



Dispute Resolution in CIS-Related Business Transactions

**Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan,
Russia, Ukraine**

The German-Russian Lawyers' Association (DRJV) and DIS40
kindly invite you to the full-day conference
on 28 February 2019
in Frankfurt, Germany

hosted by the Frankfurt am Main Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Introduction

The conference “Dispute Resolution in CIS-Related Business Transactions” (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine) is organised by the German-Russian Lawyers’ Association (DRJV) and DIS40, the below 40 initiative of the German Arbitration Institute.

This full-day event is kindly hosted by the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK Frankfurt), Börsenplatz 4, 60313 Frankfurt/Main.

The conference language is English (no simultaneous translation will be provided).

The conference will comprise the following panels:

Panel 1: CIS-related disputes from the Western European perspective

Panel 2: Country reports: Recent Developments (case law and reforms)

Panel 3: Country reports: Interaction with state courts, interim measures, recognition and enforcement of court decisions and arbitral awards

Panel 4: CIS-related disputes: The arbitration institutions’ perspective

Panel 5: Investment arbitration in the CIS region: what is going on and what is yet to come?

The speakers are experienced practitioners who regularly act as counsel or arbitrators in CIS-related disputes as well representatives of leading arbitration institutions.

Please note that there might be minor changes to the programme.

The conference may qualify as an advanced training course on the specialised lawyer scheme in Germany (subject to approval by the competent Bar association): *“Die Tagung ist als Fortbildungsveranstaltung für Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht im Sinne von § 15 FAO konzipiert; die genaue Prüfung obliegt allerdings der jeweils zuständigen Rechtsanwaltskammer.”*



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PROGRAMME

08.45h – 9.30h – Registration / Coffee

9.30h – 9.35h – Welcome address by Prof Dr Rainer Wedde, President of DRJV (German Russian Lawyers' Association) & Dr Markus Altenkirch, Senior Associate at Baker & McKenzie, Frankfurt, Co-Chair of DIS40

9.35h – 11.05h – Panel 1: CIS-related disputes from the Western European perspective

- Dr Axel Boës, Partner at Koch Duken Boës, Hamburg
- Greg Fullelove, Partner at Osborne Clarke, London
- Dr Susanne Heger, Partner at Heger & Partner, Vienna
- Dr Volker Knoop, CEO at FORIS AG, Bonn
- Laurence Ponty, Counsel at Archipel, Geneva

Moderator: Michael Hartleben, General Counsel at DSI Underground, Munich/Berlin

11.05h – 11.35h – Coffee Break

11.35h – 13.05h – Panel 2 - Country reports: recent developments (cross-border disputes, case law and reforms)

- Prof Dr Azar Aliyev, Martin-Luther-University, Halle/Saale
- Alexey Anischenko, Partner at Sorainen Attorneys, Minsk
- Dr Gani Bitenov, Consultant at Herbert Smith Freehills, Frankfurt
- Olga Tsvetkova, Counsel at Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partner, Co-Chair RAA40, Moscow
- Serhii Uvarov, Counsel at Integrates, Kyiv

Moderator: Rupert D'Cruz, Barrister at Littleton Chambers, Secretary at the British-Russian Law Association, London

13.05h – 14.00h – Lunch

PROGRAMME (cont'd)

14.00h – 15.30h – Panel 3 – Country reports: Interaction with state courts, interim measures, recognition and enforcement of court decisions and arbitral awards

- Prof Dr Azar Aliyev, Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle/Saale
- Elena Burova, Legal Counsel at the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration, Moscow
- Oksana Karel, Senior Associate at Arzinger, Kyiv
- Alexandre Khrapoutski, Partner at SBH Law Offices, Minsk
- Valikhan Shaikenov, Partner at Aequitas, Almaty

Moderator: Nata Ghibradze, Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells, Munich

15.30h – 15.55 – Coffee Break

15.55h – 17.25h – Panel 4 - CIS-related disputes: The arbitration institutions' perspective

- Diana Bayzakova, Director at Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)
- Dr Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Secretary General, Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
- Prof Alexey A. Kostin, Chairman at International Commercial Arbitration Court and Maritime Arbitration Commission at CCI RF, Professor at MGIMO University, Moscow
- Patryk Kulig, Counsel at German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Bonn/Berlin

Moderator: Dr Wolfram Gärtner, Legal Director at HeidelbergCement AG



PROGRAMME (cont'd)

17.25h – 17.40h – Coffee Break

17.40h – 18.25h – Panel 5: Investment arbitration in the CIS region: what is going on and what is yet to come?

