



VIENNA
ARBITRATION
DAYS 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

ARBITRATION UNPLUGGED: UNDER PRESSURE.

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026

09:00 - 10:00 | **REGISTRATION**

PALAIS NIEDERÖSTERREICH | Herrengasse 13 | 1010 Vienna

10:00 - 10:15 | **WELCOME REMARKS**

ALICE FREMUTH-WOLF | Austrian Arbitration Association

10:15 - 11:00 | **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

KEEPING THE BEAT: LAWYERS AS GUARDIANS OF THE RULE OF LAW

HAMID GHARAVI | Derains & Gharavi | France

11:00 - 11.30 | **VIENNESE COFFEE BREAK 1** SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRIAN LEGAL COMMUNITY

11:30 - 12:45 | **PANEL 1**

SOMEBODY'S WATCHING ME

THE INFLUENCE OF THE CJEU ON COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION IN THE EU

AUGUST REINISCH | University of Vienna | Austria

MIRJAM VAN DE HEL-KOEDOOT | Loyens & Loeff | Netherlands

ROBIN OLDENSTAM | Mannheimer Swartling | Sweden

VERICA TRSTENJAK | University Ljubljana, University Vienna, SFU | Austria

12:45 - 14:15 | **LUNCH BREAK** SUPPORTED BY ALIX PARTNERS

14:15 - 15:30 | **PANEL 2**

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

ENFORCEMENT OF ARBITRAL AWARDS

JUDITH KNIEPER | UNCITRAL

YAS BANIFATEMI | Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya | France

PARIS ABORO | Covington & Burling | UK

ANDRES JANA | Jana & Gil | Chile

15:30 - 16:00 | **VIENNESE COFFEE BREAK 2** SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRIAN LEGAL COMMUNITY

16:00 - 17:45 | **PANEL 3**

I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

EVIDENCE TAKING IN ARBITRATION: STRATEGY VS. TRUTH

ATHINA FOUCHARD PAPAEFSTRATIOU | AFP Arbitration | France

MAHNAZ MALIK | Twenty Essex | UK

BROOKS DALY | Independent Arbitrator | Netherlands

NORADÈLE RADJAI | LALIVE | Switzerland

ALFRED SIWY | ZEILER | Austria

17:45 - 18:45 | **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

SUPPORTED BY NIVALION, RAEDAS, CIArb European Branch, ECAA

19:30 - 01:00 | **CONFERENCE DINNER** SUPPORTED BY FTI CONSULTING

MOTTO AM FLUSS | Franz-Josefs-Kai 2 | 1010 Vienna

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SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026

08:30 - 09:30 | **ARBITRAL WOMEN BREAKFAST**

SUPPORTED BY CMS

LISA BEISTEINER | ZEILER | Austria

MANINI BRAR | ARBRIDGE Chambers | India

PATRICIA NACIMIENTO | Herbert Smith | Germany

SOPHIE NAPPERT | 3VB | UK

09:30 - 10:00 | **WELCOME COFFEE**

SUPPORTED BY ARBITRATION PLACE AND AT•COURT THIRTEEN

10:00 - 13:00 | **ARBITRATION WORLD CAFÉ**

ORGANIZED BY NIKOLAUS PITKOWITZ,

ELISABETH VANAS-METZLER & MARLENE MAURER

TABLE MODERATORS:

TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE

13:00 - 13:30 | **CHORUS JUVENTUS OF THE WIENER SÄNGERKNABEN**

15:00 - 17:00 | **SOCIAL EVENT: A GUIDED TOUR IN THE BELVEDERE**

SUPPORTED BY AKG Advisory

OBERES BELVEDERE | Prinz-Eugen-Straße 27 | 1030 Vienna

**CELEBRATING
THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF VAD AND AYIA**

20 YEARS
VAD



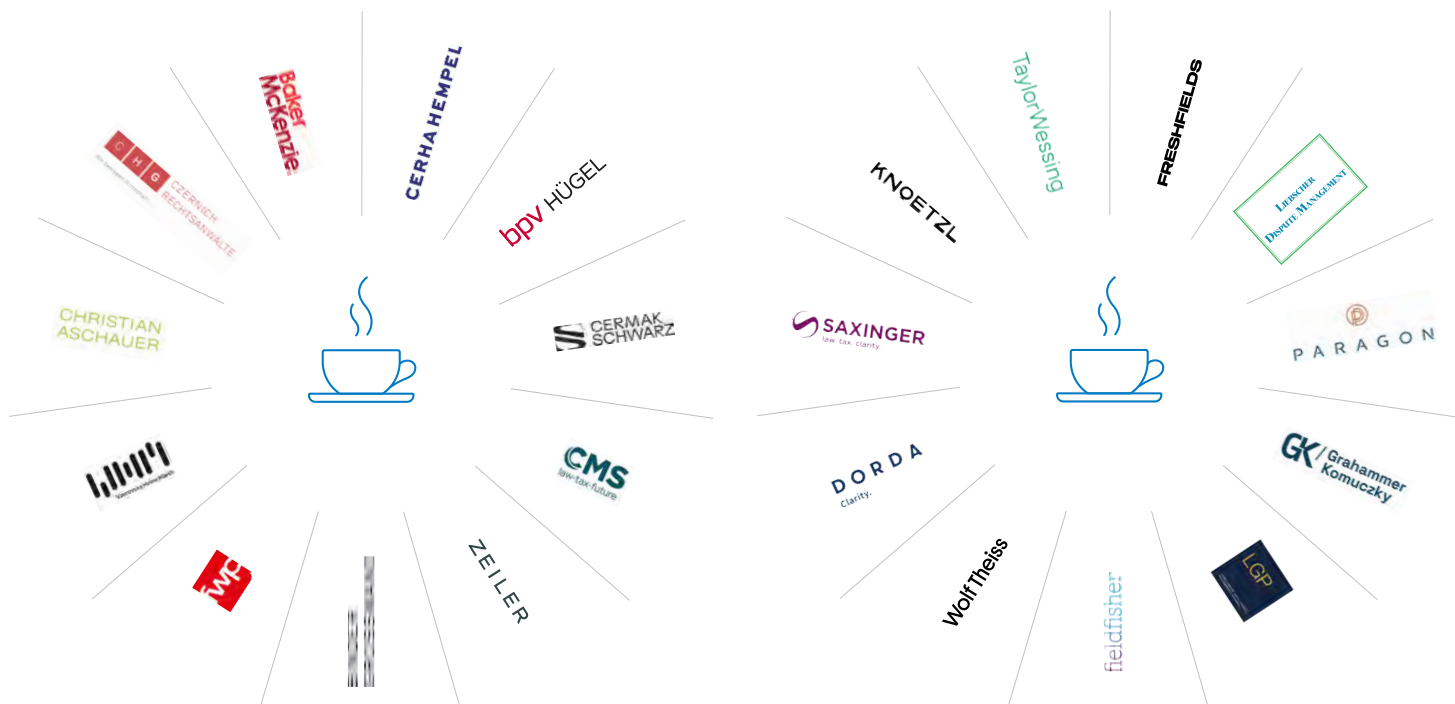
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