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## Programme

**08:30 - 09:15 Registration and buffet breakfast sponsored by **GIDE****

**09:15 - 09:30 Welcome address by Dr. José Ángel Rueda García (Chairman of the Executive Board of EFILA)**

**9.30 - 9.40 Welcome address by Andrew Cannon (Partner, Global Co-Head, International Arbitration and Public International Law HSF)**

**9.40 - 11.00 Keynote: Prof. Dr. Gerard Meijer (Partner, Linklaters)**

*“Old Treaties, New Outcomes”*

**11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break sponsored by **GIBSON DUNN****

**11.30 – 13.00 Panel 1 “European developments – global impacts”**

**Moderator: Richard Trinick (Three Crowns)**

**Speakers:**

- Stephanie Collins (Gibson Dunn/Young EFILA chairwoman)
- Dr Maria Fogdestam Agius (Westerberg)
- Anya George (Schellenberg Wittmer)
- Hannah Ambrose (Herbert Smith Freehills)

**13.00 – 14.30 Lunch co-sponsored by **Schellenberg Wittmer** **Ashurst****

**14.30 - 16.00 Panel 2 “International Panel”**

**Moderator: Prof. Loukas Mistelis (Partner Clyde & Co LLP)**

**Speakers:**

- Alexander Leventhal (Quinn Emanuel)
- Saadia Bhatti (Gide)
- Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky (Baker Hostetler)
- Henry Smith (Control Risks)

**16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break sponsored by **TGS BALTIC****  
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**16.30 – 17.15 Roundtable discussion the impact of the new US Administration’s trade & investment agenda for Europe and beyond**

**Moderator: Iana Dreyer (Founder & Editor of Borderlex)**

**Speakers:**

- James Boykin (Hughes Hubbard & Reed)
- Prof. Dr. Solveiga Vilčinskaitė, MCIArb (TGS Baltic)
- Arne Fuchs, LL.M. (GWU) (Ashurst)
- Marie Talasova (Wolf Theiss)

**17.15 – 17.30 Presentation of Kluwer arbitration tool**

- Eleanor Taylor (Acquisition Manager - Arbitration, Wolters Kluwer, International Group, Legal & Regulatory)

**17.30 – 17.45 Closing & 10 Years EFILA**

**17.45 – 20:00 Drinks sponsored by**

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& Reed**

## Speakers and Moderators

### **Dr. José Ángel Rueda (Partner, Cuatrecasas)**



José Ángel Rueda advises on issues concerning public international law (international investment law, state immunity, international economic sanctions) and private international law (international jurisdiction and recognition of foreign judgments). He is a specialist in arbitration proceedings under foreign investment protection treaties and contracts with sovereign states —mainly the Energy Charter Treaty—and in commercial arbitration proceedings between private parties. He is Chairman of the Executive Board of EFILA and co-chairman of the Working Group on Investment Arbitration and with States of the Madrid International Arbitration Centre (CIAM-CIAR). He is also an associate lecturer of international arbitration in several master’s programs, including the Master in International and European Business Law at Universidad Pontificia Comillas-ICADE (Madrid) and the Master in International Legal Practice at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in Spain. He also collaborates with the Department of Public International Law and International Relations at University of Alcalá, and has written many articles on numerous aspects of international arbitration. His education encompasses a Doctor of Laws (cum laude) of the University of Alcalá, Spain, 2009 and a Bachelor of Laws (special distinction) of the University of Salamanca, Spain, 2004.

### **Prof. Dr. Gerard Meijer (Partner, Linklaters)**



Gerard Meijer advises on international arbitration and arbitration-related court litigation, including the enforcement and setting aside of arbitral awards and interim measures in support of arbitration proceedings. He has extensive experience representing Dutch, international, and multinational corporations, as well as governmental bodies, in high-value investment and commercial disputes under major arbitral rules, including UNCITRAL, ICC, SIAC, LCIA, SCC, CEPANI, and NAI. He has acted as counsel in investment disputes under European bilateral investment treaties and the Energy Charter Treaty, including cases involving sovereign states such as the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Poland, Ecuador, and India. He has also represented financial institutions, energy companies, and multinational corporations in complex commercial arbitrations, such as a gas price revision dispute under the UNCITRAL Rules, joint venture conflicts, shareholder disputes, and banking-related arbitration. Gerard serves as President of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI) and is a member of the Arbitration Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He played a key role in the international arbitration market, having been the Secretary-General of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, a founding member of the Dutch Arbitration Association, and one of the founding