- Evgeniya Goriatcheva, Senior Legal Counsel at Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Hague
- Eva Kalnina, Partner at Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva

Moderator: Georg Scherpf, Senior Associate at Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Hamburg

18.25h – 18.30h – Closing remarks

Olga Hamama, Principal Associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Frankfurt

18.30h – 20.00h - Conference drinks

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SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS:



Dr Azar Aliyev, LLM is Associated Professor for International Economic Law and Comparative Law at the Law School of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. His research focus is on the law systems of the region Central Asia and the Caucasus. He teaches inter alia International Commercial Arbitration at the MLU. Besides his current position at the MLU, Azar Aliyev is also a lecturer for Civil Law at the Law School of Baku State University.

He has published on contract law, Public Private Partnership, international investment law and international dispute settlement. Dr. Aliyev could establish vivid contacts to several post-soviet countries: first joint German-Azerbaijan cotutele de thèse (joint PhD) program; joint double degree Master Program on International Economic Law and Comparative Law with Ural State Law University as well as close cooperation with the KAZGUU Law School (Astana) are just several examples.

Azar Aliyev cooperates closely with the GIZ, USAID, UNICTRAL and UNCTAD in the areas of e-commerce, international commercial arbitration law, international investment law and international sales law. Azar Aliyev was involved as expert in several international arbitration and court proceedings.



Dr Markus Altenkirch, LLM is a Senior Associate at Baker McKenzie in Frankfurt. He has advised and represented clients in more than 20 international arbitration cases involving mostly Post-M&A disputes as well as disputes arising from license and distribution agreements (in particular in the pharmaceutical industry).

Moreover, Markus Altenkirch regularly handles complex construction disputes involving the construction of power plants or petro-chemical plants.

Markus Altenkirch teaches at the University of Mainz and regularly publishes in the field of international arbitration. He is the editor of Global Arbitration News, Baker McKenzie's blog on international arbitration, and a Co-Chair of DIS 40.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Alexey Anischenko is a partner and Head of the International Arbitration at Sorainen. He has counsel experience with arbitrations under ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCC, VIAC, IAC and UNCITRAL rules and handles most complex litigations in Belarusian state courts with particular focus on international trade, technology and corporate disputes. Upon completion of the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy Alexey regularly sits as arbitrator under the auspices of the International Arbitration Court of BelCCI and was appointed by parties and institutions in a few cases under the ICC and SCC Rules.

Apart from contentious work Alexey offers extensive experience in drafting and negotiating complex commercial contracts in trade, distribution, services, IP/IT, energy and construction. He is also an accredited mediator.

Alexey is a regular speaker on international trade and dispute resolution topics, co-author of the award-winning textbook on International commercial Arbitration in Belarus and senior lecturer at the Belarusian State University.

Alexey is recognised as a leading practitioner in Belarus by all major directories, including Chambers, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal (also as Future Leader in Arbitration).



Diana Bayzakova is the Director of the Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), which will provide top-class dispute resolution services and state-of-art hearing facilities for users from the CIS region and beyond.

Diana is a dispute resolution expert in the field of telecom, construction, real estate and natural resources sectors with a focus on complex, cross-border disputes pertaining to the MENA and the CIS region.

She acted as a sole arbitrator, on a panel of arbitrators and as lead counsel in international arbitral proceedings around the world with an aggregate value of several billion dollars under a variety of arbitration rules (DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, SCC, ADCCAC and others).

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Dr Gani Bitenov recently joined Frankfurt office of Herbert Smith Freehills Germany LLP becoming a member of the firm's dispute resolution team. Before accepting this position, Gani managed Legal, Corporate Governance, Risk Management & Compliance functions of the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Kazakhstan, Samruk-Kazyna, where he was also a member of the Executive Board. He has practiced extensively investor-state and commercial dispute resolution in Kazakhstan and internationally.

Prior to Samruk-Kazyna, Gani managed a department in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which was responsible for representing the Government in international arbitration and foreign litigation cases. His past experience also includes working in law firms and an international organization.

Gani earned his Doctor of Civil Law degree from McGill University (2014), his LLM degree from the University of Aberdeen (2005), his MA degree in Economics from KIMEP University (2003), and undergraduate degree in law from H.A. Yessevi International Kazakh-Turkish University (2001).



