

# DIS

DIS Autumn Conference 8 – 9 September 2025, Berlin

## Arbitration – A Bridge over Troubled Waters

### **GALA DINNER**

8 September 2025, 7<sup>00</sup> pm  
Berlin Marriott Hotel  
Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1 (Potsdamer Platz)  
10785 Berlin

### **CONFERENCE**

9 September 2025, 9<sup>00</sup> am to 5<sup>00</sup> pm  
Berlin Marriott Hotel  
Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1 (Potsdamer Platz)  
10785 Berlin

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

Registration Fee with Gala Dinner  
DIS/DIS40 Members: 645.00 € plus VAT  
In-House Counsel/Public Servants: 300.00 € plus VAT  
Non-Members: 745.00 € plus VAT  
Registration Fee without Gala Dinner  
DIS/DIS40 Members: 400.00 € plus VAT  
In-House Counsel/Public Servants: 200.00 € plus VAT  
Non-Members: 500.00 € plus VAT

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

We kindly ask for timely registration on or before 25 August 2025. The number of participants for the event is limited.

For online registration and the DB event ticket please click here → [online registration](#)

### **BERLIN DISPUTE RESOLUTION DAYS**

The DIS Autumn Conference is the centerpiece of the Berlin Dispute Resolution Days (8 – 11 September 2025). For a comprehensive overview over all events, visit → [berlin-dispute-resolution-days.de](#)

DIS40 Autumn Conference 2025: *Europe's Evolving Disputes Landscape: Transforming, Ever-changing and Arbitration (Un-)Friendly?*  
10 September 2025, 9<sup>00</sup> am to 5<sup>00</sup> pm

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## DIS Autumn Conference 2025, 9 September 2025 Arbitration – A Bridge over Troubled Waters

In times of political fracture, judicial defiance, and legal uncertainty, international arbitration is called upon not only to resolve disputes, but to preserve the very idea of legal order. The DIS Autumn Conference 2025 – Arbitration: A Bridge over Troubled Waters – explores the evolving role of arbitration in upholding the rule of law amid crisis and contestation.

Join us for a day of critical reflection, practical insight and candid debate – featuring voices from across the international legal community.

8.30 am

### Welcome Coffee & Registration

9.00 am

### Opening Remarks

Reinmar Wolff, German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Berlin/Bonn  
Ramona Schardt, German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Berlin/Bonn

9.15 am

### Keynote Speech

#### Setting the stage: Why “Troubled Waters” – and How Arbitration must Respond in Times of Legal, Political and Institutional Instability

Marco Buschmann, Former Federal Minister of Justice, Berlin

9.45 am

### Coffee Break

10.15 am

### Valid but Void? Enforcement and the Rule of Law in an Age of Defiance

Examining enforcement challenges when political interference, sanctions, or strategic litigation hinder the effect of arbitral awards

Moderator: Camilla M.L. Perera-De Wit,  
Independent arbitrator and mediator, Zurich

- Franco Ferrari, NYU School of Law, New York
- Marnix Leijten, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam
- Karl Pörnbacher, Hogan Lovells, Munich
- Aurel Sangenstedt, Uniper Global Commodities, Dusseldorf

11.15 am

### Strategic Defection: When States Withdraw from Treaties and Tribunals

Discussion of state exits from ECT, ICSID, or other legal frameworks, and the implications for arbitration's reliability

Moderator: Klaus Sachs, CMS, Munich

- Lindsay Gastrell, Arbitration Chambers, New York
- Marina Weiss, Bredin Prat, Paris
- Mathias Wittinghofer, Gowling WLG, Frankfurt

12.15 pm

### Lunch

1.45 pm

### Coffee House Debate: Rule of Law vs. Arbitration: A Harmonious Duo or a Troubled Marriage?

Debate on tensions between justice and public oversight

Moderator: Nadja Harraschain, A&O Shearman, Frankfurt

- Florian Bien, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg
- Philipp K. Wagner, Wagner Arbitration, Berlin

2.30 pm

### Arbitration under Pressure: Crisis Justice in War, Sanctions, and Systemic Collapse

How arbitration functions during armed conflict, financial sanctions, or judicial breakdowns

Moderator: Ulrike Gantenberg, Gantenberg Dispute Experts, Dusseldorf

- Axel Boës, KDB.legal Koch Boës, Hamburg
- Steven P. Finizio, Wilmer Hale, London
- Greg Lourie, Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich

3.30 pm

### Coffee Break

4.00 pm

### Anti-Suit Injunctions, Anti-Anti Suit Injunctions, and Anti-Anti-Anti-Suit Injunctions from a Rule of Law Perspective

Moderator: Aurélie Conrad Hari, Bär & Karrer, Geneva

- James Castello, Arbitration Chambers, Paris
- Gerhard Wagner, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

5.00 pm

### Closing Remarks

Christian Duve, Duve Law, Frankfurt