first class BCL from Oxford University (Eldon Scholar), and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School (Kennedy Scholar).

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Mikkel LARSEN

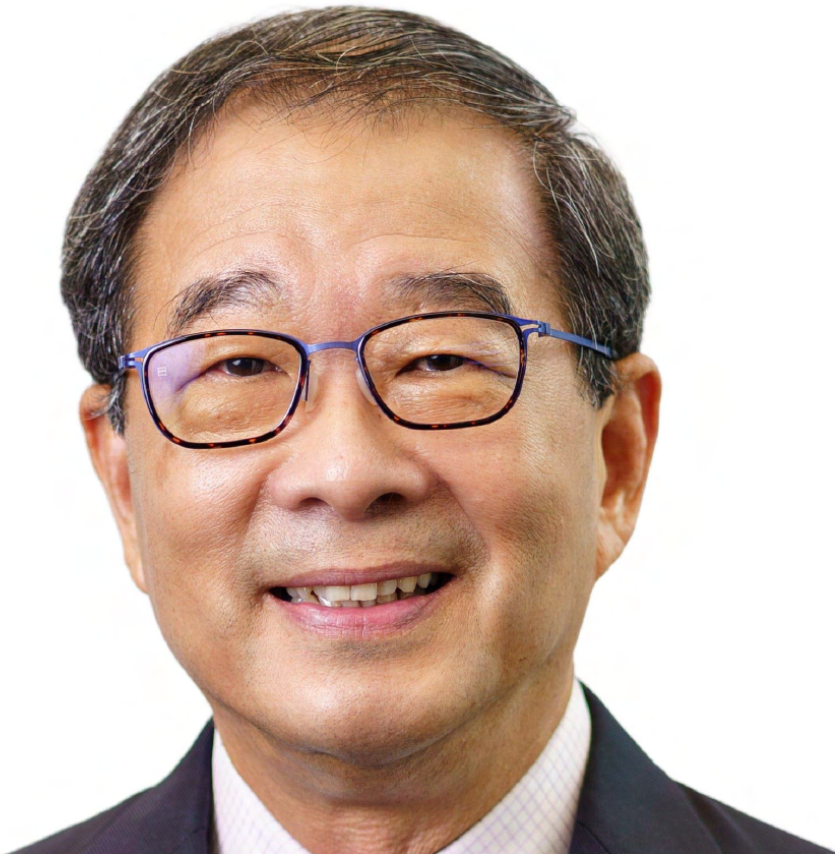
Chief Executive Officer, Climate Impact X

Mikkel Larsen is the Chief Executive Officer of Climate Impact X (CIX), a global marketplace, auctions house and exchange for trusted carbon credits based in Singapore. He is responsible for developing and executing CIX's vision to scale carbon markets through transparency and integrity, as well as build trust for and bring to market the next wave of impactful carbon credit solutions. Mr Larsen was one of the early pioneers of the international Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and of Singapore's Emerging Stronger Taskforce, a public-private partnership to develop a more carbon-conscious society. Prior to his current role, he was the Group Chief Sustainability Officer and chair of the Sustainability Council at DBS Bank. He has also held leadership positions at UBS, Citigroup and KPMG in Europe. He is involved in numerous international and Singaporean sustainability-related councils and committees. These include the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Natural Climate Solutions Alliance (NCS Alliance), and World Wildlife Fund Advisory Council (Singapore), amongst others.

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George LIM SC

Chairman, Singapore International Mediation Centre

George Lim SC is the Chairman of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC). Mr Lim was called to the Singapore Bar in 1982. He was President of the Law Society of Singapore between 1998 and 1999, and appointed Senior Counsel in 2010. Mr Lim was Singapore's mediation consultant to UNCITRAL Working Group II, which led to the adoption of the Singapore Convention on Mediation. He is SIMC's representative to UNCITRAL Working Group III on ISDS reform. He has mediated investor state disputes and claims against governments. In 2021, he successfully mediated a US\$1b dispute between Posco Energy and FuelCell Energy (reported in Global Arbitration Review, 6 Jan 22).