Dr Axel Boës graduated from the university of Hamburg in 2002 and received a doctor's degree in 2006, the topic of his thesis being the law on limited liability companies in Russia. Since 2004, Dr Boës is practising as a lawyer and specialising on maritime and international transportation law and arbitration with a special focus on Russia. He has experience in more than 30 arbitration proceedings both as counsel and arbitrator. He acted as party appointed arbitrator as well as sole arbitrator and presiding arbitrator appointed by different arbitration institutions.

His experience includes proceedings under the rules of DIS, GMAA, ICC, LMAA, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, Riga District Court of Arbitration and UNCITRAL, whereas nearly all the proceedings he was involved in had a Russian element to it.

Dr Boës regularly speaks about topics of international arbitration and published a number of articles both on arbitration and transportation law issues. He holds a lecture on maritime and international transportation law at the university of St. Petersburg. He is a vice-president of DRJV and a member of DIS and GMAA. Chambers @ Global recognises him as Foreign Expert for Russia.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Elena Burova, LLM is a Legal Counsel at the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration (Moscow) – a new Russian arbitration venue established in 2016 with an aim to ensure efficient and professional administering of domestic and international commercial arbitration.

Elena holds LL.M in Investment Treaty Arbitration from Uppsala University in 2016, as well as Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), specializing in private international law and international commercial arbitration.

Elena administers arbitral proceedings and acted as a tribunal secretary in numerous arbitrations under the RAC Arbitration Rules and the Arbitration Rules of the Maritime Arbitration Commission. She interned in the Arbitration Institute of the SCC, as well as several Scandinavian and international law firms. Elena publishes regularly on international investment and commercial arbitration issues. She is also a Co-Chair of Young IMA - professional community of young specialists in arbitration and ADR based on the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration.



Rupert D'Cruz is a barrister at Littleton Chambers in London. He specialises in commercial and chancery litigation and international arbitration (in particular under LCIA, ICC, SCC Rules and Bilateral Investment Treaty disputes) and has been recognised as a leading barrister in this field by Chambers and Partners UK, Chambers & Partners Global and The Legal 500.

Rupert's niche expertise in Russian & CIS related disputes is widely recognised. Rupert has worked extensively across Russia and the CIS on a number of legal matters. In addition to Russia, his CIS experience has involved work in/in relation to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Rupert is regularly instructed to provide expert opinions on English law issues for use in CIS court proceedings. He also sits as arbitrator in LCIA arbitrations involving CIS parties. Rupert holds the following positions of responsibility in relation to Russia and the CIS: Bar Council International Committee representative for Russia and the CIS, Secretary of the British-Russian Law Association (BRLA), Secretary of the British-Kazakh Law Association (BrKLA).

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Alice Fremuth-Wolf is Secretary General of VIAC since January 2018; before she was VIAC's Deputy since 2012. Having studied law at Vienna University (Mag. iur. 1995, Dr. iur. 2002), Utrecht University (1994) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LL.M. 1998), she served as assistant professor at the Department of Civil Procedure Law at the Law Faculty of Vienna University. She worked with major Austrian law firms and acted as party representative and arbitrator in international commercial arbitration cases.

Alice has authored articles and books on arbitration and also serves as a lecturer for arbitration at the Law Faculty of Vienna University, where she was coach of the Vienna team for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot from 2004-2009. She is also a qualified mediator and is a co-organizer of the CDRC IBA-VIAC-Elsa Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition in Vienna.



Greg Fullelove is a partner of Osborne Clarke LLP in London and head of the International Arbitration Group. He has acted as counsel and advocate in both international commercial and bilateral investment treaty arbitrations, in particular in the digital business, financial services and energy sectors. He sits as arbitrator and has been appointed in UNCITRAL, LCIA and ICC proceedings (including the ICC's new expedited proceedings). Greg has also acted as an expert witness on arbitration law and practice in the US courts.

