



UNCITRAL Colloquium on the Law of International Trade for a Greener Future

Short Bios of Moderators and Speakers



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Panel 1- Toward Greener Procurement

Moderator



Michel Nussbaumer
Director, Legal Transition Programme, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Before becoming Director of the Legal Transition Programme, which is the EBRD’s initiative to help its countries of operations upgrade their legal framework for business, Michel worked for almost three years as counsel in the banking operations section. There he was responsible for legal aspects of various investments of the Bank, with a particular focus on SME financing.

Michel has practiced as a commercial lawyer in Geneva, Moscow and London. While in private practice, Michel acted as Swiss correspondent for various legal publications and has also published a number of articles on Swiss and Russian legal matters. Michel, who is a Swiss national, received his Masters Degree in Law from the University of California at Berkeley and also was a visiting scholar at Moscow State University.

Speakers



Carina Risvig Hamer
Professor, Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance, University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen)

Carina Risvig Hamer is professor in administrative law and public procurement law at the Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen

She is currently the PI of three larger research projects. One relates to green public procurement “PROCUREGREEN” funded by the independent research fund, Denmark. The PROCUREGREEN research project will provide a unique and unprecedented insight into how green approaches are used in the various parts of the procurement procedures with the aim of making public procurement an important element for green transition and a more sustainable economy.

Prior to her employment in academia, she has been working at the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority for several years (2006-2013). She was part of the Danish EU Presidency team during the negotiations of the 2014 Public Procurement Directives in the spring 2012.



Reto Malacrida

Counsellor and Head of the Government Procurement and Competition Policy Group of the Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Dr. Reto Malacrida, LL.M., MA, LL.M. is Counsellor and Head of the Government Procurement (GPA 2012) and Competition Policy Group with the Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division of the WTO Secretariat in Geneva. As such, he also acts as Secretary to the WTO Committee on Government Procurement. From 1999 to 2019, Reto was a member of the WTO Legal Affairs Division, where he led teams of Secretariat lawyers providing legal assistance and advice to WTO adjudicators in intergovernmental WTO dispute settlement proceedings. He is also a part-time lecturer at, inter alia, the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Model WTO.



Mr. Roberto Caranta

Professor of Law, University of Turin (Turin, Italy)

Roberto Caranta is professor in Administrative Law at the University of Turin (Italy) and works mainly on public procurement with focuses on SPP and on remedies, EU and administrative comparative law with focus on judicial protection. Coordinator of Sustainability and Procurement in International, European, and National Systems - SAPIENS -International Training Network. Member of Purchase Power – Sustainable Public Procurement Through Private Law Enforcement (PurPLE). With Steen Treumer he funded the European Procurement Law Group and edits the European Procurement Law Series, first DJØF, Copenhagen and now with Edward Elgar (K-M. Halonen is today the other co-editor). Professeur invité at the Universities of Marseille – Aix-en-Provence (2016) and Lyon 3 (2023). Co-director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies – CTLS London for the Academic year 2012/13. General rapporteur to the 2014 FIDE Congress in Copenhagen: ‘General Report’ in U. NEERGAARD, C. JACKSON, G.S. ØLYKKE (eds) Public Procurement Law: Limitations, Opportunities and Paradoxes. The XXVI FIDE Congress in Copenhagen, 2014 Congress Publications Vol. 3 (DJØF, 2014). Director for many years of the Master program on Public Procurement management for Sustainable Development with ITCILO. Vice President of the

Procurement Review Board of the European Space Agency - ESA. He has drafted studies and conducted training for various UN and EU institutions. He has authored and edited many books and more than 200 works.



