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A staple of the Vis Moot Competitions and a longstanding event, the Generations in Arbitration Conference ("GIA") brings together internationally renowned and distinguished speakers worldwide to address hot topics in international arbitration and trade law, focusing in particular on various topics related to the Vis Moot problem.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT



Rates

Students / Premium MAA Members: HKD 100 (+ Eventbrite fees)
Standard MAA Members / Non Members: HKD 200 (+ Eventbrite fees)

The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments.

For the first time this year, the Vis East Moot Administration will hold a "pop-up" registration desk for the Vis East Moot at the GIA, for your convenience. Team members, coaches and arbitrators who purchase a ticket for the GIA by **5:00 PM HKT on Friday, 28 March 2025** will be required to register for the Vis East Moot at the GIA venue.

LOCATION

Withersworldwide,

30/F United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong

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PROGRAM

8:30 AM

REGISTRATION

9:15 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

Ms. ANNE WANG

Secretary, MAA

9:30 AM

Ms. SHERLIN TUNG

Partner, Withersworldwide Director, CEO, Vis East Moot Foundation

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

'NORDIC ARBITRATION: A VIEW FROM WITHIN'

Ms. HEIDI MERIKALLA-TEIR

Chair of the Board, Finland Arbitration Institute

10:00 AM

'FACT, FICTION, OR FOUL PLAY? TACKLING EVIDENTIARY CHALLENGES IN ARBITRATION'

Ms. JENNIFER LIM

Advocate,
Duxton Hill Chambers

Mr. JEREMY KE

(moderator) Associate, Withersworldwide

11:15 AM

COFFEE BREAK

Ms. CATHERINE MUN

Partner, Li & Partners Ms. MAREN WIBKE WEIGL

Senior Associate, CMS

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PROGRAM

11:45 PM

'CONTRACTING WITH STATES: NAVIGATING DISPUTES UNDER THE CISG AND LOCAL LAWS'

Ms. MARIAM GOTSIRIDZE

Principal Research Fellow, SIDRA

Ms. DAISY CHEN

Associate, Global Law Office Team Member, MAA China Project

1:00 PM

LUNCH

2:30 PM

3:45 PM

Mr. MINO HAN

Partner, Peter & Kim

Ms. MARGARITA DROBYSHEVSKAIA

(moderator)
Deputy Counsel, SIAC
Co-Chair, Media Team, MAA

Prof. QIAO LIU

Professor and Deputy Director of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law, City University of Hong Kong

DEBATE: 'THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT MULTI-TIERED DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLAUSES ARE

A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY'

Ms. SHWETA BHARTI

Managing Partner, Hammurabi & Solomon Partners

Dr. CHRISTOPHER TO

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Ms. OLGA BOLTENKO

Barrister and Arbitrator, Boltenko Arbiters

Dr. NAVIN G. AHUJA

(moderator) Co-President, MAA

Mr. SIMON CHAPMAN KC

Joint Managing Partner, Dispute Resolution & Global Co-Head of International Arbitration, Herbert Smith Freehills

CLOSING REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF LUCKY DRAW

Ms. SANJANA SACHDEV

Co-Chair for Conferences (Hong Kong), Conferences & Events Team, MAA

4:00 PM ONWARDS

NETWORKING RECEPTION

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Ms. ANNE WANG

Secretary, Moot Alumni Association

Anne Wang is an Australian qualified lawyer. She holds a Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Arts/Law from the University of New South Wales.

Anne started her career in arbitration as a legal research assistant and full time tribunal secretary to an independent arbitrator. She has since worked as a Deputy Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration's Hong Kong office, as an intern at UNCITRAL, and at law firms in Sydney and London. Anne is also an Associate Editor of the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, where she oversees the blog's coverage of technology and most jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific.

Anne is a former Vis mootie, having taken part in the 27th Vis Moot as part of the Stockholm University team while undertaking an LLB exchange. She has been involved in the MAA for four years and was Co-Chair of the MAA Mentor-Mentee Team prior to her election as Secretary of the MAA Executive Board.