With Julian D M Lew QC and others, he is an editor of Kluwer's textbook *Arbitration in England*. Greg frequently lectures on international arbitration at universities in the UK and abroad (to date including Leiden, Oxford, London and Reading). Greg has also been involved in litigation at all levels of the English court system. Earlier in his career he served as judicial assistant to the then Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, The Rt Hon the Lord Woolf. Greg is recognised as an international arbitration "Future Leader" by Who's Who Legal. He has practised in England and Madrid and his working languages are English and Spanish.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Dr Wolfram Gärtner is Legal Director for the area Northern and Eastern Europe/Central Asia at HeidelbergCement AG. Before his current assignment he held similar functions at Alcatel SEL/Thales and as attorney-at-law.

He has a wide range of experience in corporate law, corporate governance, M&A, commercial contracts, technical investment projects and arbitration. He is author of various publications on international business law with a particular focus on Central and Eastern Europe.



Evgeniya Goriatcheva is Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, an intergovernmental organization established by treaty in 1899 which provides services for the resolution of disputes involving various combinations of states, state entities, intergovernmental organizations and private parties.

Evgeniya regularly assists arbitral tribunals in international commercial, investment and inter-State arbitrations, recently including an investor-State case under the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union, multiple investor-State cases arising from the Crimean events of 2014, and the Arctic Sunrise Arbitration (Netherlands v. Russian Federation). She also assists the PCA Secretary-General in appointing arbitrators, and frequently presents on issues of dispute resolution and public international law. She co-authored the Guide to the PCA Arbitration Rules (Oxford University Press, 2014). She is a member of Young ICCA.

Evgeniya earned her B.C.L. and LL.B. degrees from the McGill Faculty of Law (2010) and is a qualified lawyer in Quebec, Canada. She is fluent in English, French and Russian.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Nata Ghibradze is a Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells International LLP, Munich Office. Nata's practice focuses on international arbitration with particular emphasis on disputes in the Eastern Europe and CIS region in the energy (oil, gas, renewables), construction and infrastructure, and automotive industries. She has experience handling in arbitrations as counsel under major sets of arbitration rules seated in various jurisdictions such as Georgia, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and Denmark.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Nata practiced at another international law firm in Frankfurt. Before moving to Germany, Nata also worked at the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, where she was part of the Department of State Representation to International Courts, at the Department of Legal Affairs of the Chief Prosecutor's Office of Georgia. She also practiced at an eminent Georgian law firm in Tbilisi. Nata was educated in Germany and Georgia and holds an admission from Georgian Bar.

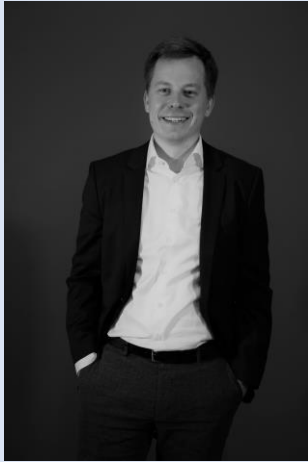
Nata regularly speaks and publishes on international arbitration. She is a founder and a supervisory board member of Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG), and Executive Committee Member of Russian CIS Arbitration Network (RCAN) and is also an active member of various professional associations (including ArbitralWomen, ICC YAF, LCIA YIAG, Young ICCA, ICDR Y&I, DIS40, ASA below 40).



Olga Hamama is a principal associate in the international arbitration group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. She focuses on international commercial arbitration, complex multi-jurisdictional disputes, as well as sports-related matters.

Olga acts both as counsel and arbitrator. Her experience includes advising clients in connection with disputes according to the DIS, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, Swiss and VIAC arbitration rules. In addition, Olga has expertise in connection with cross-border recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and court judgements, as well as obtaining and enforcing interim measures.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS (cont'd):



Michael Hartleben is the General Counsel of DSI Underground Group, a global leader in ground support and safety products for the mining and tunnelling industries. Michael has 10 years of international legal experience in a broad range of international corporate transactions, commercial contracts, and disputes.

Prior to moving in-house, Michael worked at a Tier 1 law firm in Russia and specialised in the resolution of complex cross-border disputes. He studied law in England, New York, and Russia, is qualified to practice in New York and Russia, and speaks German (native), English and Russian.



Susanne Heger is an attorney and founder of the Viennese law firm Heger & Partner. She is a graduate of Vienna University and holds a Ph.D of the Institute of State and Law of the Academy of Sciences of the RF. Susanne also obtained the qualification of an Accredited Mediator (London School of Mediation).

Susanne speaks Russian fluently and has extensive experience of working with clients from the CIS which includes five years of practice in Moscow with the law firm Clifford Chance.