fathers of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA) and member of the Executive Board of EFILA. He is also Professor of Arbitration & Dispute Resolution at Erasmus University Rotterdam, where he teaches and researches international arbitration. Gerard regularly contributes to legal publications and has authored leading commentaries, including The National Report for The Netherlands in the ICCA International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration (Kluwer Law International, 2014), Boek IV Rv, Arbitrage in T&C Burgerlijke Rechtsvordering (Wolters Kluwer, 2018), and Overeenkomst tot Arbitrage (Wolters Kluwer, 2011). His education includes a PhD in Law and a Law Degree from Erasmus University Rotterdam. He speaks Dutch, English, and French.

## **Panel 1: European developments – global impact**

### **Richard Trinick (Counsel, Three Crowns LLP)**



Richard Trinick is a Counsel in the London office of Three Crowns LLP, specializing in international arbitration and arbitration-related court actions, including enforcement proceedings. He has acted for major international corporations and states in many high-value and complex disputes across multiple sectors, with a particular focus on energy, M&A, finance, and life sciences. Recognized as a recommended lawyer for international arbitration by The Legal 500 UK (2023-2025) and as “exceptionally capable”, “intelligent and strategic” in Who’s Who Legal, Richard has represented clients in arbitrations under a variety of institutional rules and investment treaty frameworks.

Richard has also acted as sole arbitrator under ICC Rules in a financial services dispute. Prior to joining Three Crowns, he spent 12 months on secondment to the M&A team at SABMiller, then the world’s second-largest brewing company.

Richard is also a member of the Young EFILA Steering Committee and the Y-ADR CPR Steering Committee.

### **Dr. Maria Fogdestam Agius (Partner, Westerberg & Partners Advokatbyrå AB)**



Dr. Maria Fogdestam Agius is a partner and head of the dispute resolution group at Westerberg & Partners in Stockholm. Her practice focuses on public international law, international arbitration, business and human rights. Maria holds a doctorate degree in public international law (Uppsala University, 2013) and has extensive experience as a public international law practitioner, spending six years with London boutique Volterra Fietta before joining Westerberg & Partners in 2020. She has represented both claimants and respondents in investment treaty arbitration, as well as in institutional and domestic set-aside and

annulment proceedings related to international investment awards. She also has experience of enforcement actions against States and matters involving immunity from execution. As part of her sovereign practice, she has also acted in State-to-State litigation and advised States on sovereign and diplomatic immunities and a wide range of other international law issues. Maria has appeared as an advocate before the International Court of Justice in The Hague and the Swedish Supreme Court in cases involving public international law.

Maria regularly speaks, publishes and teaches on various topics related to international arbitration, and has been engaged as International Adjunct Faculty at the Uppsala University Master's Programme in Investment Treaty Arbitration and as Faculty at the American Bar Association's International Arbitration Masterclass. She is included on the European Commission's List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators for EU bilateral trade disputes. She is a member of the Executive Board of EFILA, and she also sits on the board of the Swedish Women in Arbitration Network (SWAN), reflecting her commitment to advancing the role of women in international arbitration. Her contributions have earned her high praise; Legal 500 (2024) described her as 'an outstanding public international law expert, with a great analytical mind, extensive knowledge of a wide range of international law areas, and unparalleled oral advocacy skills'.

**Stephanie Collins (Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher)**



Stephanie Collins is an English law-qualified solicitor advocate and associate in the London office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where she is a member of the International Arbitration and ESG Risk Advisory Groups. She represents clients in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, as well as in public international law matters. Her practice has a particular focus on disputes in the energy (renewables, oil & gas), extractive industries, infrastructure, and financial services sectors.

Stephanie has acted as counsel in numerous investment treaty arbitrations, including more than ten Energy Charter Treaty cases and multiple bilateral investment treaty disputes, under ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules. Beyond arbitration, Stephanie advises on business and human rights / ESG-related issues. She is currently Chair of Young EFILA.

