

# DIS Meets KCAB International: Civil Law Players in International Arbitration

**Date:** 16 April 2026, 5-7 pm

**Venue:** King & Spalding, TaunusTurm, 60310 Frankfurt



Geographically far apart, yet legal culturally closely related in the civil law tradition: Korea and Germany.

East Asia belongs predominantly to the civil law legal family, including strong ties to the German legal tradition, yet many German or Korean users still routinely select popular common law venues as seat of their arbitration. This can lead to lengthy and costly common law inspired arbitration proceedings with broad document disclosure, extensive cross-examination, no support with an early settling of the dispute etc.

For an open exchange among civil law players in international arbitration, the DIS and its Frankfurt Regional Group welcome Prof. Chang, Chairman of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) International to Frankfurt in our “DIS Meets KCAB International” format. Prof. Chang will introduce his arbitration institution to us and share some initiatives that KCAB International has taken to raise awareness of the civil law traditions in arbitration, such as his successful Asia Civil Law Summit.

After a short presentation on typical civil law approaches to arbitration, we will discuss convergences and perspectives of civil law inspired international arbitration.

### Registration

Please register **by 9 April 2026** via the link below. Participation in the event is free of charge. By registering you accept the [DIS General Terms and Conditions](#) for Conferences and Workshops.

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Please address any questions to: [events@disarb.org](mailto:events@disarb.org).

5 pm	<b>Welcome</b> Annekathrin Schmoll, Co-Chair DIS Frankfurt Regional Group
5.05 pm	<b>The Civil Law Tradition in Germany and East Asia – Legacy Connections and Building New Bridges by the DIS</b> Stefan Kröll, DIS Board Member, Hamburg/Cologne
5.15 pm	<b>KCAB International – A Short Introduction to the Arbitration Institution and Its Civil Law Initiatives</b> Seung Wha Chang, Chairman KCAB International, Seoul
5.35 pm	<b>What Civil Law Techniques Could Make International Arbitration Leaner and More Efficient?</b> Rolf Trittmann, rothorn legal, Frankfurt
5.45 pm	<b>Civil Law Arbitration in Practice – Convergences and Perspectives</b> Seung Wha Chang, Chairman KCAB International, Seoul Stefan Kröll, DIS Board Member, Hamburg/Cologne Anke Sessler, Independent Arbitrator, Frankfurt Rolf Trittmann, rothorn legal, Frankfurt Moritz Winkler, Yulchon, Seoul/Munich Moderator Jan K. Schäfer, DIS Board Member, Frankfurt
6.50 pm	<b>Farewell</b> German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V. Lennéstr. 9, 10785 Berlin, <a href="http://www.disarb.org">www.disarb.org</a>