A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Susanne practises regularly in the area of international commercial arbitration. She has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, chairperson of the arbitral tribunal and counsel in numerous arbitrations under the rules of European arbitral institutions (such as ICC, VIAC, DIS, ICAC) and also in proceedings *ad hoc* under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Susanne is the author of a short commentary on the Austrian arbitration legislation in the Russian language (1st edition Moscow 2006, 2nd edition Moscow 2017) and one of the co-authors of the Russian textbook on international commercial arbitration which was published in 2018.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS: (cont'd):



Eva Kalnina is partner at Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler in Geneva. She specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration with focus on energy, construction, shareholder and finance disputes. Eva has acted as arbitrator (chair, party-appointed, sole), counsel and arbitral secretary in over 50 international arbitrations. She is a court member at the ICC Court of Arbitration and the PCA, as well as a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and other international arbitral institutions.

As an arbitrator, Eva has acted in numerous disputes stemming from a wide array of industries under all major institutional arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, FAI, LMAA and others), governed by various procedural and substantive laws (Swiss, English, US (New York and Connecticut), Swedish, Russian, Ukrainian, Singapore, Israeli, Latvian, Estonian, CISG, UNIDROIT Principles), and involving amounts in dispute of up to US\$300 million. Who's Who Legal has recognized Eva as one of the most highly regarded individuals in Arbitration: Future Leaders (Europe) in 2019.

Eva holds an LLM from Harvard Law School (Fulbright scholar) and is admitted to the New York bar. She speaks and publishes regularly on international arbitration topics, has taught courses on dispute settlement, and acted as a representative of ICC YAF and Young ICCA. She speaks English, French, Italian, Latvian, Russian, German and Spanish.



Oksana Karel is Head of International Litigation & Arbitration Group, Senior Associate at Arzinger (Kyiv, Ukraine). Oksana Karel has more than 7 years of professional experience and specializes in international investment arbitration in accordance with bilateral investment agreements and multilateral instruments relating to the application of international public and private law, as well as international commercial arbitration under ICSID, ICC, SCC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, VIAC rules.

Oksana Karel is the Board Member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Ukrainian Bar Association. Oksana Karel is recommended arbitrator in the field of financial restructuring. In 2017 and 2018 Legal 500 mentioned Oksana Karel as a "next generation lawyer" for dispute resolution.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS: (cont'd):



Alexandre Khrapoutski is a Partner at “Sysouev, Bondar, Khrapoutski SBH” law office, Head of the International Commercial Arbitration Practice, Senior Lecturer of Civil Law Department of Law Faculty of the Belarusian State University.

Alexandre was as a chairman of tribunal, sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and counsel under the arbitration rules of ICC, SCC, VIAC, Belarusian CCI, Ukrainian CCI, Russian CCI and others. In 2015, Alexandre was designated by Republic of Belarus and included into ICSID Panel as arbitrator.

Alexandre Khrapoutski is a member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb), International Bar Association (IBA), ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICC), Deputy Chairman of the Russian Arbitration Association (RAA), Board Member of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association (UAA).



Professor Alexey A. Kostin is the Chairman of the International Commercial Arbitration Court (MKAS/ICAC) and the Maritime Arbitration Commission (MAC) at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. Since 2004 Professor Kostin has also been the Head of the Department of Private International and Civil Law at the MGIMO University in Moscow.

Prof. Kostin has served as arbitrator on several hundred arbitration panels under different Rules, including MKAS/ICAC, ICC, SCC, LCIA and UNCITRAL.

He is an author of numerous publications on civil and commercial law, comparative law and private international law, as well as international commercial arbitration and CISG.

Prof. Kostin is a member of the International Advisory Board at VIAC and the IFCAI Council and a former member of the SCC Board. He speaks Russian, English and Lithuanian.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS: (cont'd):



Over the last 15 years **Volker Knoop** has worked as a commercial and dispute resolution attorney at Eversheds and Westpfahl&Spilker in Munich before joining global business advisory firm AlixPartners as their senior legal and compliance counsel for the EMEA region based out of Paris and London.

He has advised domestic and international clients of all sizes, from individuals and mid-sized enterprises to large multinationals. Volker specialises on commercial law, compliance, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. In his current role as Chief Executive Officer of FORIS AG, a publicly quoted litigation and arbitration funder headquartered in Bonn, Volker oversees the implementation of FORIS' growth strategy in dispute resolution funding and related services.