**Anya George (Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer)**



Anya George is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution Group in Zurich, specializing in international commercial and investment arbitration. She practices in English, German, and French and is dual-qualified as a Swiss attorney-at-law and a solicitor of England & Wales. Anya represents states, state-owned entities and private companies in high-stakes disputes across a range of industries, with a particular focus on



energy infrastructure, natural resources, commodities, and manufacturing and sales agreements. She has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 60 arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, CAS, UNCITRAL and Swiss Rules, as well as in ad hoc proceedings, and has particular expertise in arbitration-related litigation, including enforcement, setting-aside and revision proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court.

Recognized as one of the most highly regarded arbitration practitioners under 45 worldwide (GAR 45 under 45; Lexology Index: Thought Leader Global Elite; The Legal 500: Next Generation Partner), Anya is praised by clients for her "excellent responsiveness" and "complete control of her practice". (Legal 500)

Anya is actively involved in shaping the arbitration landscape as a lecturer in International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Zurich, a board Member and Marketing Committee Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), and a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Beyond arbitration, Anya advises clients on ESG and business and human rights issues.

**Hannah Ambrose (Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills)**



Hannah Ambrose is a Partner and solicitor advocate in the International Arbitration and Public International Law Group at Herbert Smith Freehills. She advises clients globally on complex commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, public international law matters, and enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments. She has particular expertise in state immunity, the immunity of international organizations, and boundary disputes. Hannah has acted as counsel for both investors and states in

investment treaty disputes, including proceedings under ICSID, UNCITRAL, and the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT). In the commercial arbitration sphere, Hannah has represented clients in ICC, LCIA, SCC, and ad hoc arbitrations, handling disputes in mining, energy, pharmaceuticals, and financial services. Hannah is recognized as a Next Generation Partner in International Arbitration and Public International Law by The Legal 500 UK (2024) and as "Up and Coming" by Chambers & Partners (2024) for Public International Law, with Chambers highlighting her "breadth of experience assisting clients with international commercial disputes and conflict-related policy advice."

She is an active leader in the international arbitration community, serving as a member of the City of London Law Society's International Arbitration Committee.

- Beyond her practice, she plays a key role in pro bono international development initiatives, including on the steering committee for HSF's Fair Deal Sierra Leone, a project supporting Sierra Leone's legal and economic development.
- Hannah is also a trustee of The International Lawyers Project (ILP), a charity advancing economic justice and the rule of law through pro bono legal expertise.

## Panel 2: International Panel

**Prof. Loukas Mistelis, LLB, MLE, FCIArb, Advocate (Athens Bar), Clive M Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London and Partner, Clyde & Co**



Professor Loukas Mistelis is an acknowledged authority on international dispute resolution and investment treaty law. He is a member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators as well as the recipient of the GAR Award for best arbitration lecture of 2013. Furthermore, Professor Mistelis was part of the team that won the 2022 GAR Award for Best Innovation for the Cross-Examination Moot and previously received the GAR Award for Best Lecture in International Arbitration (2014), having been shortlisted multiple times since. He is ranked as a Tier 1 Arbitrator by Chambers and Partners, listed in Who's Who Commercial Arbitration (since 2007), and recognized as a Global Elite Thought Leader (since 2017). He has also been included in the Legal 500 International Arbitration Powerlist since its inception in 2019. He is also listed as one of the Thought Leaders in International Arbitration. Loukas Mistelis is the Clive M Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London. He is a member of the Academic Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration, an academic member of the Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law and a member of the Academic Committee of AIPN, and President of the Court of CEDRAC (Cyprus Eurasia Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Centre).

Professor Mistelis was educated in Greece, France, Germany, and Japan. He is fluent in English, German and Greek, and has good knowledge of French, and basic knowledge of Polish, Russian and Spanish. Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) since 2001, became Fellow of the CIArb (FCIArb) in December 2016. He has practiced law in Germany, Greece and the United Kingdom, having also acted as a consultant in Cambodia, Japan, Moldova, Nigeria, Poland, Ukraine, and Vietnam. He has also advised several UK government agencies (such as DTI, BERR, MoJ) and international organizations, including the United Nations (UNCTAD, UNCITRAL and ECLAC) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Recently, Loukas joined Clyde & Co as partner. His substantial arbitration experience (as arbitrator, counsel and expert) covers ad hoc and ICC, ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SCC, Swiss Chambers and Moscow cases. He has published widely including 14 books and more than 75 articles or chapters in books. Some of his most recent publications include 'Setting Aside Arbitral Awards – How Close to the Wind Can Tribunals Sail?' and 'English Court of Appeal restrains Russian proceedings in support of Paris-seated arbitration.' Loukas is also member of the EFILA Executive Board and former Chairman of it.

