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DIS Autumn Conference | 29–30 September 2026, Berlin

Geopolitics and Defence – Arbitration in Times of Rearmament



GALA DINNER

29 September 2026, 7⁰⁰ pm
Grand Hyatt Berlin
Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 2
10785 Berlin

CONFERENCE

30 September 2026, 9⁰⁰ am to 5⁰⁰ pm
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1 October 2026, 9⁰⁰ am to 5⁰⁰ pm

DIS Autumn Conference 2026, 30 September 2026

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The defence sector is experiencing significant growth globally, driven by rising geopolitical tensions, increased NATO defence spending commitments, and expanding cross-border procurement. As defence contracts grow in scale and complexity – and as more states and private entities engage in international arms trade and defence cooperation – disputes inevitably arise.

International arbitration has become a natural forum for resolving many of these disputes, but the defence sector raises unique challenges that distinguish it from arbitration in other industries.

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

29 SEPTEMBER – GALA DINNER

Dinner Speech: Quo vadis NATO – and what does this mean for the economy?

Admiral a.D. Joachim Rühle, NATO, Kiel

30 SEPTEMBER – CONFERENCE

8.30 am	Welcome Coffee & Registration
9.00 am	Opening Remarks Thomas Pfeiffer, German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Berlin/Bonn Ramona Schardt, German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Berlin/Bonn
9.15 am	Keynote Speech Jan Friedrich Kallmorgen, Ernst & Young-Parthenon, Berlin
9.45 am	Coffee Break
10.15 am	Classified but Justiciable? Handling State Secrets and Confidentiality in Defence Arbitration Moderator: Jan Erik Spangenberg, SPANGENBERG, Hamburg · Matthias Brenneke, PLATH Group, Hamburg · Malik Havalic, Hughes Hubbard, New York · Inken Knief, Hogan Lovells, Munich · Admiral a.D. Stefan Pauly, Eraneos, Berlin
11.15 am	Defence Supply Chains under Stress: Disputes in Multi-Tier Contracts Moderator: Gustav Flecke-Giammarco, Seven Summits Arbitration, Munich · Luigi Di Paola, Fincantieri, Milan · Heike Kieninger, Airbus Defence and Space GmbH, Munich · Alexandre Reynaud, TALMA Dispute Resolution, Paris

12.15 pm	Lunch
1.45 pm	Coffee House Debate: National Security vs. Arbitration: Who Has the Final Say? Moderator: Markus Burianski, White & Case, Frankfurt · Artie McConnell, BakerHostetler, New York · Dirk Pulkowski, NATO, Brussels
2.30 pm	Export Controls, Sanctions and Contract Breakdown in Defence Deals Moderator: Dieter Korten, CBH Rechtsanwälte, Cologne · Anke Allenhöfer, Helsing, Munich · Oksana Karel, TAF Industries, Kyiv · Mahdi Daneshzadeh Tabrizi, Almatiss, Frankfurt
3.30 pm	Coffee Break
4.00 pm	A Look into the Crystal Ball Moderator: Friedrich Rosenfeld, Hanefeld, Hamburg · Charlotte Maria Jensen, Poul Schmith, Copenhagen · Myrto Pantelaki, Hellenic Ministry of Defence, Athens · Josephine Skjoldmose Knop, Danish Ministry of Defence, Ballerup · Holger Strnad, Hensoldt, Munich
5.00 pm	Closing Remarks

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Registration fee including 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

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Non-members: 500.00 € plus VAT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We kindly ask for timely registration

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The number of participants is limited.

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