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Wednesday, 25 June 2025, 9:10am – 5:30pm

Venue: *Shanghai International Dispute Resolution Center*

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Ben Olbourne
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Opening Address



Leonora Riesenburg
Independent Chartered
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Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Olga Boltenko
Boltenko Arbiters



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Zijin Yu
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9:10 – 9:15	Welcome Message by Chairman Ben Olbourne, Barrister & Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers
9:15 – 9:30	Opening Address by Shanghai International Arbitration Center
9:30 – 9:50	Keynote Session: Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration and the Outlook for 2025
9:50 – 10:30	1st Grand Panel: Art of Negotiation: Tactical Issues in Why Arbitration, Why Mediation and Why Not? Moderator: • Leonora Riesenburg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC Panellist: • Gary Gao, Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm
10:30 – 10:50	M&A Disputes in China & Asia – Cross-border Issues and a Look into 2025
10:50 – 11:10	Insolvency & Restructuring Disputes – 2025 Updates and the Future
11:10 – 11:35	Networking Break & Morning Refreshment
11:35 – 11:55	Of Lenders, Sponsors, and States: structuring and Protecting Project Finance Deals in High Sovereign Risk Jurisdictions Olga Boltenko, Boltenko Arbiters
11:55 – 12:15	Construction Disputes – Through the Looking Glass in Asia
12:15 – 12:55	2nd Grand Panel: Ask the Experts – Expedited & Emergency Procedures in International Arbitration in 2025 – Is Faster Better and Who Really Benefits?
12:55 – 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 – 14:40	3rd Grand Panel: Enforcement of Awards, Arbitration Clauses & Invalidity of Awards – Different Jurisdictions, Different Answers!
14:40 – 15:00	Expert Witness – Which Industries & How Best Use Them in the Current Climate
15:00 – 15:25	Use of E-Discovery in Arbitration & Investigations
15:25 – 16:05	4th Grand Panel: Anti-Trust Law – Compliance & Regulatory Issues with Chinese & Foreign Companies & Merger Control & the Digital Era
16:05 – 16:20	Networking Break & Afternoon Refreshment
16:20 – 16:40	China – Cyber Security & Export Data Privacy – Effects to China & Asian Companies in 2025
16:40 – 17:20	5th Grand Panel: Fraud – Technology Disputes 2025: Rise of AI, Investigations & Avoiding Corporate Fraud
17:20 – 17:30	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw
17:30 – 18:30	Whisky Tasting & Networking Drinks

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Ben Olbourne, Barrister & Arbitrator, 39 Essex Chambers

Ben is an experienced counsel at the English Bar and an arbitrator in international commercial disputes. He is a member of 39 Essex Chambers and is English qualified, however, he has lived and worked in Asia for more than 10 years. In his counsel work, he provides advisory and advocacy services across a broad range of sectors, principally general commercial, international trade and commodities, business sales and purchases, joint venture and other commercial agreements, energy, and insurance and re-insurance. He has acted for private and state-owned enterprises in many jurisdictions. Most of his work is multi-jurisdictional and involves issues of private international and foreign law. Ben also sits regularly as an arbitrator (50+ appointments) and has been appointed under all of the leading arbitral rules in matters with seats in Singapore, Australia, India, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Russia, France and England among others. He is recommended as counsel and/or as arbitrator in the leading regional directories.

Weijun Wang, Secretary General, Shanghai International Arbitration Center

Ms. WANG Weijun, Secretary-General of Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shanghai International Arbitration Center), Vice President of Shanghai Arbitration Association, Vice Chairman of Permanent Forum of China Construction Law (PFCCCL). Ms. Wang is listed arbitrator of several arbitration institutions with senior experience in arbitration. She actively promotes the development and innovation of arbitration mechanism by establishing China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone Court of Arbitration and CAJAC Shanghai Center, promulgating Free Trade Arbitration Rules, and launching the international aviation arbitration mechanism etc. Ms. Wang is the member of the Shanghai Law Society Arbitration Law Research Association and Aviation Law Research Association and serves as part-time graduate tutors in Fudan University, East China University of Political Science and Law etc. Ms. Wang is listed in the Shanghai Young Talent Pool of Jurisprudence and Law and Shanghai Oriental Top Talent Program.