Christopher R. Yukins

Lynn David Research Professor in Government
Procurement Law, George Washington University
(Washington, DC)

Professor Christopher Yukins teaches in the government procurement law program at George Washington University Law School, the leading program of its kind in the United States. He teaches contract formations and performance issues in public procurement, bid protests and claims litigation, state and local procurement, anti-corruption issues, foreign contracting, procurement reform, and comparative and international law. Professor Yukins has worked on a wide-array of public procurement issues throughout his distinguished career, which includes testifying before Congress and the European Parliament, lecturing at various universities in Europe, contributing to the UN's Guidebook on Anti-Corruption in Public Procurement, and working on the reform of the UN's Commission on International Trade law (UNCITRAL) Model Procurement Law. He is a faculty advisor to the *Public Contract Law Journal*, is a member of the editorial board of the *European Procurement & Public-Private Partnership Law Review* and is on the advisory board of *The Government Contractor*. Professor Yukins also served as a partner at a leading law firm, and currently serves as counsel to the law firm of Arnold & Porter.

Panel 2 - Greening the Supply Chain: A Perspective from the CISG

Moderator



José Angelo Estrella Faria

Principal Legal Officer and Head, Legislative Branch,
at the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

He was the Secretary-General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Unidroit) between 1 October 2008 to 31 July 2017.

A staff member of the United Nations since 1992, he was responsible for UNCITRAL work on Public-Private Partnerships and electronic commerce. He also supervised the work of Working Group III (Transport Law) between 2005 and 2008, during the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (the “Rotterdam Rules”) and was the Secretary of UNCITRAL Working Group VI during the negotiation of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships. As Head of the UNCITRAL Legislative Branch, he also supervises all legislative work of UNCITRAL, including the recently adopted UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts and the ongoing work on negotiable cargo documents.

Mr. Estrella Faria is a national of Brazil. He graduated from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre, Brazil) and holds a Master of European Law from the Europa Institut der Universität des Saarlandes (Saarbrücken, Germany). He has published various articles and books on legal harmonisation, commercial law, cultural property law and international law. He has lectured at various universities and is a member of the Curatorium of the Xiamen Academy of International Law, the American Law Institute, the European Law Institute and is an Associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

Speakers



Yesim M. Atamer
Professor of Law, University of Zurich (Zurich,
Switzerland)

Yesim M. Atamer holds the Chair for Private Law, Commercial Law, European and Comparative Law at University of Zurich, Faculty of Law since February 2020. Before that she worked at Bern University and Istanbul Bilgi University. Her main areas of research are law of obligations, especially comparative contract law, harmonization of European contract law, law of domestic and international sale of goods, regulation and contract law. As a scholar of the European Union Jean Monnet program, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Max Planck Society, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (*Unidroit*) she has conducted research in Lausanne, Basel, Rome, Munich, Hamburg and Cambridge (USA). In 2007, she received the Distinguished Young Scientist Award from the Turkish Academy of Sciences, and in 2019, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Hamburg. She is elected titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, the Science Academy, Turkey, and the Academia Europaea. Atamer became elected member of the CISG Advisory Council in 2013 and wrote the AC opinion No 14 on interest under the CISG. She is a contributor to the major commentary on the Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts edited by Vogenauer (2nd edition Oxford University Press, 2015), the CISG commentary edited by Kröll, Mistelis and Perales Viscasillas (2nd edition, Hart Publishing, 2018) and the CISG commentary edited by Schlechtriem/Schwenzer/Schroeter (8th edition Beck/Nomos/ Hart Publishing, 2024). She has been active in legal practice as arbitrator and legal expert in national and international disputes.



Henry Gabriel
Professor of Law at Elon University (Elon, USA)

Henry Gabriel is a Professor of Law at Elon University. He served four terms as a member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, and for the last twenty-five years has been a United States delegate to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Electronic Commerce. He is an Elected and Life Member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the European Law Institute, and a Commissioner and Life Member of the American Uniform Law Commission.



Edgardo Muñoz López
Professor of Law, Universidad Panamericana
(Guadalajara, Mexico)

Edgardo Muñoz is a Professor at Universidad Panamericana's School of Law in Mexico. Beyond his academic responsibilities, he has acted as an arbitrator & counsel in numerous arbitral proceedings across different jurisdictions and legal systems.

He is licensed to practice law in California, the United States, and Mexico. Prof. Muñoz's academic journey includes law studies in Mexico (Lic. Iur. UIA) and France (DEUF, Lyon III), followed by two Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees—one from the University of Liverpool, UK, and another from the University of California, Berkeley, USA. He also holds a Doctor of Laws (Ph.D.), summa cum laude, from Basel University, Switzerland.

