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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DISPUTES IN AN ERA OF RECEDING GLOBALISM

SUNDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 22-23, 2017

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This past year has seen the rise of populist nationalism, skepticism of multilateral trade agreements, and calls to tighten, in some ways, the flow of people across borders – perhaps most visibly in the United States and Europe, but with varying manifestations in other parts of the world, as well. For some, these developments represent a much-needed course correction to protect their nation’s security and address macroeconomic trends that have hurt working people. Others see them as harbingers of the demise of the post-World War II global order - or worse.

These developments are sparking lively political debate, but they also raise non-partisan, practical questions in the realm of international business dispute resolution.

SUNDAY, October 22

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
A Conversation with Arbitration Practitioners from Around the World – Different Perspectives on Common Themes

A panel jointly organized by the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum and AtLAS Young Practitioners Group.

Hosted by the Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation (ACIAM) (located at the Georgia State University College of Law, 85 Park Place NE, Atlanta).

Welcome and Introductory Remarks: Andrew J. Tuck, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta; Regional Representative, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Session Moderators: Sara S. Burns, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta; Rebecca Lunceford Kolb, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta

Panelists: Marek Krasula, Counsel, ICC, New York City; Daniel Garcia-Barragan, Regional Representative, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum, García Barragán Abogados S.C., Mexico City; Dawn J. Smith, General Counsel, British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission, Tortola; Michael Twomey, Arthur Cox, Dublin

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3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Trolley ride from ACIAM to Centennial Olympic Park and The Omni at CNN Center (travel token provided by AtLAS)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tertulia Roundtables
Introduction by Brent O. E. Clinkscale, Womble Carlyle LLP, Greenville, followed by moderated roundtable discussions on the following topics:

- Transparency, privacy and confidentiality in international arbitration
  Moderators: Chris M. Campbell, Willoughby & Hoefer P.A., Columbia, SC; Adwoa Gharney-Tagoe Seymour, Cox Enterprises, Atlanta
  Reporter: Laura E. Ashby, Miller & Martin PLLC, Atlanta

- Party selection of arbitrators versus institutional selection in international arbitration
  Moderators: Xiaqi Guo, Kang Da Law Firm, Beijing; John W. Hinchey, JAMS, Atlanta
  Reporter: Troy R. Covington, Bloom Sugarman LLP, Atlanta

- The “Americanization” of international arbitration? Discovery? Advocacy styles?
  Moderators: Valerie Strong Sanders, Eversheds Sutherland LLP, Atlanta; Richard Twomey, DWF LLP, London
  Reporter: Hillary Kinsey, Morris Manning & Martin LLP, Atlanta

- The impact of gender diversity in international arbitration
  Moderators: Leidylin Contreras, Assistant Director, Prevention, Dispute Resolution and Investment, Department of Foreign Trade, Dominican Republic; Shelby S. Guilbert, Jr., King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta
  Reporter: Kristen K. Bromberek, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE OMNI AT CNN CENTER
MONDAY, October 23
All events at the Omni CNN Center (100 CNN Center NW, Atlanta)

7:30 am – 8:30 am
BREAKFAST

8:00 am – 8:30 am
REGISTRATION

8:30 am – 8:45 am
WELCOMING REMARKS
by AtlAS President Kirk W. Watkins
(Davis, Zipperman, Kirschenbaum & Lotito, LLP, Atlanta)

8:45 am - 9:15 am
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
by Ambassador Charles C. Adams, Jr.
(Worldwide Head, International Arbitration Practice Group,
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Geneva)

9:15 am – 11:00 am
The backlash against globalism and its implications
for international arbitration
• Will the push-pull of nationalist sentiments affect where and how
businesses resolve cross border disputes?
• Will the relationship between courts and arbitral tribunals —
or their relative attractiveness to users — be affected?
• How might anti-globalism affect the competition among
venues positioning themselves as cosmopolitan and friendly to
international arbitration?

