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Ways and Means of Peaceful Resolution of International Disputes

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- Arbitration as a Mode of Settlement of Dispute Related to the Belt and Road Initiative
- Monetary Interest in Arbitral Proceedings
- Arbitration and Mediation as Complimentary Mechanisms
- Arbitral Interpretation of International Commercial Contracts: The Role of the Applicable Domestic Law
- Arbitration and Corruption

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- **Language: English**
- **Tuition Fees: HK$25,000** inclusive of
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PROGRAMME

Time/ Date	28 November (Saturday)	30 November (Monday)	1 December (Tuesday)	2 December (Wednesday)	3 December (Thursday)	4 December (Friday)
09:00 I 12:00	Ways and Means of Peaceful Resolution of International Disputes Jean-Marc Thouvenin *Secretary-General* *The Hague Academy of International Law*	**Lecture 1 (I):** Arbitration as a Mode of Settlement of Dispute Related to the Belt and Road Initiative Anthony Neoh *Chairman* *Asian Academy of International Law* and Anatole Boute *Professor* *Faculty of Law* *The Chinese University of Hong Kong*	**Lecture 1 (II):** Arbitration as a Mode of Settlement of Dispute Related to the Belt and Road Initiative Anthony Neoh *Chairman* *Asian Academy of International Law* and Anatole Boute *Professor* *Faculty of Law* *The Chinese University of Hong Kong*	**Lecture 3 (I):** Arbitration and Mediation as Complimentary Mechanisms Teresa Cheng *Secretary-General* *International Organization for Mediation* and Julien Chaisse *Professor* *School of Law* *City University of Hong Kong*	**Lecture 4 (I):** Arbitral Interpretation of International Commercial Contracts: The Role of the Applicable Domestic Law Giuditta Cordero-Moss *Professor* *University of Oslo, Norway*	**Lecture 5 (II):** Arbitration and Corruption Nicola Bonucci *Associate Professor of International Law* *Université Paris Cité*
12:00 I 14:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:00 I 17:00	**[14:00-14:15] Special Remarks** Paul Lam Ting-kwok *Secretary for Justice* *The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China* Ways and Means of Peaceful Resolution of International Disputes Jean-Marc Thouvenin *Secretary-General* *The Hague Academy of International Law*	**Lecture 2 (I):** Monetary Interest in Arbitral Proceedings Caroline Kleiner *Professor* *Université Paris Cité*	**Lecture 2 (II):** Monetary Interest in Arbitral Proceedings Caroline Kleiner *Professor* *Université Paris Cité*	**Lecture 3 (II):** Arbitration and Mediation as Complimentary Mechanisms Teresa Cheng *Secretary-General* *International Organization for Mediation* and Julien Chaisse *Professor* *School of Law* *City University of Hong Kong*	**Lecture 5 (I):** Arbitration and Corruption Nicola Bonucci *Associate Professor of International Law* *Université Paris Cité*	**Lecture 4 (II):** Arbitral Interpretation of International Commercial Contracts: The Role of the Applicable Domestic Law Giuditta Cordero-Moss *Professor* *University of Oslo, Norway*
				[17:30-18:30] **Visit** International Organization for Mediation		

INTRODUCTORY COURSE

SPEAKERS

(Listed in order of appearance)



Jean-Marc Thouvenin

Secretary-General
The Hague Academy of International Law

Professor Thouvenin is Secretary-General of The Hague Academy of International Law since 2017, and Associate Member of the Institut de droit international since 2019. He teaches at the Université Paris-Nanterre. He is member of the Board and former Secretary-General of the French Society for International Law and former Director of the Center for International Law of his University. He is a member of the American Society of International Law and International Law Association. He is a member of the editorial board of different law reviews, including *Annuaire Français de Droit International*. Also, as a Partner in the Law Firm SYGNA PARTNERS, he has appeared as counsel and advocate in a number of cases before the International Court of Justice, the ITLOS (International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea), the PCA (Permanent Court of Arbitration), the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the European Court of Justice.

SPECIAL REMARKS



Paul Lam Ting-kwok GBS SC JP

Secretary for Justice
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor. Mr Lam held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.

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Anthony Neoh SC JP

Chairman
Asian Academy of International Law

Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council from June 2018 to May 2021. Elected an Academician of the Eurasian Academy of Sciences and Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance and the Hong Kong Institute of Investment and Securities, he is internationally recognised as an expert in financial law and regulation and is also an active international arbitrator.



Anatole Boute

Professor
Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Boute is specialising in energy, environmental, and investment law. He is the founder and coordinator of The Chinese University of Hong Kong's LLM Programme in Energy and Environmental Law. He earned his degrees in Political Science and Law and obtained an advanced LLM in Energy and Environmental Law from the University of Leuven. He completed his PhD at the University of Groningen on the modernisation of Russia's electricity production sector. In 2005, he was called to the Brussels bar where he practiced until 2009 with the Energy Law team of Janson Baugniet, advising on renewable energy promotion, energy-market liberalisation, and carbon emissions trading. He has advised major international institutions, including United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Energy Agency, the Energy Charter Secretariat, and the International Finance Corporation Russia Renewable Energy Program of the World Bank (2011–2016). He is the author of *Energy Security along the New Silk Road: Energy Law and Geopolitics in Central Asia* and has published extensively in leading peer-reviewed journals. In 2009, he was awarded the Willoughby Prize for his energy law research.