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Ms. SHERLIN TUNG

Partner, Withersworldwide Director, CEO, Vis East Moot Foundation

Sherlin Tung is a partner in the international arbitration and litigation team at Withers, based in Hong Kong, where she specializes in cross-border corporate and commercial disputes, international commercial arbitration, and multi-jurisdictional litigations.

Sherlin has a unique and diverse professional career in international transactions and cross-border disputes. From starting her career in international arbitration by training under the direct supervision of a leading international arbitrator and acting as his tribunal secretary in multiple complex international arbitration matters, to working with the leading arbitral institution, the ICC Court of Arbitration (first in Hong Kong and then setting up the case management team office in New York) where she managed hundreds of international arbitrations, to working in-house for an international conglomerate where she handled all international disputes, before going to private practice and sitting as an arbitrator on complex commercial arbitrations, Sherlin has experienced every possible legal role in an international dispute.

Sherlin is listed on various arbitral institution panels, sits on various international arbitration committees, and is very active in the international arbitration community. She also regularly speaks, presents, and gives lectures on international arbitration and trade law. Sherlin is currently the Director, CEO of the Vis East Moot Foundation, which operates the Vis East Moot Competition, and a past President of the Moot Alumni Association.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ms. HEIDI MERIKALLA-TEIR

Chair of the Board, Finland Arbitration Institute

Heidi Merikalla-Teir currently chairs the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI).

She is a seasoned legal and business professional with degrees in law (LL.M) and business administration (MBA). With over 20 years of experience in business law firms and expert organizations, she has a proven track record of leading organizations and resolving conflicts through a pragmatic, business-minded approach.

Before launching her own business in June 2024, where she now serves as an independent arbitrator, mediator, and dispute board member, she spent five years as the CEO and a partner at a Finnish business law firm specializing in dispute resolution. In addition to her role as CEO/Managing Partner, she also served as an arbitrator and mediator. Until 2019, she was the Director at the Finland Chamber of Commerce and Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI) for nearly five years.

She is recommended by Who's Who Legal, Arbitration Global Guide (2024 and 2023), and is listed as a leading individual by Legal 500 EMEA, Dispute Resolution (2024 and 2023), and the Legal 500 Private Practice Powerlist 2024 – Arbitration – Nordics.

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Ms. JENNIFER LIM
Advocate,
Duxton Hill Chambers

Z.J. Jennifer Lim is an independent advocate and counsel at Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice). She focuses her practice on international dispute resolution and arbitration, representing clients in investor-State and commercial arbitrations seated in cities around the world. Jennifer also sits as arbitrator under ICC, SIAC, LCIA and HKIAC rules. In addition, Jennifer advises on general transnational litigation matters, including arbitration-related court proceedings and complex cross-border disputes, and also advises companies on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues in the face of growing regulatory and litigation risks. Since 2023, Jennifer has been recognised as a Who's Who Legal (WWL) "Thought Leader -Global Elite: Arbitration Future Leader", the highest accolade by the publication for outstanding lawyers aged 45 or under, where she was described as "one of the best arbitration lawyers of her generation" and "[a] top arbitrator and a role model in the field who is confident by not showy" (2023), and "a brilliant lawyer who is gifted with both talent and a strong work ethic" (2025). Jennifer serves as the global Co-Chair of the YSIAC Council, and is qualified to practise in Singapore, New York, England & Wales (solicitor) and Hong Kong (solicitor, non-practising).

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Ms. MAREN WIBKE WEIGL Senior Associate, CMS

Maren Wibke Weigl represents clients in contentious proceedings, with a focus on arbitration proceedings. She acts as party representative or secretary of the tribunal in international arbitration proceedings under many major arbitration rules, in particular ICC, SCC, DIS, and HKIAC, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. She also represents clients before state courts. She frequently handles international proceedings, often within an Asian context. She is furthermore a Hong Kong trained and HKMAAL accredited mediator for commercial disputes.

Wibke's practice mainly covers a variety of commercial disputes and contractual claims, including breach of contract and defects liability claims, and license disputes, as well as investment protection on the basis of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), with industry expertise and experience in oil and gas, renewable energy, pharma/life sciences, banking and finance, construction projects as well as international trade.