**Alexander G. Leventhal (Partner, Quinn Emmanuel)**



Alexander Leventhal is a Partner in Quinn Emanuel’s international arbitration team. A Franco-American national, Alexander is qualified as a New York attorney-at-law; a French avocat; and a solicitor in England & Wales. Alexander is an investor-State arbitration expert with unrivalled experience and knowledge in the has extensive expertise in international commercial arbitration spanning multiple sectors, including the hospitality, telecommunications, entertainment, financial, and other sectors. His practice focuses in large part on the energy sector where he has represented clients upstream and downstream in all manner of dispute. He currently serves as the Publications Co-Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA), an arbitration think tank with a focus on the energy sector and the Energy Committee Secretary of the Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR). He also is known for his expertise in investment arbitration. Alexander helped lead a team that obtained an order from an ICSID tribunal, which, for the first time, ordered the suspension of extradition proceedings in a third-party State.

He is recognized as a young thought-leader in the world of investment arbitration and guided a team that prepared a submission to UNCITRAL Working Group III on behalf of the European Federation for International Law and Arbitration (EFILA). Alexander has received a number of awards and distinctions for his experience in international arbitration (including his ranking as a Future Leader in international arbitration by Who’s Who Legal), but his experience also extends beyond the world of international arbitration. He has handled numerous multijurisdictional disputes and serves on the IBA’s Mediation Committee.

Alexander is a founding member of the Rising Arbitrators Initiative, an organization that provides support for arbitration practitioners receiving their first nominations as arbitrator. As Publications Co-Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and Energy Committee Secretary of CPR, Alexander plays a key role in shaping thought leadership within the arbitration community. Recognized as a Global Thought Leader (2025) and Recommended (2025) by Lexology Index, a Future Leader in Arbitration (2024) by Who’s Who Legal, and a Rising Star in Commercial Arbitration (2022) by Euromoney, Alexander’s accolades reflect his outstanding contributions to international arbitration. Alex is member of EFILA and its Secretariat.

**Saadia Bhatti (Partner, Gide Loyrette Nouel)**



Saadia Bhatti is a Partner in Gide's Arbitration team in London. She specialises in international arbitration. She has 15 years' experience (including in Paris and New York) advising private and state entities in cross-border disputes, in particular in international arbitration proceedings (commercial and investment), governed by the rules of various institutions (including ICC, ICSID, LCIA, PCA, SCC, HKIAC, VIAC, CAS and OHADA rules), as well as in ad hoc arbitrations (UNCITRAL), subject to the laws of both civil and common law jurisdictions, particularly in the energy, oil and gas, and construction sectors, notably in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. She was part of the team that advised the African Union in the International Court of Justice's advisory proceedings relating to the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change. Saadia also advises governments on the drafting/reform of their investment treaties and national legislation. Saadia sits as an arbitrator on several arbitration panels. She is also a member of ICC UK's International Arbitration Committee.

Saadia is a graduate of Harvard, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and École Normale Supérieure. She was admitted to the New York Bar in 2010 and to the Paris Bar in 2018. Saadia is member of the Advisory Board of EFILA.

**Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky (Partner, BakerHostetler)**



Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky is a Partner in BakerHostetler's New York and Washington, D.C. offices, where he represents multinational corporations and sovereign governments in investor-state and commercial arbitrations. His practice focuses on disputes in the energy, mining, and infrastructure sectors, as well as award and judgment enforcement, international discovery, sovereign immunities, and cross-border asset recovery. Carlos has acted in arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, and BVIIAC Rules, among others. He has represented both investors and states in complex proceedings, including:

- Representing ConocoPhillips in an ICSID arbitration against Venezuela, securing an \$8 billion award for the unlawful expropriation of heavy oil investments.
- Representing a Canadian investor in a claim against Venezuela, yielding a \$1.2 billion award for the expropriation of a mining project.
- Defending Hungary in an ICSID arbitration brought by a French natural gas investor under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Representing a Luxembourg investor in an ICSID arbitration against Slovenia under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Acting for Middle Eastern investors in parallel investment and commercial claims related to a railway concession terminated by an African government.

