

Credit Course on Investment Arbitration

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About Centre for ADR, NLU DELHI

National Law University Delhi is a leading publicly funded law university in India and was established by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Chief Justice of India or his nominee (senior judge of the Supreme Court) is the Visitor of the University, and the Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi is the Chancellor of the University. The primary objective of the University is to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant. Through this education, we aim to promote legal and ethical values and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) was established to promote research in the mechanisms of ADR. CADR's Board of Advisors includes leading scholars in the field of ADR and dispute resolution such as Prof. John G. Shulman, Prof. Marc Galanter, Prof. Steve K. Ngo, and Prof. Sukhsimranjit Singh. CADR has the vision to promote the use of ADR methods among legal and non-legal professionals, students and the general public at large. Since its inception, the Centre has undertaken various activities including organising seminars/conferences, workshops, discussions on issues pertaining to ADR mechanisms and courses on Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration by experts. The Centre also has its flagship journal on dispute resolution and manages blog submissions on a rolling-basis. More details about the Centre can be accessed [here](#).

Our Patrons

Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai serves as the Vice Chancellor of National Law University Delhi. He is equipped with more than thirty years of professional experience as an author, researcher, teacher and administrator. He has previously served as the Vice Chancellor at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, and Registrar at National Law University Delhi. He has also served as Senior Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Law), Chair Professor at K.L. Arora Chair in Criminal Law, and Chairperson of the Centre for Criminology & Victimology at National Law University Delhi. He served as convenor of the Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, tasked with spearheading historic reforms in criminal law in India. Also, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India has nominated Prof. GS Bajpai as a Member of the Committee for conferring statutory status to the 'Right to Repair' under the statutory framework of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. He is a Member of the Advisory Board for Development of Legal Education & Legal Profession of the Bar Council of India and a Member of the Standing Committee of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India.



Prof. (Dr.) Ruhi Paul serves as the Registrar at National Law University, Delhi teaching courses on Civil Procedure and ADR methods. She is the Director of the Centre for ADR at NLU, Delhi since 2008. She initiated a completely online six month Diploma Program in Law & Practice of Arbitration at the University. She was awarded the Research Fellowship at Asian Law Institute (ASLI), National University, Singapore in 2018-19. She is editor and peer reviewer of number of reputed Journals. She has presented several research papers in various national and international conferences. She has conducted workshops for training faculty members in Teaching ADR methods. She has been regularly invited for delivering lectures on ADR Methods to the Judicial Academy and to Government Departments. She has designed course modules on ADR for various organizations. Her research includes studies on how to evaluate mediation services provided by the courts and how to address emerging challenges like ethics in mediation, regulation of private mediation, accreditation of mediators, necessity of a law on mediation, etc. Apart from this, her work has been published in many world-renowned journals and research areas for her academic pursuits.



About the Course

In contemporary times, arbitration has emerged as an essential method of resolving disputes, it is no longer only an alternative. While commercial arbitration is taught and practiced more often in India, opportunities to study investment arbitration and make an informed decision to pursue it as a career option are limited. To address this, we have designed a comprehensive course, especially for students and young legal professionals. This will allow participants to become familiar with this fascinating and evolving world of investment arbitration and explore it as a potential career path. The Course offers a unique opportunity to learn from international practitioners in the field. It will delve into the complex field of investment arbitration, examining its foundational principles, current practices, and emerging trends. The main aim is to provide participants with a functional understanding of the practical and theoretical aspects of international investment law and arbitration.

Eligibility:

- III, IV and V year students of 5-year LLB course,
- II and III year students of 3-year LLB course,
- Young Legal Professionals (0-2 years of PQE)

Registration and Course Fee:

- There are **75 seats** available on a first come first served basis
- Early Bird: **INR 2999** till 22 August 2024
- Standard Fee: **INR 4999** from 23 August 2024 onwards.
- Registration link:
<https://forms.gle/VJFpkvcvXiUkNdVRA>

Last date for registration is 31 August 2024.



COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Module	Topics	Speaker(s)
Day One, Sept 2, 2024	Introduction to International Investment Law	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of International Investment Law, Evolution of Investment Treaties, Contemporary Relevance <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Concepts; Sources of International Investment Law 	<p>Pierre Tercier (Peter & Kim)</p> <p>Nhu-Hoang Tran Thang (Astute Dispute Resolution)</p>
Day Two, Sept 3, 2024	Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jurisdiction and Admissibility Applicable Law Issues 	<p>Sophia Von Dewall (Derains & Gharavi)</p> <p>Nathalie Allen, Rick Gal (Addleshaw Goddard)</p>
Day Three, Sept 4, 2024	Standards of Protection in International Investment Agreements	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, full protection and security <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National treatment, MFN treatment, Umbrella Clauses 	<p>Federico Ortino (King's College London)</p> <p>Simon Weber (Quinn Emanuel)</p>
Day Four, Sept 5, 2024	Quantification and damages: Theory and Practice	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic principles under customary international law and treaties Damage standards based on the type of breach <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of valuation methods Damage quantification in practice 	<p>Stefanie Pfisterer & Dilber Devitre (Homburger AG)</p> <p>Mrinal Jain (Secretariat)</p>
Day Five, Sept 6, 2024	Post-award remedies	<p><u>Session One:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annulment and vacatur, ICSID or other arbitration rules <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Issues 	<p>Iuliana Iancu & Tarunima Vijra (HVDB)</p>

Speakers



PIERRE TERCIER

Prof. Pierre Tercier is an Emeritus Professor of the University of Fribourg, Honorary Chairman of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, after having been the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration between 2006 and 2008 and is a Doctor honoris causa of Paris-Panthéon-Assas University. He has recently joined the law firm Peter & Kim as Senior Counsel.



