

**UNCITRAL's Dispute Resolution in the Digital Economy Initiative  
(Hosted at Sciences Po Law School)**

## Speakers

**Presentation Topic: AI in arbitration, e-document production**



**Ms. Yas Banifatemi**  
Founding Partner, Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes

Dr. Yas Banifatemi is a founding partner of Gaillard Banifatemi Disputes. Prior to that, she was co-Head of the International Arbitration group of Shearman & Sterling, alongside late Professor Emmanuel Gaillard. Yas acts as counsel, arbitrator and expert. She is a member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, a former Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and a former member of the LCIA Court. She is listed on the ICSID panel of arbitrators, appointed by the Chairman of ICSID's Administrative Council. Yas is also the President of the International Arbitration Institute (IAI).

She teaches at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School and Panthéon-Sorbonne University. In 2019, she gave a course at The Hague Academy of International Law on the powers of the arbitrators. She co-founded and was the first Secretary-General of the Arbitration Academy.

**Presentation Topic: A study on the use of technology in dispute resolution**



**Mr. Harold Epineuse**  
Deputy Director, Institute des Études et de la Recherche  
sur le Droit et la Justice

Harold Epineuse a travaillé pendant vingt ans auprès d'organisations internationales, de gouvernements ou d'institutions judiciaires de plus de quarante pays en tant qu'expert ou consultant sur les politiques de justice et la réforme des institutions. Avocat et universitaire de formation, il entreprend de lancer une activité de conseil et de valorisation de contenus scientifiques dans le champ juridique qui l'amène à intervenir pour et devant des publics variés : professionnels, organismes de formation, éditeurs ou médias, en France comme à l'étranger. Familier des projets européens et des activités de coopération, il entame alors une collaboration avec le ministère des affaires

étrangères sur les sujets de mondialisation juridique et des politiques de développement. Après avoir exercé à Washington pendant quatre ans comme conseiller auprès de la Vice-présidente et directrice juridique du groupe Banque Mondiale, il rejoint la direction des services judiciaires du ministère de la justice français, puis l'inspection générale de la justice. Il collabore depuis de longues années à l'institut des hautes études sur la justice dont il est nommé secrétaire général adjoint à son retour en France. Membre de la mission de préfiguration du futur groupement d'intérêt public IERDJ, il en devient le directeur adjoint au 1er janvier 2022.

**Presentation Topic: Case management**



**Mr. Lars Markert**  
**Partner, Nishimura & Asahi**

Dr. Lars Markert is a partner in Nishimura and Asahi's international dispute resolution group in Tokyo, with a practice focused on commercial and investment arbitrations. He has particular expertise in contentious proceedings involving post-M&A, commercial, construction, and distribution matters, in areas such as life sciences, automotive, and energy, and has been involved in international arbitrations as counsel and arbitrator under a wide variety of arbitration rules.

**Presentation Topic: Digital awards**



**Mr. Pietro Ortolani**  
**Professor of Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University**

Pietro Ortolani is a Professor of Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University, in 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, and a Law Research Associate at Queen Mary, University of London.

**Presentation Topic: Interim measures on preservation of assets**



**Mr. Pierre-Olivier Savoie**  
**Partner of Savoie Arbitration**

Pierre-Olivier Savoie is the founder of Savoie Arbitration, an international dispute resolution firm based in Paris, founded in 2016. Pierre-Olivier acted in over 40 arbitration matters as counsel and frequently acts as arbitrator, in particular in ICC commercial cases, as well as panelist in NAFTA trade disputes. As counsel, Pierre-Olivier acts in investment treaty arbitrations and commercial arbitrations and also has extensive enforcement experience before French courts.

**Presentation Topic: Conflict Checker and its impact on arbitration**



**Mr. Alexandre Vagenheim,**  
**Head, Impact & Global Relations, Jus Mundi**

Alexandre Vagenheim is VP of Global Legal Data at Jus Mundi where he leads the company's data strategy. Alexandre focus also on extending Jus Mundi's institutional relations and database to all areas of international law. Alexandre is leading Jus Mundi's transformation into a mission-led company.

Alexandre is a French qualified international arbitration and environmental lawyer. He regularly advises and participates in NGO's environmental litigations and has been assisting companies in various aspects of their Environment and Social Governance. Prior to joining Jus Mundi, Alexandre has represented clients in a wide range of matters involving international commercial arbitration, international investment disputes and French court litigation at the former arbitration practice of Castaldi Mourre & Partners in Paris. In addition to his experience as counsel, Alexandre has also acted as secretary to arbitral tribunals in international arbitrations during his time as research assistant to the late Prof. Martin Hunter at Essex Court Chambers, London.

Alexandre was appointed lecturer in international commercial arbitration, investment arbitration and private international law within the LL M program of King's College and at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Alexandre is the author of numerous publications in the field of international business law and arbitration law and is member of several scientific and professional institutions dedicated to international arbitration and environmental

law. Alexandre is fluent in French, English and Italian and has working knowledge of Spanish. He is admitted to the Paris Bar since 2011.

**Presentation Topic: Concluding remarks and ICC's perspectives**



**Ms Francesca Hill Caucat**  
**Head of Operations (DRS),**  
**International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**

Francesca Hill is a King's College London modern foreign languages graduate (French BA Hons) who joined the International Chamber of Commerce in 2012. Before taking up the position of Head of Operations in 2022, for eight years Francesca led the team in charge of the organisational and administrative aspects of interaction between the ICC International Court of Arbitration and its Secretariat. Francesca has participated in various digital enablement projects as part of ICC's ongoing digital transformation programme between 2014-2023. Francesca is fluent in English and French.

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Mr. Takashi Takashima is 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 of the Litigation Bureau and the Minister's Secretariat International Affairs Division of the Japanese Ministry of Justice. Prior to serving for the Japanese Government, he served as Judge of various domestic courts in Japan for 12 years. From 2009 to 2011, he was second secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.