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Annette MAGNUSSON

Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel

Annette Magnusson is the Co-Founder of Climate Change Counsel, a think-and-do-tank with a mission to mobilise the law and lawyers for climate action. She holds more than 20 years' experience in international law, including from global law firms. Prior to co-founding Climate Change Counsel, Ms Magnusson was Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) for more than ten years. In her practice, Ms Magnusson focuses on leadership and policy advocacy and works with clients and stakeholders to support capacity-building and transition. Ms Magnusson is a frequent speaker on international law, disputes and climate change, and has been listed as a Thought Leader and Global Leader in Who's Who Legal, and "a thought leader and global star" by Global Arbitration Review. She is the author or editor of several publications, including Investment Arbitration and Climate Change (forthcoming 2023), International Arbitration in Sweden – A Practitioner's Guide (2 ed. 2021) and Arbitrating for Peace (2017).

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NG Jern-Fei KC

King's Counsel Advocate, Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice); Arbitrator, Temple Chambers (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)

Ng Jern-Fei KC is an experienced counsel specialising in commercial litigation and arbitration, with extensive experience appearing before courts and tribunals and sitting as arbitrator in different jurisdictions, including England, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Luxembourg. Mr Ng is the fourth English King's Counsel to be admitted to the Singapore Bar and is the only English King's Counsel to have triple affiliation to London, Hong Kong and Singapore. In 2022, he was awarded the Singapore Academy of Law's Merit Award for his contribution in raising the profile of foreign lawyers in Singapore and was appointed by the Chief Justice of Singapore into the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee. Mr Ng is described as a "highly skilled strategist and terrific advocate" that is both "smooth and persuasive" and has an ability to "present practical legal solutions that not only win the battles, but also the war."

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Topic: Debate: Robots are Better Arbitrators and Mediators than Humans



Frauke NITSCHKE

Senior Legal Counsel and Team Leader, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

Frauke Nitschke is a Senior Counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Ms Nitschke serves as the team lead for ICSID staff handling proceedings in English. Ms Nitschke also serves as Secretary of tribunals, conciliation commissions and ad hoc committees in investor-State proceedings conducted pursuant to the ICSID Convention and the ICSID Additional Facility Rules involving a variety of economic sectors and legal instruments. She further leads ICSID's investor-State mediation activities, including the drafting of the ICSID Mediation Rules and amendments to ICSID's conciliation frameworks. She has conducted investment mediation skills trainings for mediators and government officials. She regularly speaks at international conferences on investment mediation and recently chaired ICSID's Investment Mediation Insights seminars. Prior to joining ICSID, Ms Nitschke served in the World Bank's Legal Vice Presidency and the Inspection Panel. She is an accredited mediator and admitted to the D.C. and New York State Bar. She holds a law degree from the Freie Universität Berlin, an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center, and a master's degree in psychology from the FernUniversität Hagen.

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Professor Pietro ORTOLANI
Full Professor, Radboud University

Professor Pietro Ortolani is a Professor of Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He holds a law degree from the University of Pisa and a Ph.D. in arbitration from LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome. Before joining Radboud University, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, a Research Associate at the University of Pisa and a Law Research Associate at Queen Mary, University of London. Professor Ortolani is admitted to the Bar in Italy and he also works as a practitioner, mainly in the field of arbitration. He has experience in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration. He has acted as an expert for the European Parliament and the European Commission. Professor Ortolani has published in many peer-reviewed international journals, including the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and the Leiden Journal of International Law. He regularly acts as reviewer for a wide range of international journals and publishers. In 2016, he won the James Crawford Prize, awarded by the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and Oxford University Press. In 2014,

he has contributed to a European Parliament Study concerning the legal instruments and practice of arbitration in the EU.

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Jelita PANDJAITAN
Partner, Linklaters LLP

Jelita Pandjaitan leads the firm's Litigation, Arbitration & Investigations practice in Asia, focusing on Southeast Asia, as well as Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, where she practised for 10 years before relocating to Singapore. Ms Pandjaitan advises and represents clients on their most complex cross-border and multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes, whether seeking resolution through arbitration, litigation, mediation or negotiation. In her arbitration practice, she specialises in financial and energy and resource arbitrations in Hong Kong and Singapore, using all the major institutions and rules (such as SIAC, HKIAC, ICC, and UNCITRAL), including obtaining interim injunctive relief and enforcing arbitral awards in regional courts. She has been appointed by both the SIAC and the ICC as a sole or co-arbitrator. Ms Pandjaitan also has extensive experience in financial regulatory and internal conduct investigations, for global banks and professional services firms.