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Ms. CATHERINE MUN

Partner, Li & Partners

Catherine is a solicitor and solicitor advocate based in Hong Kong. Since qualifying in 1998, she has specialised in arbitration practice, with a particular focus on disputes with a cross-border or China element. She regularly represents clients in arbitrations conducted under various institutional rules and has advised on a wide range of arbitration and related court matters across different jurisdictions. Her experience includes infrastructure disputes, investment and shareholders disputes, financial disputes, and international sales of production lines, heavy equipment and machinery. Catherine also sits as an arbitrator as part of her practice.

Catherine has been actively involved in the arbitration industry in various capacities. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the HKIAC and was previously a member of the Proceedings Committee of the HKIAC. She is a co-author of a chapter on arbitration agreements in *Chitty on Contracts: Hong Kong Specific Contracts* and an author of a chapter in *The Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance: Commentary and Annotations*.



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Mr. JEREMY KE
Associate,

Withersworldwide

Jeremy Ke is an associate in the litigation and arbitration team at Withers.

Jeremy is experienced at a broad aspect of civil and commercial litigation and arbitration matters including contractual disputes, shareholder disputes, trust disputes, debt recovery, defamation, building management and adverse possession. He also has experience of advising clients on employment disputes, white-collar crime and immigration investigations. Jeremy has also advised in court proceedings in offshore jurisdictions.

Jeremy is qualified in Hong Kong and has also passed the PRC bar exam. He manages both English and Chinese legal writing skills proficiently and has extensive experience of providing legal advice to PRC-related clients including large enterprises and high-net-worth individuals.



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Ms. MARIAM GOTSIRIDZE

Principal Research Fellow, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA)

Mariam Gotsiridze is a lawyer specializing in international dispute settlement. Mariam is a Principal Research Fellow at SIDRA and her main focus of research is the next generation dispute resolution, which includes commercial and investor-state arbitration and mediation; Mariam is also engaged in research and development projects in relation to empirical research on appropriate dispute resolution.

Prior to joining SIDRA, Mariam worked for the government of Georgia. For over 10 years (2012-2022) she was a Head of Arbitration Department in the Ministry of Justice in charge of state representation in international arbitration. Mariam has been involved in major investment and commercial arbitration matters before ICSID, ICC, SCC arbitrations, as well as before ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL rules. She has negotiated number of Bilateral Investment Treaties and Free Trade Agreements on behalf of Georgia. Mariam was the Head of Delegation for Georgia in UNCITRAL Working Group III, in ICSID Rule amendment process and in Modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty. Mariam has contributed to legislative reforms and other developments in arbitration and mediation in Georgia.

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Mr. MINO HAN

Partner, Peter & Kim

Mino Han has acted as counsel in various international arbitrations conducted under the auspices of the ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, KCAB or JCAA. Mino specializes in construction and engineering disputes. The relevant projects in the disputes were based in the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa or Latin America and concerned the design and construction of combined cycle power plants, solar power production facilities, refineries, high-rise buildings, convention centres and infrastructure facilities.

Mino is also sitting as arbitrator, and has served as arbitrator in ICC, DIS, KCAB arbitrations.

Mino is native in Korean and German and is also fluent in English.

Mino has been recognized by Who's Who Legal as Global Elite Thought Leader in Arbitration (Under 45 - Partners). Mino serves as member of the KCAB Next Steering Committee, and is a DIS (German Arbitration Institute) Council Member. Mino has been the ICC YAAF Regional Representative for Korea (2021-2025 term).

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Prof. QIAO LIU

Professor and Deputy Director of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law, City University of Hong Kong

Qiao Liu is currently Professor and Deputy Director of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong. He is also a Honorary Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland (Australia) and an Adjunct Chair Professor at the School of Law of Xiamen University (China). He serves as co-Editor-in-Chief of the Chinese Journal of Comparative Law (OUP). He teaches and researches in contract law (both Anglo-Australian and Chinese), comparative Chinese law and commercial law (both domestic and international) and has published in leading law journals including the Modern Law Review, American Journal of Comparative Law and the Cambridge Law Journal. He was a member of a small expert group working with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Secretariat on the updating of the Digest on the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.



