



# INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

**Course dates:**

6 Week course: 16 May - 20 June 2025,  
Fridays 11:30-15:00 (BST)

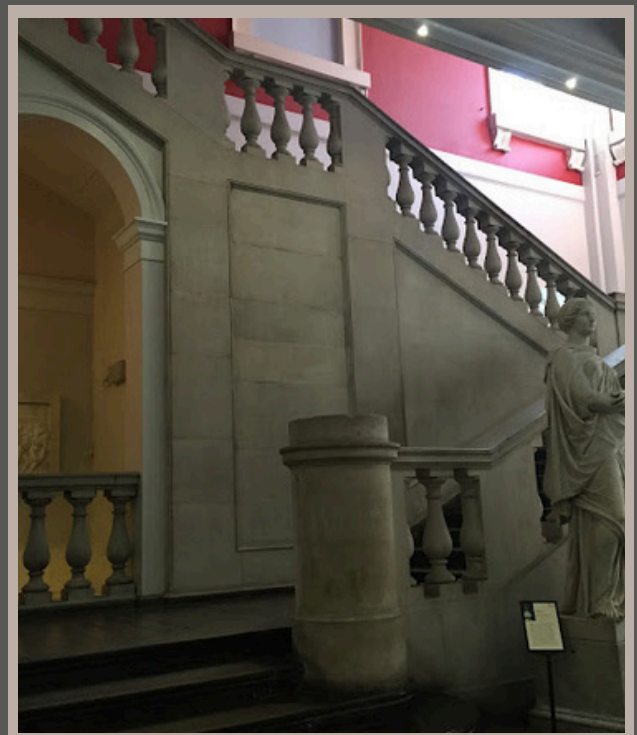
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Manuel is a specialist in international arbitration and dispute resolution at King's College London. He regularly acts as arbitrator, consultant and expert witness before international tribunals and national courts. His research focuses on international commercial arbitration, cross-border insolvency law and commercial law.



## Prof. Renato Nazzini

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Renato is a leading expert in arbitration, both commercial and investment, and other methods of dispute resolution, particularly in construction law. He regularly acts as consultant and arbitrator. His expertise also covers competition law (policy, enforcement, procedure and remedies), the digital economy, and the interplay between IP law, regulation and competition law.

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# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

## **Week 1 (Friday, 16 May 2025): Key notions of International Arbitration and the Arbitration Agreement**

- 11.30-12.30: Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Christian Leathley, Head of US and Latin American Arbitration practices, Herbert Smith Freehills] Regulatory framework of International Commercial Arbitration: Overview of the New York Convention, National Arbitration laws (incl. UNCITRAL Model Law), arbitration rules and soft law
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: [Delivered by Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof Independent Arbitrator, Fountain Court Chambers. Director General at LCIA (2014-2024)] The Arbitration Agreement: Concept, types, frequent elements of an arbitration agreement. Tips on negotiation

## **Week 2 (Friday, 23 May 2025): Advanced issues on Arbitral jurisdiction**

- 11.30-12.30: The Jurisdictional Effects of an Arbitration Agreement. Principles of Kompetenz-kompetenz and separability
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Ana Serra e Moura, Deputy Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)] Objective and subjective scope of arbitration agreements; and pathological clauses
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: Enforcement of Arbitration agreement by courts and tribunals: Art. II NYC, sec. 9 EAA, art. 8 UML, enforcement through judicial appointment of arbitrators and interim measures; sec. 32 EAA; antisuit injunctions

## **Week 3 (Friday, 30 May 2025): Arbitrators: Appointment, Challenge, Duties and Powers**

- 11.30-12.30: [Delivered by Marie Berard, Head of International Arbitration practice, Clifford Chance, London, and Eliana Tornese, Registrar, at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)] Selection and appointment of arbitrators: Approaches and strategies
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Nigel Blackaby KC, Global co-head of International Arbitration and Latin America Groups, Freshfields] Duties of arbitrators (incl. independence and impartiality, and IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interests) and challenge
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: Powers of arbitrators (incl. interim measures)

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

## **Week 4 (Friday, 6 June 2025): Arbitral procedure (incl. confidentiality and evidence) and the law applicable to the arbitration**

- 11.30-12.30: [Delivered by Belinda McRae, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers, London] Arbitration procedure and confidentiality
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Jonathan Lim, partner, Wilmer Hale] Preparation and submission of evidence in arbitration (incl. the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence)
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: The laws applicable to the arbitration: Procedure, arbitration agreement and merits

## **Week 5 (Friday, 13 June 2025): Awards and Setting aside of Awards**

- 11.30-12.30: The Arbitration Award: Concept, types, effects
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Paul Tan, Head of Asian Arbitration, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Singapore and Vivek Neelakantan, Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)] Setting aside of awards: concept, regulation and jurisdiction. Grounds for setting aside (I): lack of jurisdiction and due process
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: Grounds for setting aside of awards (II): excess of mandate, arbitrability and public policy. Appeal on a point of law (sec. 69 EAA)

## **Week 6 (Friday, 20 June 2025): Recognition and Enforcement of awards**

- 11.30-12.30: The recognition and enforcement of awards: Arts. III-V NYC
- 12.30-12.45: Break and introductory discussion with guest speaker
- 12.45-13.45: [Delivered by Guled Yusuf, partner, A&O Shearman, London and Richard Wells, associate, A&O Shearman, London] Strategies on recognition and enforcement of awards: asset tracing and methods to obtain award satisfaction (assignment/sale of awards, etc)
- 13.45-14.00: Break and follow up informal discussion with guest speaker
- 14.00-15.00: The recognition and enforcement of set aside awards



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