Moderator: Glenn P. Hendrix, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta

Speakers: Harlan Cohen, Professor, Gabriel M. Wilner/UGA Foundation
Professor in International Law, School of Law University of Georgia, Athens,
Georgia; Essam Al Tamimi, Senior Partner, al Tamimi & Co., Dubai; Lawrence
(Larry) W. Newman, Of Counsel, Baker & McKenzie LLP, New York City;
Dr. Christof Siefarth, GÖRG – Cologne, Germany; Nancy B. Turk,
Independent Arbitrator, London; Carita Wallgren-Lindholm, Lindholm &
Wallgren, Attorneys Ltd., Helsinki, Finland; Anthony Walsh, Global Chief
Litigation Counsel, General Electric Power & Water, Atlanta

11:00 am-11:30 am
NETWORKING BREAK WITH REFRESHMENTS

11:30 am - 12:30 am
The future of investor-state dispute resolution
• Is investor-state arbitration “dead,” as recently declared by the
European Commission?
• If so, will this leave a void, and what might fill it?
• A shift from multilateralism to bilateralism?
• How might the upcoming NAFTA negotiations impact other trade
relationships and investor-state dispute resolution mechanisms?

Moderator: Elizabeth Silbert, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta

Speakers: Daniel Garcia-Barragan, Garcia Barragan Abogados S.C.,
Mexico City; Andrea Bjorklund, Professor, L.Yves Fortier Chair of International
Arbitration and International Commercial Law, McGill University, Montreal;
Xiusong Xing, Partner, Global Law Office, Beijing

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
LUNCH WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE
RT HON. LORD GOLDSMITH QC
(Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Not such a small world after all? International commercial
arbitration in an era of receding globalism
• Might the backlash against investor-state arbitration spill over to
international commercial arbitration?
• Preserving and enhancing the legitimacy and viability of
international commercial arbitration in an era of receding globalism.
• Addressing the challenge of enhanced border security – practical
tips for foreign parties, counsel and witnesses arbitrating in the
United States.
• To heck with travel? Considerations for parties weighing “virtual”
proceedings or designating one jurisdiction as the physical situs of
an arbitration hearing and another as the arbitral “seat” whose law
governs the conduct of the arbitration.

Moderator: Matt Richardson, Alston & Bird, Atlanta

Speakers: Gary Birnberg, JAMS, Miami; Dominique Brown-Berset,
Brown & Page, Geneva; Randall F. Hafer, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton,
Atlanta; Peter Maynard, Peter D. Maynard Attorneys, Nassau;
Eileen Scofield, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
NETWORKING BREAK WITH REFRESHMENTS

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
REPORT FROM THE SUNDAY TERTULIA SESSIONS
Brent O. E. Clinkscale, Womble Carlyle LLP, Greenville

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm
Institutional reactions: How might arbitral institutions
evolve to take into account the backlash against globalism
and related developments?

Moderator: Wayne Thorpe, JAMS, Atlanta

Speakers: José Ricardo Ferris, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs LLP, Paris; former
Deputy Secretary General ICC; Noah J. Hanft, President & CEO, (CPR) Institute,
New York City; Marek Krasula, Counsel, SICANA-ICC, New York City;
Annette Magnusson, Secretary General, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm
Chamber of Commerce, Stockholm; Rolf Tittmann, Partner, Freshfields
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Arbitration (DIS), Frankfurt; Eric P. Tuchmann, Senior Vice President and
General Counsel, American Arbitration Association, New York City
Continued.
MONDAY, October 23

5:45 - 5:50 pm
CLOSING REMARKS

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& Lotito, LLP)
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Grafstein (JAMS), Atlanta

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**Anticipated State Bar of Georgia CLE:** 1 hour ethics, 1 hour professionalism, 5 hours general.

- **Regular Registration:** $390 Early Bird (through October 9), $440 (thereafter)
- **Full-time academics and in-house counsel only:** $190 Early Bird (through September 15), $240 (thereafter)
- **Full-time students:** $90 (NOTE: students are welcome to attend the program on Monday, October 23, but student registration will not include events on Sunday, October 22)


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