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Ms. DAISY CHEN

Associate, Global Law Office Team Member, MAA China Project

Daisy Chen is a member of the MAA China Project Team and an associate at Global Law Office, based in Shanghai. Her practice focuses on cross-border commercial arbitration and litigation. She is qualified to practice law in China and New York, USA.

Daisy has represented well-known domestic and international clients in numerous litigation and arbitration cases, including proceedings before the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC), the Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC), the Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC), the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), as well as Chinese courts in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, etc. She has also handled numerous arbitration-related court proceedings, including but not limited to applications for setting aside arbitral awards and the recognition and enforcement of Hong Kong and foreign arbitral awards.

She currently serves as a China Ambassador for the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and as a mediator for the Sanya International Mediation Center. Additionally, she has completed training with the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and is an accredited Tribunal Secretary.

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Ms. MARGARITA DROBYSHEVSKAIA

Deputy Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Co-Chair, Media Team, MAA

Margarita is the Deputy Counsel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Margarita holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Higher School of Economics, Moscow (HSE University) and a Master of Laws from the Russian School of Private Law, Moscow. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Contract Law at the Lomonosov Moscow State University.

Margarita is actively involved in the moot court community, coaching the team of the HSE University for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and holding a leadership role in the Moot Alumni Association (MAA). She is also a visiting lecturer at the HSE University. Margarita is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Russian Women in Arbitration (RWA).



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Ms. SHWETA BHARTI

Managing Partner, Hammurabi & Solomon Partners

Shweta Bharti, Managing Partner, Hammurabi and Solomon Partners, is a leading legal professional with approx. 24 years of extensive experience in ADR and more particularly in Arbitration. She has represented clients in significant matters in domestic as well as international arbitrations with a particular focus on infrastructure Arbitrations.

She has handled multiple high-stakes cases, where our strategic approach has resulted in landmark judgments that shape the ADR landscape. Collaborating with clients across sectors, she leverages her experience and legal acumen to navigate complex legal challenges and drive successful outcomes.

She also serves as a Jurisdictional Council Member at IPBA, and contributes to a dynamic network of legal professionals, bringing a nuanced understanding of corporate and financial law to the Asia-Pacific legal community.

Her commitment to excellence is underlined by her role in steering legal strategies that align with her client's business objectives. She's an acclaimed speaker and has authored a seminal book on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, which has been endorsed by key legal figures.

Her thought leadership extends to compliance laws and ethics publications worldwide. With multiple awards recognizing her legal prowess, she has served on various high-profile committees, including the POSH Committees of several regulatory bodies and the "Invest India" Task Force.

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Ms. OLGA BOLTENKO

Barrister and Arbitrator, Boltenko Arbiters

Olga 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.