Carlos is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and has been appointed as an arbitrator by the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He is also listed on the National Roster of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Recognized as a Recommended Lawyer in International Arbitration by The Legal 500 Latin America (2025) and a Future Leader in Arbitration by Lexology Index (2024-2025), Carlos is a leader in the arbitration field. He currently serves as Chair of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association (2024-2025). Beyond arbitration, Carlos frequently represents litigants before U.S. courts in award enforcement and sovereign immunity matters. His litigation experience includes:

- Defending the Republic of Guatemala in recognition and enforcement proceedings concerning multiple foreign arbitration awards.
- Representing subsidiaries of Malaysian state oil company Petronas in U.S. discovery proceedings related to potential enforcement of an international arbitration award.
- Enforcing a \$130 million award against Venezuela on behalf of a U.S. defense contractor.

Carlos holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School (cum laude) and an A.B. from Princeton University (cum laude). He is fluent in Spanish and frequently speaks at leading arbitration conferences, including Budapest Energy Charter Treaty Conference (2024) and CPR Annual Meeting (2025). He is also member of EFILA.

**Henry Smith (Partner, Control Risks)**



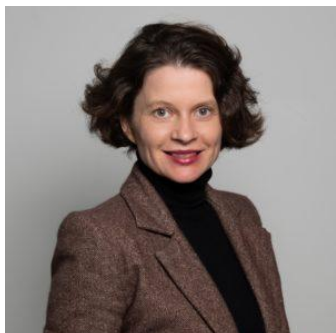
Henry leads Control Risks intelligence’ team in the EMEA region and is global chair of the practice. He advises corporates, investment funds, financial institutions, and their law firms, on a range of transactional, contentious and investigative matters, building on his and the broader team’s extensive experience in sensitive and careful managed intelligence gathering, political risk analysis and stakeholder engagement, and sanctions and regulatory risk management. Henry’s practice is ranked Band 1 on Chambers &

Partners. Examples of Henry’s experience include investigating alleged human rights violations in the Middle East, acting as an expert witness in LICA arbitration proceedings on a matter in Libya, leading multi-jurisdictional investigations into financial crime risks in Europe, advising on long-running shareholder disputes in Africa and Europe, and advising companies on how to prepare and execute politically sensitive market exits from Iran, Russia and other markets.

Before joining Control Risks, Henry worked for an advisory firm supporting companies in North Africa. He began his career at Control Risks as a political risk analyst in London and later in Dubai specialising in the Middle East region. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from the University of York and a postgraduate degree in Middle Eastern Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

**Panel 3: Roundtable discussion on the impact of the new US Administration’s trade & investment agenda for Europe and beyond**

**Iana Dreyer (Founder and Editor, Borderlex)**



Iana Dreyer is the Founder and Editor of Borderlex, a leading platform for news and analysis on European and international trade policy. Since launching Borderlex in 2014, she has been its driving force, shaping its editorial direction and delivering in-depth coverage of EU trade policy, WTO systemic issues, international trade disputes, and the intersection of trade and security. With over 15 years of experience in international trade policy, Iana has a background in both journalism and policy

analysis. Before founding Borderlex, she worked as a policy analyst in leading think tanks, including the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), Institute Montaigne, and the EU Institute for Security Studies. She has also consulted for governments on trade and international energy policy and contributed to the Financial Times group. Iana holds postgraduate degrees from the London School of Economics and Sciences Po Paris.