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Caroline Kleiner

Professor
Université Paris Cité

Caroline Kleiner lectures international arbitration law, banking law, private international law and international banking and financial law. She is the director of the Master program in Business law, Banking, Finance and Fintechs and is the co-director of the same program in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. As a member of the 'Haut Comité Juridique de la Place financière de Paris', she is involved in discussions on banking and financial legislation. She is also active in international fora, such as UNIDROIT, for the working group on the legal regime for carbon credits, and The Hague Conference for Private International Law, where she's a member of the French delegation for three working groups, on digital tokens, central bank digital currencies, and carbon credits. Her research focuses on international monetary and banking law and international commercial arbitration. She is the co-author, together with Franco Ferrari and Friedrich Rosenfeld of *Arbitrage Commercial International*. *Une approche comparative*, and publishes extensively on various topics of international monetary, banking and financial law, notably on international financial sanctions. In addition, she is the Scientific Director of the LexisNexis *Jurisclasseur de droit bancaire et financier* (Encyclopaedia of banking and financial law). She acts as a legal consultant and arbitrator.



Teresa Cheng GBM GBS SC JP

Secretary-General
International Organization for Mediation

Professor Teresa Cheng is the inaugural Secretary-General of the International Organization for Mediation (IOMed). She was the former Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region from January 2018 to June 2022. Professor Cheng served as the Vice Chairman of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce and of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration. In 2008, she was elected as the world-wide President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was the first Asian female to take that role. She served as a member of the World Bank Sanctions Board. She was the President of the 59th AALCO Annual Session held in 2021. Professor Cheng has vast experience in dispute resolution and has been involved in complex international commercial and international investment cases as counsel, arbitrator and mediator. She was a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Arbitrators designated by Chairman of ICSID Administrative Council in 2011 and designated by China in 2017. She has sat as arbitrator in investor-State disputes administered by ICSID and the PCA and as member of *ad hoc* committees in ICSID annulment proceedings. Academically, she is an Adjunct Professor of Tsinghua University.

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Julien Chaisse

Professor
School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Julien Chaisse is Professor and RGC Senior Research Fellow at City University of Hong Kong School of Law. His interdisciplinary research links international economic law, political theory, political economy, technology and dispute resolution. He is Editor in Chief of the *Journal of World Investment & Trade*, Area Editor of *Data & Policy*, and writes the bimonthly 'Global Lawyer' column for Financial Times' *fDi Intelligence*. He has been included in Stanford University's Top 2% Scientists list for 2023, 2024 and 2025; his work has been cited by international tribunals and domestic courts. His academic service includes two elected roles: Vice Chair of the American Society of International Law's International Law & Technology Interest Group since 2026, and elected member of the Steering Committee of the Academic Forum on Investor State Dispute Settlement since 2024. He also chairs the Asia Pacific FDI Network, serves as Hong Kong's delegate to the Asia WTO Research Network, and sits on the advisory board of the Asian Academy of International Law. For two decades, he has advised companies, governments and international organisations on treaty negotiations and domestic law reform in more than 30 jurisdictions. He has adjudicated more than 50 transnational disputes. He is a member of Hong Kong's Board of Review and is included on the European Union's List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators. His appointments include DIAC, SIAC, SHIAC, HKIAC, ADNDRC, AALCO and XAAC, where he serves as Chief Expert for its 2026 internationalisation initiative. He has served for the past seven years as a judge at the *Asian Legal Business* Hong Kong Law Awards. Before joining City University of Hong Kong, he held posts at the World Trade Institute (Switzerland), University of Antwerp (Belgium), Sciences Po Aix (France) and the Embassy of France in India, with visiting appointments at Columbia, Oxford, Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Melbourne and Tokyo.



Giuditta Cordero-Moss

Professor
University of Oslo, Norway

Giuditta Cordero-Moss, Dr Juris (Oslo), PhD (Moscow), is a professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Oslo, where she teaches International Commercial Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law and Norwegian Law of Obligations. An originally Italian lawyer, she was a corporate lawyer for years before joining the academia, where she researches the issues that she had met in her practice and meets as an arbitrator. She publishes in Norway and internationally and is often invited to lecture internationally. She gave special lectures at The Hague Academy of International Law in 2014, and was the co-director of the Academy's Centre for Studies and Research on arbitration and the applicable law (2021). She is the president of the International Academy of Comparative Law (2022–2026), and a member of the Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law (2019–2024); International Court of Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce (2018–2024); UNCITRAL Working Group II on Arbitration (since 2007); Norwegian Governmental Tariff Board (2015–2027); Board of the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (Vice Chairman, 2014–2026); Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (since 2016); European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Administrative Tribunal (President, 2017–2020; Judge, 2007–2020).

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Nicola Bonucci

Associate Professor of International Law
Université Paris Cité

Nicola Bonucci worked for more than 26 years at the Legal Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and was its Director for Legal Affairs from 2005 to 2019. He has a particularly relevant experience in anti-corruption and anti-bribery as well as responsible business conduct, having contributed to OECD's efforts in these areas for more than two decades. He was closely involved with the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention (OECD Convention) and acted as the Legal Advisor for the OECD Working Group on Bribery. He also represented the OECD in the G20 Anti-corruption Working Group and was Chair of the IBA Anti-Corruption Committee (ACC). Nicola is also Co-editor of *The OECD Convention on Bribery: A Commentary (2nd edition)*, and wrote in the *Elgar Concise Encyclopaedia of Corruption Law* (Elgar 2023). Following his departure from the OECD, he became for some years a partner in the Investigations & White-Collar Defence Practice at Paul Hastings. Today Mr Bonucci is Associate Professor at the University of Paris Cité, part-time General Counsel of ICCROM in Rome, and an international expert and adviser on anti-corruption and integrity matters. He is Vice-President of the French Society for International Law, and Member of the Advisory Body of the IBA ACC.