



Certificate Course in International Commercial & Investment Treaty Arbitration

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Objective of the Course

The objective of this course is for building capacity and expertise in India in the field of international arbitration. This course will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration, equipping them with the skills to manage and resolve cross-border disputes in a globalized economy. As India's economic integration with international markets deepens, gaining a deep understanding of the legal framework governing such disputes has become increasingly essential.

Eligibility & Prerequisites

- Candidates from all Universities and Faculties may apply.
 - Professionals having completed 3 year LL.B. / 5 year integrated BA, LL.B. Course with not less than 55% marks in aggregate;
- or
- Legal professionals/Government Officials/Law Officers with prior experience in handling commercial arbitration disputes, including preferably international commercial arbitration and/or investment treaty arbitration.



About NLU Delhi

Created with the vision to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant, NLU Delhi was established in the year 2008 with the initiative of the High Court of Delhi and the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and stands as a premier Law university in the country. Dynamic in vision and robust in commitment, the university in a very short span of time has shown exemplary promise to become a world class institution. NLU Delhi has been consecutively ranked number two in the NIRF rankings of Law universities in the country for the last seven years.

Structure of the Course

The Certificate Course on International Commercial Arbitration and Investment Treaty Arbitration is the first course of its kind to be conducted in India on this subject. The Course will be a programme with a significant focus on practical and contemporary issues in this field. It will be conducted through lectures, interactions with a range of prominent academics and practitioners of international and investment treaty arbitration. Physical attendance will be mandatory.

The duration of the Course will be 4 months, which would further be divided in two parts, 2 months will be dedicated for International Commercial Arbitration (Part-A), and 2 months for Investment Treaty Arbitration (Part-B), covering various substantive and procedural issues related to the same.

The candidates will be evaluated on the basis of continuous assessment as well as end term examination. The candidates are expected to maintain a minimum attendance of 80% for the successful completion of the course.

Fee details:

Rs. 1.10 lakhs

Timeline:

- Opening of the application - 16 December, 2024
- Deadline for the application - 24th January, 2025
- Orientation Program - 15th February, 2025
- Start of the course - 17th February

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Important Instructions

This is to inform all candidates that their admission to the Certificate Course on International Commercial Arbitration is provisional and subject to the verification of their minimum educational qualifications as per the prescribed eligibility criteria. Admission will be finalized only upon the successful verification of all relevant documents.

In case a candidate has paid the admission fee but is found to be ineligible for admission after document verification, the following procedure will apply:

Ineligibility Determination: If the verification of documents reveals that the candidate does not meet the minimum educational qualification or any other eligibility requirement or based on any other similar reasons if the admission isn't confirmed by the University.

Refund Policy: In such cases where the candidate is deemed ineligible, the fee paid will be refunded to the original source of payment.

The candidate will be notified in writing of the ineligibility decision and the subsequent refund process.

Candidates are advised to ensure that all documents submitted are accurate and meet the prescribed eligibility criteria to avoid any inconvenience.

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Patrons



Chairperson:
Mr. V.K. Rajah, SC

Mr. V.K. Rajah is currently a Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He has chaired or served as arbitrator in numerous high-profile, complex international commercial arbitrations and investor-state disputes. From 2004 to 2014, he was a Judge and later a Judge of Appeal of the Singapore Supreme Court. In 2014, he became Attorney General. When he retired from public service in 2017, the Prime Minister of Singapore in a valedictory letter noted, "In every appointment, you have carried out your duties with dynamism and commitment. You have improved our legal system and made a difference to future generations of lawyers."



Patron-in-Chief:
Justice Indu Malhotra

Indu Malhotra is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. Before her elevation to the Bench, she was a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India. In 2007, she became the second woman to be designated as a Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court. In 2018, she was the first woman to be elevated directly from the Bar as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. Justice Malhotra is the author of the leading commentary of arbitration law and practice in India, which has been cited by the Supreme Court and High Courts in various landmark judgments. Justice Malhotra has instituted this Chair with the specific purpose of conducting the first specialized Course on International Commercial and Investment Treaty Arbitration for capacity building and expertise in this branch of law.

Committee of International Expert Advisors



Prof. Stavros Brekoulakis

Professor Stavros Brekoulakis is the Michael and Laura Hwang Chair of International Arbitration at the National University of Singapore. Stavros practices as an arbitrator from 3 Verulam Buildings (Gray's Inn), being consistently recognised as a WWL Arbitration: Global Elite Thought Leader. Stavros is the author of several monographs, books, edited volumes and articles in leading law journals. He has been invited to deliver the Summer Course on Private International Law at the Hague Academy of International Law in 2026. Stavros is the Vice President of the ICC Court and a member of the ICCA Governing Board. He is the General Editor of the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and the Deputy Editor of the Arbitration International.



Ms. Carolyn B. Lamm

Carolyn Lamm is a Senior Partner at White & Case LLP. Carolyn was appointed by President Clinton to the US Panel and later by the Government of Uzbekistan to the Uzbek Panel of Arbitrators for ICSID arbitration. Carolyn has represented several states in investment arbitrations and related litigations, including the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Russian Federation, and the Republic of India. Carolyn is a founding member of the American Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. Carolyn is a past President of both the District of Columbia Bar and the American Bar Association. She served as President of the American Bar Endowment, as the American Bar Association's Representative to the International Bar Association and to the U.N.