**James H. Boykin (Partner, Co-Chair of Hughes Hubbard's International Arbitration Practice Group)**



His practice focuses on international arbitration and includes state-to-state and investor-state arbitration as well as commercial disputes. James has represented investors in treaty arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, and SCC Rules. In addition, he has represented clients in commercial arbitrations under the ICDR and ICC Rules. James is a member of the Expedited Commercial Panel of the American Arbitration Association. James is also a member of the Arbitration Council of

the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) and serves on the Expedited Commercial Panel of the American Arbitration Association. His professional activities include: International Arbitration Editorial Advisory Board for Law360 (2018), Board of Directors of the American Branch of the International Law Association (2016-present), Adjunct Professor, American University, Washington College of Law (2008–present). James has been ranked by Chambers USA for International Arbitration (2023-2024) and recognized as a Thought Leader in Who’s Who Legal: USA (2023). He has also been consistently ranked by The Legal 500 USA (2018-2024). James is frequently sought after for his expertise in investment treaty arbitration and was recently quoted in Bloomberg Law (January 2024). He has also written on the 'Outlook for Investment Treaty Arbitration' in Corporate Disputes Magazine (2021). Key publications include:

- "Advocacy Against an Absent Adversary," co-authored with John M. Townsend, *The Global Arbitration Review: The Guide to Advocacy*, Fourth Edition, edited by Stephen Jagusch QC, Philippe Pinsolle, Alexander G. Leventhal, October 2019;
- "Discovery in Aid of International Arbitration: California Dreaming?," *Zeitschrift für Deutsches und Amerikanisches Recht*, Abschiedsheft, June 2018;
- Commentary on *Seagate v. Western Digital Corp.*, *Revista Brasileira de Arbitragem* No. 49, March 2016;
- "Protection of Communications with Company Lawyers: The Last Gap in the Common Law –Civil Law Divide in Arbitration," co-authored with John M. Townsend, *Festschrift for Siegfried H. Elsing on His 65th Birthday*, edited by Werner F. Ebke, Dirk Olzen, Otto Sandrock, *R&W Fachmedien Recht und Wirtschaft*, 2015; James Boykin is also regularly invited to speak at international conferences, including recently:

**Prof. Dr. Solveiga Vilčinskaitė (Partner, TGS Baltic)**



Prof. Dr. Solveiga Vilčinskaitė is a Partner at TGS Baltic, an international business law firm, Vilnius. Solveiga specializes in complex state liability issues, international investment law and commercial disputes. Solveiga is a Chair of Ciarb Baltic Chapter and a member of ICC Commission in Paris. By appointment of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, she has been included in the list of recommended arbitrators of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington. She graduated from the joint program of the University of Geneva Law School and the Graduate Institute (IHEID), IESE Business School's Advanced Business Management Program at the University of Navarra and the Harvard Law School's Future Law Firm Leadership Program. In 2011, Solveiga was appointed Grand Officer of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. Solveiga is a professor at Mykolas Romeris University with more than twenty years of experience as a lecturer in various areas of law: Civil Law, Human Rights Law, Comparative Tort Law, Contract Law, International Arbitration, and Investment Law. Her previous work experience includes working as a Chief Legal Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania and as an Adviser to the President of the Civil Division of the Supreme Court of Lithuania.

**Arne Fuchs, LL.M. (Partner, Global Head of International Arbitration, Frankfurt)**



Arne Fuchs is a Partner and Global Head of International Arbitration, at Ashurst. Based in Frankfurt, he is a trusted advisor to corporate and sovereign clients around the world, handling complex disputes across industries and jurisdictions. Arne has a particular focus on large-scale infrastructure and energy projects (conventional, nuclear, and renewable), M&A transactions, metals & mining, and industry transformation issues in automotive, crypto, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and TMT sectors. Arne has extensive experience acting under the rules of major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, SCAI, SCC, DIS, ICSID, and UNCITRAL Rules, as well as in pure ad hoc arbitrations. In addition to his work as counsel, Arne regularly serves as an arbitrator, acting as sole, co-, or presiding arbitrator. Recognized as a Global Leader and National Leader (Germany) for Arbitration by Global Arbitration Review (GAR) 2025, Arne has also been named among JUVÉ's "40 under 40" (2023). He is consistently ranked by GAR 100, Chambers, Legal 500, and the Expert Guide Commercial Arbitration, with peers and clients describing him as "THE name for investment arbitration in Germany", "an excellent lawyer and arbitrator", and "a prominent name in the investment arbitration space." Since 2020, Chambers Europe and Chambers Global have recognized him as "Most in Demand Arbitrator – Germany."