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Professor Maud PIERS

Associate Professor, Ghent University; Vice-President, Belgian Centre of Arbitration and Mediation (Cepani)

Professor Maud Piers is an Associate Professor at Ghent University (Belgium) and the Director of the Center for the Future of Dispute Resolution. She is considered one of the thought leaders on artificial intelligence in dispute resolution and, through her edited book ‘Arbitration in the Digital Age: the Brave New World of Arbitration’ was recognised as one of the pioneers of digitalisation in arbitration. She puts her expertise at the service of the legal community, for instance, as vice-president of Cepani (Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation) and as a member of VIAC’s Legal Tech Think Tank, and she regularly acts as an arbitrator and expert in domestic and international arbitrations. She has over a hundred publications on arbitration law, is a frequently sought after speaker at arbitration and dispute resolution conferences, and was the founder of and is currently an editor (and former editor-in-chief) for b-Arbitra, i.e. the Belgian Review for Arbitration.

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Samantha J. ROWE

Partner, International Dispute Resolution Group, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Samantha J. Rowe is a partner in the London office of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. Her practice focuses on international arbitration and public international law, representing private clients and States in arbitrations governed by various substantive laws and conducted under the rules of the ICSID, UNCITRAL, SIAC, the ICC and the LCIA. Ms Rowe has been named to The Lawyer’s Hot 100 list, which recognises the profession’s most innovative and inspirational lawyers, noting the “precedent-setting cases” she advises on. She was also named a Rising Star for international arbitration by Law360, a UK Rising Star, and a Rising Star in the Commercial Arbitration practice category at the inaugural Euromoney Legal Media Group Europe Rising Stars Awards. Chambers & Partners UK (2022) and The Legal 500 UK (2023) recommend her for International Arbitration, with the guides noting that she is “extremely professional and knowledgeable” and that she is a “brilliant advocate.”

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Jaikanth SHANKAR

Chief Executive Officer, Davinder Singh Chambers LLC

Jaikanth Shankar is the Chief Executive Officer of Davinder Singh Chambers LLC. He undertakes a broad range of work in the areas of international commercial arbitration, international investment treaty arbitration, commercial litigation and insolvency. He also has an active investigations practice. He regularly appears before the Singapore Courts and has been involved in arbitrations under various institutions. Mr Shankar has handled joint venture and shareholder disputes, claims involving fraud, breaches of directors' duties, complex contractual and commercial disputes, employment disputes, cases involving white-collar crime as well as insolvency-related disputes. He has also acted for high-profile clients in defamation suits. Mr Shankar has been consistently recognised for his counsel work in notable publications. He has been described as a “top – notch lawyer”, a “brilliant court advocate”, an “excellent strategist who pays attention to detail” and as having “an encyclopaedic knowledge of Singapore law”.

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Takashi TAKASHIMA

Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Takashi Takashima is a Legal Officer at the International Trade Law Division (ITLD) of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which functions as the substantive secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He manages UNCITRAL's project on the stocktaking of dispute resolution in the digital economy (DRDE) and assists in the servicing of UNCITRAL Working Group II on dispute settlement. From April 2018 to September 2022, he was Senior Attorney with the Japanese Ministry of Justice. He started his career as Judge of the Tokyo District Court in 2003 and has experience serving as Judge of various courts in Japan for 12 years. From 2009 to 2011, he was second secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 09:50 - 10:30

Topic: Panel Discussion: Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy (DRDE)



THIO Shen Yi SC

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Thio Shen Yi SC read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He topped the English Bar Examinations, and was called to the Singapore Bar in 1993. Since then, he has practiced exclusively in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at age 40 and elected a Master Bencher of The Middle Temple in 2016. He served as the President of the Law Society, and as Vice-President of the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law from 2015-2016. Mr Thio has been consistently recognised in leading law journals, such as Chambers & Partners Global, Asialaw Profiles, Legal500 Asia Pacific and Who's Who Legal. He was named Lawyer of the Year, Benchmark Litigation (2020 Edition).

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 16:15 - 17:30

Topic: Debate: Robots are Better Arbitrators and Mediators than Humans



Justice Mata TUATAGALOA

Judge, Supreme Court of Samoa

A graduate of the University of Waikato (New Zealand) and the University of New South Wales (Australia), Justice Mata Tuatagaloa is the first woman to be sworn in as a judge in Samoa; in 2011 as a District Court Judge and in August 2015 to the Supreme Court. She also presides over the Samoa Alcohol and Drugs Court that was launched in February 2016. She is part of Samoa's Judiciary trained in mediation and also presides over Judicial Settlement Conferences. A New Zealand Prime Minister Fellow in 2019.

Speaker For

29 August 2023, 12:00 - 12:45

Topic: Panel Discussion: Navigating Inter-Cultural Needs in Mediation and Arbitration