Volker has studied law and dispute resolution in Germany (CAU, Kiel) and the United States (Pepperdine). He is an internationally trained mediator, holds a certificate in business administration (banking), a PhD in international private law and is admitted to the German Bar.



Patryk Kulig is Counsel at the German Arbitration Institute in Berlin/Bonn (DIS e.V.) and a PhD candidate at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. Patryk graduated from legal studies in Warsaw, was a scholarship holder at the Humboldt University of Berlin (2012/2013) and qualified as mediator by the Mediation Institute at the Heidelberg University (2017/2018).

Before joining the DIS, Patryk gained his professional experience in leading commercial law firms and Embassies in Beijing, Berlin, Warsaw, Vienna and Zurich.

Main fields of interest include international commercial and investment arbitration, ADR, real estate and energy law. Patryk is also an active member of non-governmental organizations and an enthusiast of international relations and diplomacy.

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS: (cont'd):



Laurence Ponty is a dual qualified lawyer in France and England & Wales. She joined Archipel (Geneva) as Counsel at the beginning of 2019 and spent the past five years at LALIVE, where she practiced both commercial and investment arbitration. She has acted as counsel and tribunal secretary under many arbitration rules in complex international proceedings involving major projects in the energy, construction, real estate, engineering, telecommunications and services sectors. She also has experience in large cross-border litigations and corporate matters.

Previously, she worked as Counsel at the Secretariat of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) in London, where she administered dozens of arbitration proceedings, with a particular focus on matters involving parties from the CIS region, and before, in a boutique arbitration law firm in Geneva. Laurence is a regular speaker on topics of international arbitration, with a focus on the CIS region, and is an active member of various professional associations, including RCAN (the Russian and CIS Arbitration Network), of which she is an Executive Committee member.



Valikhan Shaikenov is the head of AEQUITAS Dispute Resolution and Arbitration practice. He represents clients in the Kazakh courts of all levels and handles complex evidence heavy cross-border commercial disputes. He has represented clients as counsel and assisted them in other forms in commercial arbitrations under the SCC, LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, and GAFTA rules, as well as under the rules of several Kazakhstan arbitration institutes. He has acted as an expert in foreign court proceedings and investment arbitrations. Valikhan has received appointments as an arbitrator from the SCC (Stockholm) and the Arbitration Center of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He graduated with honors from the Adilet Academy of Jurisprudence (Almaty) and earned his LL.M. degree from the Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C.) where he was majoring in international commercial and investment arbitration. He completed legal and research internships at the Law Library of Congress and the International Law Institute "ILI" in Washington, D.C., and took internship with the international arbitration practice of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in London. Under Valikhan's supervision the firm's dispute resolution practice has been ranked in Band/Tier 1 by Chambers & Partners (in 2014 and 2018) and Legal 500 (in 2017 and 2018). The firm's real estate and construction practice, significantly contributed by Valikhan, has been ranked likewise by the same directories in 2017 and 2018. Having spent two and a half years in Moscow, he now divides his time between Germany and Kazakhstan.

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Georg Scherpf works with the arbitration group at Luther representing clients in commercial and investment arbitrations as well as in associated litigation. He also sits as arbitrator. His commercial arbitration work covers a broad range of legal issues and sectors including international trade, corporate disputes (joint venture and post M&A), energy as well as construction disputes. Moreover, he advises clients on conflict of laws, contract law, commercial and international sales law (CISG). His public international law experience includes advising clients in relation to bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and multilateral investment treaties including the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT).

Georg Scherpf has acted for investors in several complex treaty cases (ICSID and ad hoc) relating to infrastructure and energy investments. Clients and peers praise him as an “Exceptional professional” with “a sharp mind who is very able at thinking outside of the box” (Who’sWhoLegal Arbitration - Future Leaders 2019). He is also recommended by Legal 500 for arbitration.



Olga Tsvetkova is a Counsel in the leading Russian law firm Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners. She also co-heads young branches of the Russian arbitration institutions (RAA40 and Young IMA).

Olga specialises in complex cross-border disputes. She acts as a counsel and an arbitrator in international arbitration and litigation. Olga has advised and represented states, companies and individuals in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations (LCIA, ICC, SCC, Swiss Rules, ICAC, UNCITRAL etc.) and in state courts (Russia, UK, Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan and others).

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