Arne is a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (FMI Arb) and is listed on the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA) Panel of Arbitrators, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Panel, the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA) in The Hague, and the Energy Community Panel of Mediators in Vienna. He actively contributes to the arbitration community as a delegate of the German National Committee of the ICC on the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a Member of the HKIAC Users' Council, and a Member of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA). He regularly speaks at international arbitration conferences and teaches dispute resolution training courses and workshops. Arne is admitted to the German Bar. He is native-level fluent in German and English, speaks fluent French, and reads Spanish.

**Marie Talašová (Counsel, Wolf Theiss)**



Marie Talašová is a Counsel at Wolf Theiss and an internationally recognized arbitration expert with extensive experience representing clients in commercial and investment arbitrations. She has acted in cases under ICC, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL. Marie previously served as Head of the International Legal Services Department at the Czech Ministry of Finance, where she successfully defended the Czech Republic in numerous international arbitrations, led negotiations on bilateral investment agreements, and advised the Czech government on international and EU law matters. She also served on the Appeals Committee of the Czech Energy Regulatory Office and is member



of Czech ICC National Commission on Arbitration and ADR, as well as board member of Ukrainian–Czech Chamber of Commerce (UKRCHAM). Additionally, she is a founding member of ArbCEE, the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe is an independent initiative of arbitration practitioners related to the CEE region.

**Eleanor Taylor (Acquisition Manager, Arbitration, Wolters Kluwer, International Group, Legal & Regulatory)**



Eleanor Taylor is Acquisition Manager for Arbitration, Litigation and Mediation at Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory. With over 20 years of publishing experience and a focus on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, she is passionate about creating high-quality content and expert solutions that assists practitioners in their daily workflow.

**Prof. Dr. Nikos Lavranos, LL.M. (Secretary General of EFILA)**



Nikos Lavranos is the first Secretary-General of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA). He is founder & owner of NL-Investmentconsulting, external Legal Advisor for numerous law firms. He is also Partner at HHP Chambers, Senior Advisor at Grayston & Company (Brussels) and Of Counsel at Wöss & Partners (Vienna). He specializes in international investment law & arbitration, EU law, WTO law and public international law. Nikos has advised in numerous disputes involving in particular Dutch BITs, intra-EU BITs and the ECT initiated under various rules such as ICSID, UNCITRAL and SCC rules.

He is listed as Arbitrator by the EU regarding EU free trade and investment agreements, as Arbitrator and/or Mediator at LATCAM, CIETAC, VIAC, AIAC, Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC) and Energy Community. In addition, he is Visiting Professor *International Arbitration* at Leiden University and Guest Professor at several other universities. Nikos is also co-Editor-in-Chief of the *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* and co-Editor of the book *International Arbitration and EU Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2024). Previously, he was Chief Negotiator for Dutch BITs at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and later at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is a permanent contributor to the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, the Practical Law Arbitration Blog, the EFILA Blog and Borderlex. He earned his Dr.jur. and LL.M. degrees from Maastricht University, The Netherlands and a Law degree from J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt.

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### **Andrew Cannon (Partner, Global Co-Head of International Arbitration and of Public International Law, Herbert Smith Freehills)**



Andrew Cannon is the Global Co-Head of International Arbitration and Public International Law at Herbert Smith Freehills. He has extensive experience advising states, state-owned entities, and multinational corporations on all aspects of public international law and international arbitration. He has represented clients in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations across multiple jurisdictions under the rules of all major arbitral institutions, including UNCITRAL, ICSID, and ICC, as well as in complex litigation before international and domestic courts, such as the Court of Justice of the EU, the UK Supreme Court, and the UK Court of Appeal. Andrew has acted in high-profile disputes, including investment treaty arbitrations, energy and infrastructure disputes, and sovereign immunity cases. His experience includes representing a consortium of multinational energy companies in a US\$9 billion UNCITRAL arbitration against a Central Asian Republic, an Asian government in ICSID arbitration concerning a major oil field, and a multinational energy company in a US\$150 million ICC arbitration involving Indonesian coal price regulations. He has also advised a global power company on its US\$17 billion investment in a European State, handling complex treaty protections and sovereign immunity considerations.

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