

8th Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel Lecture Audley Sheppard KC

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Public Policy and Arbitrability Revisited

Professor Böckstiegel gave a seminal presentation on ‘Public Policy and Arbitrability’ at the ICCA Congress in New York in 1986. He concluded that the leitmotiv should be: as much state involvement as necessary, but as little as possible. It is timely to review the approach of courts and tribunals to issues of arbitrability over the past forty years.

It is also timely to reflect on the suitability of traditional arbitration for certain types of disputes, especially where there is a public interest element, such as cases involving states or state-owned enterprises, or where an individual is a party, such as in sports arbitration, and to consider whether there has been a reassessment of the scope of arbitrability.



Audley Sheppard KC, is President of ICCA. He is a former Chair of the Board and a Vice-president of the Court of the LCIA, Member on the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Arbitration Commission, Rapporteur of the ILA Arbitration Committee, and Co-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee. He is Chair of the Board of Sport Resolutions, and a Director of BIICL.

Audley is a member of Twenty Essex, London, before which he was a partner of Clifford Chance, where he was the co-Head of the International Arbitration group. Audley is a full-time arbitrator with extensive experience of major disputes arising out of infrastructure and energy projects, and international trade and investment.

Registration

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The Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel Lecture

Every two years, the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) honours the late Professor Dr. Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel, Honorary Chairman of the DIS, with a lecture named after him. The lecture series provides a platform for distinguished speakers to share their insights and engage in meaningful discourse. Past Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel Lectures include:

2024

Lucy Reed

President of the Singapore Intern. Arbitration Centre Court and President of ICCA (2020-2023)

2022

Dirk Pulkowski

Senior Legal Counsel of the Permanent Court at Arbitration (PCA)

2019

Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler

President of ICCA (2018-2020)

2017

Jan Paulsson

President of ICCA (2010-2014)

2015

Bruno Simma

Judge at the International Court of Justice and the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal

2013

Albert Jan van den Berg

President of ICCA (2014-2016)

2011

John Beechey

President of the ICC Court of Arbitration

Meg Kinnaer

Secretary General of ICSID