Leonora Riesenburger, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator,, INTADR DMCC

Leonora Riesenburger is a seasoned, independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, empanelled on arbitration and mediation panels across the globe. A UK qualified barrister, Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales, in the UAE since 2007, Leonora is an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London, a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), and a Certified ADR Practitioner and Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). Her practice is international, and routed cross jurisdiction, encompassing both civil and common law systems. Previously Branch Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the UAE, and a member of Board of Management for CIArb London, Leonora holds pivotal roles for the CIArb as a Regional Pathway Leader (International Arbitration, Commercial Mediation) in the MENA region and is a highly sought after faculty member for the Institute. She also trains and assesses for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), both in MENA and in the UK. Leonora is honoured to be a serving member of Governing Council of HAC in Hyderabad, India, and on the Global Advisory Panel of ADR Practitioners for MICADR in Karachi, Pakistan. She is also a member of the DIFC Courts Arbitration Working Group and the LCIA Users' Council.

Olga Boltenko, Boltenko Arbiters

Ms. Boltenko is a barrister, arbitrator, and mediator with over a decade of experience in cross-border dispute resolution and international arbitration. Most recently with Fangda Partners in Hong Kong, Ms. Boltenko has also practised with leading arbitration teams in Paris and Singapore. With a particular focus on public international law, investor-State dispute resolution, and commercial arbitration, Ms Boltenko has acted as legal counsel in investor-State disputes under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the ICSID, the SCC, the ICC, the LCIA, and in various capacities in dozens of commercial disputes in a wide array of industries including oil and gas, mining, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals, across Asia and beyond. Ms. Boltenko teaches a master of laws degree in arbitration and ADR with a focus on Belt & Road investment law at The University of Hong Kong, where she is a deputy executive director. She is also a professor of law at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she teaches a course in investment law at the dual degree program with the Free University of Brussels. Ms. Boltenko has been consistently recognized in legal rankings, including by Who's Who Legal, where she has been ranked over the years as a National Leader for Hong Kong and a Thought Leader Global Elite - Under 45. She is described as a "highly motivated and hard-working practitioner who stands out as an excellent choice for investor-state disputes".

Gary Gao, Partner, Zhong Lun Law Firm

Mr. Gary GAO is the Partner and the Head of Compliance & Regulatory Department of Zhong Lun Law Firm. Gary is a skilled litigator and arbitrator with over 28 years experiences handling complex, cross-border arbitration, litigation as well as sophisticated commercial disputes. He has represented clients in commercial arbitration before the ICC, HKIAC, SHIAC and other arbitral institutions.

He has rich experience in international arbitration, litigation and mediation, familiar with the strategic planning of dispute resolution in multiple jurisdictions, the collection, screening and rules of proof of cross-border evidence production. In particular, Gary is good at dealing with disputes involving corporate equity, partnership private equity investment, procurement contracts, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, insurance claims, etc., and often acts as an expert witness on Chinese law in international litigation or arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, Gary also provide legal advice on Chinese substantive and procedural law to foreign clients or international law firms.

In addition, Gary has served as arbitrator in arbitrations conducted under HKIAC, SHIAC, SHAC and other arbitral institutions, and is included in the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's List of Arbitrators, the LCIA Database of Arbitrators, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board's Panel of Arbitrators, the List of WIPO Mediators and Arbitrators, the Shanghai International Arbitration Center's List of Arbitrators and the Shanghai Arbitration Commission's List of Arbitrators.

Zijin Yu, Counsel, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Zijin Yu is Counsel of HKIAC. She administers cases in English and Chinese. She also assists with HKIAC's business development activities in Mainland China. In addition, Zijin is responsible for event coordination and promotion for Women in Arbitration (WIA).

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