

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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Main conference venue

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

Programme

Thursday 23 April 2026

- 15:45–19:30 **ArbCEE** Event
 ICC YAAF Event
 (**Kraków Bar**, Attorneys' Club Batorego 17, Kraków, Poland)
- 19:30–22:00 Opening cocktail
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Friday 24 April 2026

- 08:15–09:00 Registration
- 09:00–09:10 Welcome address
 Phillip Landolt FCIArb, Ciarb European Branch Chair
 Cesar Pereira C.Arb FCIArb, President of Ciarb
- 09:10–09:40 **Is the European Court of Justice afraid of International Arbitration?**
 Keynote speech by **Maciej Szpunar**, First 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 FCIArb
 Speakers:
 Agnieszka Grabowska-Łysyszyn, Deputy Director General, Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce
 Caroline Falconer, Secretary General, SCC Arbitration Institute

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, Queritius
Dr. Markiyan Malskyy MCIArb, 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

Avv. Andrew Paton FCIArb, of Counsel at Lexia

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 C.Arb FCIArb

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 FCIArb, Łaszczuk & Partners

Speakers:

Dr. Maciej Durbas MCIArb, KKG

Boris Baklaja FCIArb, BIT Law

Gediminas Dominas FCIArb, Walless

Przemysław Krzywosz C.Arb FCIArb, PPK

Dr. Tatyana Slipachuk C.Arb FCIArb, Sayenko Kharenko

Prof. Dr. Kamalia Mehtiyeva, University Paris–Est Créteil

18:00–18:10 Closing remarks
Maciej Jamka FCIArb, DWF

From 19:30 Gala Dinner, Szara restaurant, Rynek Główny (Main Square 6), Kraków

Saturday 25 April 2025

From 10:00 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 CET

Location: Opening cocktail hosted by the Kraków Bar and KKG
**Kraków Bar, Attorneys’ Club,
Batorego 17**

Price: Free, but registration required

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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 CET): 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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