Muñoz has held positions as a Visiting Professor and Scholar at the University of Turin, Italy, Columbia University Law School in New York, McGill University School of Law, and the University of Montreal School of Law in Canada. He is a Member of the CISG Advisory Council, the ITA Academic Council, and serves as a Correspondent of UNIDROIT in Mexico.





Hiroo Sono
Professor of Law, Hokkaido University (Hokkaido,
Japan)

Hiroo Sono is Professor of Law of Hokkaido University Law School, Japan. His main fields of research interest are contract law, international commercial law, and harmonization of private law. He has published extensively in Japanese and English in these fields. A significant part of his work relates to the CISG. He has been one of the founding members of the CISG Advisory Council (CISG-AC) since 2001 and the Global Private Law Forum (GPLF) of Japan since 2014. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Counsellor at the Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice, where he was responsible for Japan's accession to the CISG. He also contributed as an expert to the drafting of the "HCCH/UNIDROIT/UNCITRAL Legal Guide to Uniform Legal Instruments in the Area of International Commercial Contracts (with a Focus on Sales)" (2020) and the UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (2011). In fields other than the CISG, he served as the Japanese delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group VI (Security Interests) (2008-2018); a member of the UNIDROIT Working Group for the Model Law on Warehouse Receipts (2020-2024); and the Japanese delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group I (Warehouse Receipts) (2023-2024). He is also a Correspondent to UNIDROIT since 2015.

Thursday, 24 October 2024

Panel 3 - Enhancing Climate Action Through Public-Private Partnerships

Moderator	
	<p>Don Wallace Chairman, International Law Institute</p>
<p>Don Wallace, Jr, Yale University BA, Harvard University, LLB, Professor of Law, Georgetown University; Chairman, International Law Institute; US delegate to UNCITRAL; vice president UNIDROIT Foundation; member, American Law Institute; former chairman, International Law Section, American Bar Association; co-author, International Investment Arbitration (Oxford University Press, 2019); author, editor other books and articles; other memberships</p>	
Speakers	
	<p>Jean-Christophe Barth-Coullaré Executive Director, World Association of PPP Units & Professionals (WAPPP)</p>
<p>Jean-Christophe Barth is the Executive Director of the World Association of PPP Units & Professionals, an international non-government organization acting as a catalyst for the PPP profession and harnessing the power of a global network of PPP Units and PPP practitioners for the furtherance of the UN 2030 agenda.</p> <p>JC is a 2024 Judge Weinstein JAMS Foundation International Fellow.</p> <p>As a commercial mediator (accredited by FEDERATION SUISSE MEDIATION and the French-German Chamber of Commerce), he also facilitates commercial deals internationally. He focusses on efficient project negotiation and the delivery of #NextLevelPPP infrastructure that encompass climate resilience and include the Sustainable Development Goals framework to de risk projects and ensure value delivery for the beneficiaries. He's also passionate about good governance and has co-authored a guide on Early-Stage Governance. He teaches Governance, Sales & Contract Negotiation and Protecting your Brand and your Business at various academic institutions.</p>	



Fuguo Cao
Professor of Law, Dean of the China Academy of PPP Governance, Central University of Finance and Economics (Beijing)

CAO Fuguo, Ph.D, is Professor of Law, Law School and School of Public Finance & Taxation, Central University of Finance and Economics(CUFE); Dean, Chinese Academy of PPP Governance, CUFE; Director, China Institute for Sustainable Public Procurement, CUFE; Director and Chief Scientist, China Major PPP Legislative Research Project(2015-2022), National Planning Office for Social Science Foundation; Deputy President, China Energy Law Society.



Cedric van Riel
Head of Business Development, Sustainable Infrastructure Foundation (SIF - Source)

Graduated from a Global Compact Master in International Management, Cédric has over 14 years of experience in sustainability, project management and digitalisation in both International Organizations and in multinational companies in Europe, Latin America, Africa and China. Cedric has extensive experience in delivering and managing capacity building program notably with the United Nations, Indian Ocean Commission, and academic experience with the University of Lille (France). Before joining SIF, Cédric was a sustainable development advisor in the Hauts-de-France region, participating in the implementation of the Third Industrial Revolution master plan, on energy transition and digitalisation, initiated by Jeremy Rifkin. Cédric is also an APMG Certified Public and Private Partnership Professional.



