

International Arbitration and the Rule of Law



Annual Conference

This year, join us in Kraków for a day filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and engaging sessions. Our conference brings together experts in the field of arbitration to share their knowledge and experiences.

Don't miss out on this chance to connect with fellow professionals, learn from industry leaders, and expand your understanding of arbitration practice. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned arbitration practitioner, there's something for everyone at our event. Mark your calendar and secure your spot today for a conference you won't want to miss!

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Court of Arbitration

at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw

Main conference venue

Hotel Saski Kraków
Sławkowska 3, 31-014 Kraków, Poland

Programme

Thursday 23 April 2026

15:00–20:00 **ArbCEE** Event
ICC YAAF Event
(**Kraków Bar**, Attorneys' Club Batorego 17, Kraków, Poland)

20:00–22:00 Opening cocktail
(**Kraków Bar**, Attorneys' Club Batorego 17, Kraków, Poland)

Friday 24 April 2026

08:15–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:10 Welcome address
Phillip Landolt FCI Arb, Ciarb European Branch Chair
Cesar Pereira C.Arb FCI Arb, President of Ciarb

09:10–09:40 **Is the European Court of Justice afraid of International Arbitration?**
Keynote speech by **Advocate General Prof. Maciej Szpunar**,
Advocate-General, Court of Justice of the European Union

09:50–11:10 **Panel 1 – “Oases of justice”: International arbitration as relief from failing court systems**
Moderator:
Dr. Tomasz Cyrol FCI Arb
Speakers:
Agnieszka Grabowska-Lysyszyn, Secretary General,
Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce
Caroline Falconer, Secretary General, SCC Arbitration
Institute
Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, Queritius
Dr. Markiyany Malskyy MCI Arb, Arzinger

Marek Puwalski FCIArb, P&P
Prof. Solveiga Vilčinskaitė MCIArb, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)

11:30–13:00

Panel 2 – Arbitral justice as a challenge to the rule of law: how in international arbitration substantive law systems undergo a “sea change”.

Moderator:

Patrizia Sangalli FCIArb, Founding Partner SNG & Partners

Speakers:

Phillip Landolt FCIArb, Chairman of the EB Ciarb, LANDOLT & KOCH, Geneva

Dr. hab. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Prof. INP PAN, Senior Partner at GESSEL

Andrew G Paton FCIArb, Partner De Berti Jacchia

Dr. iur. Tetiana Bershada, Founding Partner, Bershada Law

Colin Seow FCIArb, Managing Director at Colin Seow Chambers LLC (Singapore)

Ramunas Audzevicius FCIArb, Motieka & Audzevičius

13:00–14:30

Lunch

14:45–16:15

Panel 3 – International arbitration and waiver of fundamental rights

Moderator:

Christopher Chinn FCIArb, Chinn Arbitration EI

Speakers:

Henrik Sajakorpi, Secretary General, Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI)

Piotr Gołędzinowski, Wardynski & Partners

Adam Markiewicz, AMALYTICA

Damroka Kościelak FCIArb, Counsel, The General Counsel to the Republic of Poland (PGRP)

Piotr Nowaczyk, Chartered Arbitrator

Dr. Aleksandra Orzel-Jakubowska, White & Case

- 16:30–18:00** **Panel 4 – Managing complex public interest issues in international arbitration, such as EU competition law. No “imperium”, no outside assistance, no voices but the parties’, and the shroud of confidentiality. Is it a realistic proposition?**
Panel moderator:
Justyna Szpara FCI Arb, Łaszczuk & Partners
Speakers:
Dr. Maciej Durbas MCI Arb, KKG
Boris Baklaja FCI Arb, BIT Law
Gediminas Dominas FCI Arb, Walless
Przemysław Krzywosz, Chartered Arbitrator, PPK
Dr. Tatyana Slipachuk, Chartered Arbitrator, Sayenko Kharenko
Prof. Dr. Kamalia Mehtiyeva, University Paris–Est Créteil
- 18:00–18:10** Closing remarks
Maciej Jamka FCI Arb, DWF
- From 19:30** Gala Dinner, Szara restaurant, Rynek Główny (Main Square 6), Kraków

Saturday 25 April 2025

- 12:00–18:00** Networking events (see below)

Networking Events

Enhance your conference experience by participating in our networking events. These gatherings are perfect opportunities to meet fellow attendees and their guests.

Opening cocktail

- Date: 23 April 2026, from 19.30
Location: Opening cocktail hosted by the Kraków Bar and KKG
Kraków Bar, Attorneys’ Club, Batorego 17
Price: Free, but registration required

**Cocktail
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Conference dinner

Date: Evening of 24 April 2026
Location: **Szara Restaurant**
Rynek Główny 6

Unwind after a day of insightful sessions with a delightful dinner. Savour exquisite cuisine, engage in stimulating conversations, and forge new connections in an elegant setting.

Price: **Euros 80**

Post-Conference social networking events

Date: 25 April 2025

Walking Tour of Kraków (10:00 -11:30): Continue your networking with a morning walking tour of Kraków, free of charge, sponsored by KKG Legal.

Visit to Wieliczka Salt Mine (from 15:00): Travel with fellow conference participants and their guests to the center of the earth. The Salt Mine, which has served as an underground hospital, is one of the wonders of the world, listed on the UNESCO heritage list, and contains amazing sculptured rooms made out of salt.

Price: **Euros 110** (subject to sufficient number of registrants)

Registration

Conference fees

Ciarb members: **Euros 150**
Non-members: **Euros 175**
Full-time students: **Euros 100**

Limited conference rates for hotel rooms available at Hotel Saski Kraków Sławkowska 3, 31-014 Kraków, Poland.

Dietary option

If you require a vegetarian option, please email Patrizia Sangalli on psangalli@snglex.com.

Queries

For more information, please contact chris@chinnarbitration.com.

Important note

Participants of the conference agree to the use of their name, email address, and any photos or videos that may be taken of them at the Conference for the purposes of promoting the conference and Ciarb.

Registration link

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