Mr. Toby Landau

Toby Landau KC is a senior Barrister and Arbitrator, and a member of the Bars of England & Wales, Singapore, New York, the BVI and Northern Ireland, and registered in the DIFC. He practises in Singapore from Duxton Hill Chambers and London as a sole practitioner. He is a member of the Panel of Advisors to the Attorney-General of Singapore; Vice President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration; Member of the Governing Board of ICCA; Fellow of the CI Arb and Chartered Arbitrator; Vice-Chairman of the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration. He was a draftsman of the English Arbitration Act 1996. He holds a first-class law degree and a first class BCL from Oxford University (Eldon Scholar), and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School (Kennedy Scholar).

Visiting Faculty



Prof. N. Jansen Calamita, National University of Singapore

N Jansen Calamita is Head of International Economic Law & Policy, Centre for International Law, and Research Associate Professor (CIL), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. He has previously held posts at the University of Oxford, the University of Birmingham, and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. Prior to entering academia, he served in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the US Department of State and in the UNCITRAL Secretariat. He began his career in private practice in New York. Professor Calamita has worked with more than two dozen countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, providing advice and training on matters relating to foreign investment, commercial arbitration, and investor-state disputes. He has also published widely on topics related to foreign investment and public international law, including Investment Treaties and the Rule of Law Promise (Cambridge University Press 2022) and ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (Elgar 2022). He is the author of the APEC Handbook on Obligations in International Investment Treaties.



Dr. Kabir Duggal, Attorney, Arnold and Porter, New York

Dr. Kabir Duggal is a Senior Fellow and Advisor at the Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration at Columbia Law School (CICIA) and an attorney in Arnold and Porter's New York office. Dr. Duggal is also a Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia Law School and an adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School. He is a graduate of the University of Mumbai, University of Oxford (DHL-Times of India Scholar), NYU School of Law (Hauser Global Scholar), and Leiden Law School (2019 CEPANI Academic Prize). Dr. Duggal is admitted to practice law in New York, District of Columbia, England & Wales (as a Barrister), and in India.



Mr. Ciccu Mukhopadhaya

Mr. Ciccu Mukhopadhaya is a Senior Advocate specializing in international arbitrations. He has over 37 years of practice and experience as a lawyer and was designated as a Senior Advocate in the year 2011. He holds a Master's Degree in Law from Temple University, Philadelphia, USA. He has been a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris for 6 years. He also acts as an arbitrator in International and Domestic Arbitrations. He has been appointed by the institutions such as ICC Paris, SIAC Singapore apart from ad hoc appointments as a Chair, Sole Arbitrator and as a co-arbitrator. In addition to disputes practice, he has extensive experience in corporate transactional and advisory work.



Prof. Dr. James J. Nedumpara, Professor and Head, CTIL, New Delhi

James J. Nedumpara is Professor and Head of the Centre for International Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), as well as the WTO India Chairholder at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi. James received his Ph.D. from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru and holds master's degrees in Law from the University of Cambridge (as a Cambridge Commonwealth Scholar), the New York University School Law as well as the National University Singapore. James has significant experience in trade and investment treaty negotiations. Among various publications, James is the co-author of the comprehensive treatise, *International Economic Law: Text, Cases and Materials* (2021), published by Cambridge University Press. He is the Vice President of Tradelab, Geneva.



Mr. Promod Nair, Senior Advocate

Mr. Nair is a dispute resolution specialist and regularly appears as counsel in commercial litigation and public law matters before the Supreme Court and various High Courts in India. Mr. Nair has been appointed as arbitrator in LCIA, ICC, SIAC and ad hoc arbitrations. As counsel, he has conducted arbitrations in various jurisdictions in Europe and Asia, and under various institutional rules. He served as a member of the LCIA Court (2014-19) and is a Council Member of the HKIAC.



Prof. Dr. Prabhash Ranjan, Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University

Prof. Prabhash Ranjan holds a PhD in law from King's College London. Prabhash studied for an inter-collegiate LLM programme in London at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and University College London (UCL). He has done his LL.M. as the prestigious British Chevening Scholarship recipient. Prabhash is also a Visiting Professor at the National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, and an International Fellow at the National Institute of Military Justice, Washington DC. Previously, Prabhash taught at South Asian University, National Law University Jodhpur and NUJS. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Brookings India; a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, and a Transnational Summer Law Institute Fellow at the Transnational Law Institute, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London.



Ms. Fereshte Sethna, Partner, DMD Advocates

Fereshte D. Sethna is the Founder and Managing Partner of DMD Advocates' Mumbai office and leads its International Litigation & ADR Group. With 29 years of experience, she specializes in complex cross-border litigation and arbitration across industries such as oil & gas, infrastructure, finance, IT, and hospitality. Her global practice spans jurisdictions including the US, UK, Europe, Singapore, and the UAE.



Mr. Aditya Singh, Partner, White & Case, Singapore

Mr. Singh is a partner at White & Case for the international disputes and white-collar investigations practice. He is qualified to practice in India, New York, and England and Wales. He was the first Asia Regional Chair for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration's under-40 group, the Young ITA, and currently serves on the YSIAC Council. Mr. Singh is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore, where he teaches a course on international arbitration. Before joining White & Case, he was a Student Empirical Research Fellow at the Harvard Law School's Program on the Legal Profession and a Grotius Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan Law School.



Mr. Ajay Thomas, Advocate, New Delhi

Ajay is an ADR consultant and arbitrator. Most recently, he was the Registrar and Director at the Oman Commercial Arbitration Centre in Muscat. He has worked with three of the world's leading arbitration institutions (LCIA, SIAC and SCMA) and has over twenty years of experience in the field of arbitration. Ajay is a former member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, Paris, a past Vice Chairman of the ICC Court's India Arbitration Group, and serves as a National Correspondent for India to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) CLOUT system.