Assiba Djemaoun
PPP Coordinator, AFD Group

27 years of experience in implementing public action through public procurement contracts and PPPs, acquired during her professional career:

- ▶ **As PPP expert and PPP coordinator of the AFD group;**
- ▶ **As PPP Technical Advisor** to the Economic and Monetary Union Commission of West Africa for the implementation of a PPP strategy and a PPP legal and institutional framework;
- ▶ **As a lawyer in the management of PPP projects;**
- ▶ **As Project Director in charge of legal affairs of the French PPP Unit;**
- ▶ **As head of the public procurement department at the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry:** public procurement and public service delegations (concessions) ;

Title - Diplomas: Lawyer - Diploma of Higher Studies Specializing in public law: jurist of local authorities - Diploma of Higher Studies Specializing in public law public law: «local administration» - Master's degree in public law - Master's degree in history



Jane Jamieson
Program Manager, Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF) and the Quality Infrastructure Investment Partnership (QII Partnership)

Jane Jamieson is the Program Manager for two trust funds administered by the World Bank that focus on infrastructure: the [Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility](#) and the [Quality Infrastructure Investment Partnership](#). Ms. Jamieson, a British national, brings over 20 years of technical and managerial experience in delivering infrastructure projects and programs in developing countries. This includes delivering Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), technical expertise in the water sector, and wide-ranging knowledge of international development policy and practice from living and working in Asia, South America, and Africa. Ms. Jamieson joined the World Bank Group in 2010 in IFC's PPP Advisory Services, where she undertook PPP transactions and business development, primarily in the water sector in Africa. Prior to the World Bank Group, Ms. Jamieson worked at the UK Department for International Development (DFID, now FCDO), where she led DFID's policy and programs to support private sector participation in infrastructure and acted as Infrastructure Advisor to a range of DFID country programs in Central Asia, China, and Guyana. Ms. Jamieson holds master's degrees in engineering from the University of Southampton, UK and Ecole Nationale du Génie de l'Eau et de l'Environnement de Strasbourg, France.

Panel 4 - Better Settlement of Climate Change Disputes: A View from UNCITRAL

Moderator



Judith Knieper
Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat

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 and is responsible for Mediation.

Until her appointment to the Secretariat, she had been working in South East Europe from 1998 to 2013 for numerous donors/organizations, e.g. OSCE, CoE, World Bank and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

She obtained both Legal State Exams in Frankfurt, Germany as well as her PhD and is also qualified and certified as a Mediator.

Speakers



Aisha Abdallah
Head of Disputes, Anjarwalla & Khanna LLP-ANL
Kenya (Nairobi)

Aisha is a Partner at ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna where she heads the regional Dispute Resolution department. She has substantial experience in complex, high value cross border disputes and is dual qualified as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Solicitor of England and Wales. Aisha was nominated by the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce to the board of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration in 2021. Her other appointments include head of the governing council of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and as a member of its Proceeding Committee. She is also on the AFSA panel of arbitrators and is a member of the Africa Users Group for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the African Arbitration Association and the Delos Board of Advisors. Aisha was also the lead author of the Kenyan chapter of the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th editions of the International Arbitration Review. Aisha is rated and recognised by both Chambers Global and Legal 500 for her work. She is the first female and second African lawyer to be admitted to the International Association for Defence Counsel, an invitation-only group of distinguished litigation counsel.