NHU-HOANG TRAN THANG

Ms. Nhu-Hoang Tran Thang is an international arbitration lawyer admitted to the Paris bar and is the Founding Partner of boutique arbitration firm Astute Dispute Resolution, which she established in 2024. She is recognized as an "Arbitration Thought Leader Under 45", and was elected the "Client's Choice" for Arbitration and ADR in Switzerland by Lexology in 2024.



SOPHIA VON DEWALL

Ms. Sophia Von Dewall is a partner at Derains & Gharavi, specializing in commercial and investment arbitrations, representing both States and investors under foreign investment laws and bilateral investment treaties. She has extensive experience in diverse sectors, including oil and gas, energy, infrastructure, and more. Sophia graduated cum laude from the University of Amsterdam, is an Executive Board Member of the Dutch Arbitration Association, and an arbitrator in international proceedings. She also lectures on international investment law.



NATHALIE ALLEN

Ms. Nathalie Allen is a seasoned international arbitration lawyer specializing in both commercial and investor-state disputes. She represents clients across major arbitral institutions and various jurisdictions. Known for her quick legal acumen, Nathalie has been recognized by Who's Who Legal and Global Arbitration Review as a "Future Leader" and featured in the Legal 500 International Arbitration Powerlist. She is fluent in multiple languages and has published extensively on international arbitration topics.

Speakers



RICK GAL

Mr. Rick Gal is a Legal Director at Addleshaw Goddard's Commercial Disputes team in London, specializing in high-value, cross-border disputes, particularly in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration. With expertise in sectors like energy, TMT, and hospitality, he has represented clients globally under leading institutional rules. Rick joined Addleshaw Goddard in August 2023 after 12 years with Allen & Overy. He holds Higher Rights of Audience and studied law at Cambridge University.



FEDERICO ORTINO

Prof. Federico Ortino is Co-Director of the Centre for International Governance and Dispute Resolution (CIGAD) and Professor of International Economic Law at King's College London. He is a member of the ILA Committee on the Rule of Law and International Investment Law; founding Committee Member (and former co-Treasurer) of the Society of International Economic Law.



SIMON WEBER

Dr. Simon Weber is an associate in Quinn Emanuel's Zurich office. Simon's practice focuses on complex multi-jurisdictional disputes as well as commercial and investment arbitrations. Simon also regularly represents UHNWIs in commercial and general private client disputes. His areas of specialisation include energy and infrastructure projects, long-term delivery and sales contracts.



STEFANIE PFISTERER

Ms. Stefanie Pfisterer specializes in international arbitration as well as in litigation. She is the Vice President of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre, a member of the Swiss Commission of Arbitration and ADR of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and a lecturer at the University of St. Gallen. She holds a doctorate from the University of Zurich and an LLM from Harvard Law School.

Speakers



DILBER DEVITRE

Ms. Dilber Devitre's practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration. She obtained a Master's degree in International Business Law from the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and a Diploma in Global Business Law and Governance from Sciences Po, Paris and Columbia Law School, New York. She is registered with the Paris Bar and admitted to the practice in Switzerland.



MRINAL JAIN

Mr. Mrinal Jain specialises in economic damages and valuation. His primary focus is assessing quantum, financial, economic and valuation issues in contentious and non-contentious matters. He is recognized as one of the leading expert witnesses in international arbitration, earning recognition in Who's Who Legal's Arbitration 2019, 2020 and 2021 Lists and Thought Leader Arbitration Expert Witness 2021.



TARUNIMA VIJRA

Ms. Tarunima Vijra is a Counsel at Hanotiau & van den Berg (HVDB) and specializes in international arbitration. She acts as arbitrator, counsel, tribunal secretary and assistant to the tribunal in international commercial and investment arbitrations. Ms. Vijra has experience in a range of industry sectors, including aviation, banking, broadcasting, construction and infrastructure



IULIANA IANCU

Ms. Iuliana Iancu has over fourteen years of experience in international arbitration. She has acted as arbitrator (presiding, party-appointed, sole arbitrator, emergency arbitrator), counsel and tribunal secretary. Ms. Iancu holds an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School (2012, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar). She is admitted to practice in Bucharest and is registered with the Brussels Bar.

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Our Organising Committee

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Dr. Nidhi Gupta

Dr. Nidhi Gupta has nearly twenty eight years of experience in teaching, training, and research in Law and judicial education in India and Europe. Before joining NLU Delhi she was Associate Professor at National Law University, Jodhpur. At NLUJ she was Executive Director for the Centre for Advanced Research and Training in Arbitration Laws (CARTAL). She was also a faculty advisor for the flagship journal of the Centre, the Indian Journal of Arbitration Law (IJAL). Her main areas of interest are private international law and international dispute resolution.

STUDENT COORDINATORS

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