Tomoko Ishikawa

Vice Dean and Professor, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University (Nagoya, Japan)

Tomoko Ishikawa is Professor at Nagoya University in Japan. She has served as an ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) Conciliator, appointed by the Chairman of the Administrative Council (2017–2023), a member of the Legal Advisory Committee of the Energy Charter Treaty, an arbitrator at Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, and a mediator at the Kyoto International Mediation Centre. Her professional experiences include serving as an Associate Judge at Tokyo District Court and holding the position of Deputy Director at the International Legal Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, where she worked on bilateral/trilateral investment treaties, Free Trade Agreements, and WTO dispute settlement. Currently, she is leading a multidisciplinary research programme funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science entitled ‘Building Climate Change Governance through Multistakeholder Cooperation: The Case of Low-Carbon Hydrogen Projects’ (July 2023-March 2029). Her recent publication includes Tomoko Ishikawa, *Corporate Environmental Responsibility in Investor-State Dispute Settlement: The Unexhausted Potential of Current Mechanisms* (Cambridge University Press, 2022) and Tomoko Ishikawa and Yarik Kryvoi (eds.), *Public and Private Governance of Cybersecurity: Challenges and Potential* (Cambridge University Press, 2023).



Annette Magnusson

Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel

Annette Magnusson is an independent expert and consultant with the think tank Climate Change Counsel. Her practice focuses on international climate law, international investment law and arbitration, and the role of lawyers in the climate transition.

Prior to co-founding Climate Change Counsel in 2021, Annette was Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC). She holds more than 25 years’

experience of international law, including from global law firms, and is the founder of the crowdsourcing initiative Stockholm Treaty Lab.

Annette is a frequent speaker on law and climate change, and co-editor of international publications. She is listed as highly recommended in Who's Who Legal for "significant experience in complex investment and commercial arbitration proceedings".



Wendy Miles KC
Barrister, Twenty Essex (London) and Representative,
Net Zero Lawyers Alliance

Wendy Miles KC is a member at Twenty Essex and specialises in international arbitration and dispute resolution with a focus on private and public international law. She has over 25 years of experience advising on international law matters and conducting arbitrations under all the major institutions and ad hoc. She has advised a wide range of multinationals, including corporates, sovereign States and State entities, and multilateral State organisations. Wendy acts as counsel in arbitration and court proceedings across numerous sectors, including energy, natural resources, banking, insurance, financial services, gaming, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, licensing, telecommunications, and construction. Wendy also regularly sits as arbitrator and has been appointed by the United Kingdom to the ICSID Panel of arbitrators and ICSID Panel of conciliators effective from 10 November 2020. She has been a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration for almost a decade (the last five years as a Vice President) and has had insight into hundreds of arbitrations, dealing with myriad ICC court-mandated procedural issues and final award scrutiny. In the field of climate change and finance, Wendy acts as global coordinating counsel to various major corporates in relation to climate change transition, disclosure, reporting, compliance and investment. She also works closely with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and has represented it at the Conferences of the Parties on climate since 2015.



Kamalia Mehtiyeva
Professor of Law, University Paris-Est Créteil (Paris)

Kamalia Mehtiyeva is a Professor of Law at the University of Paris-Est Créteil (France) where she co-directs LLM in International Arbitration and International Economic Litigation. Her teaching and research fields focus on international arbitration law, civil procedure, mutual legal assistance in

both civil and criminal matters, international sanctions, parallel proceedings as well as international enforcement.

Kamalia's doctoral dissertation (Sorbonne University) focused on "The Notion of Judicial Cooperation" (La notion de coopération judiciaire, LGDJ, t. 597, 2020). Her dissertation was awarded the International Law Prize of the French Branch of the International Law Association. She is also author of the annual digest on international mutual legal assistance ("La chronique de coopération judiciaire internationale") for the Journal du Droit international (Clunet). In her research, Kamalia focuses on parallel proceedings, in particular arbitration and criminal proceedings as well as administrative or regulatory proceedings, namely in environmental and climate-change disputes.

Kamalia is admitted to the Paris bar. Prior to becoming a Professor of law, she practiced in the Public International Law and Arbitration Group of Shearman & Sterling in Paris (2007-2014). She is the co-founder of the law firm Barbier Mehtiyeva Law. Kamalia's practice as counsel focuses on energy, including renewable energy, natural resources and renewable energy technology and infrastructure construction disputes.

Kamalia regularly sits as arbitrator, conducting proceedings in French, English, Russian and Turkish.

Kamalia is also a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.