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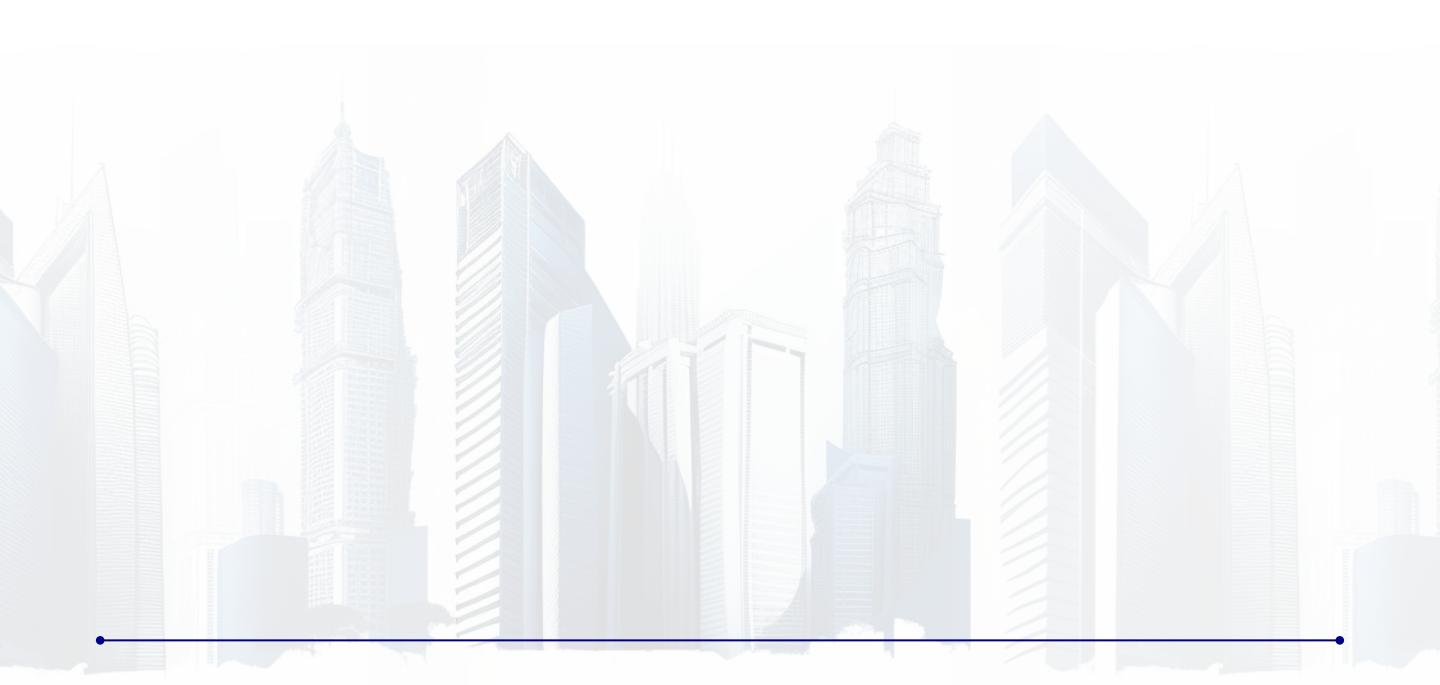


Mr. SIMON CHAPMAN KC

Joint Managing Partner, Dispute Resolution & Global Co-Head of International Arbitration,

Herbert Smith Freehills

Simon is co-head of the international arbitration practice at Herbert Smith Freehills. His practice covers commercial and investment treaty arbitration under all the major arbitral rules, and he has acted for corporate clients and governments across a range of sectors. In addition to his work as counsel, Simon regularly sits as an arbitrator and is a member of the ICC Court in Paris. Dual-qualified in Hong Kong and England and Wales, Simon has higher rights of audience in both jurisdictions. He has argued numerous arbitration-related cases at all stages before the Hong Kong courts, including the Court of Final Appeal. In recognition of his advocacy skills, Simon became a King's Counsel in 2020.



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Dr. CHRISTOPHER TO

Chartered Arbitrator, Mediator and Barrister-at-law

Dr. Christopher To is a chartered arbitrator, certified adjudicator and accredited mediator, chartered engineer, chartered information technology professional, barrister-at-law and a law professor (adjunct) who is on the panels of various leading global alternative dispute resolution bodies. He has arbitrated, adjudicated and mediated a variety of cases and is representing clients in cases within the dispute resolution field.

Christopher is currently a barrister at law and the Programme Director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at the City University of Hong Kong and was the Secretary-General of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (1998 to 2008). He is the Chairperson of the Hong Kong Mediation Council (a wholly owned entity of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre), Chairperson of the Hong Kong Mediator Accreditation Association Limited, Mediator Accreditation Committee (the body that accredits mediators in Hong Kong), Chairperson of Construction Dispute Resolution Committee of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and Chairperson of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is also the Chairperson of the Buildings Appeal Tribunal, Member of the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal and an Advisory Member of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council.

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Dr. NAVIN G. AHUJA

Co-President, Moot Alumni Association

Dr. Navin G. Ahuja is the author of the book "Taming the Guerrilla in International Commercial Arbitration: Levelling the Playing Field," which has received endorsements from prominent academics and practitioners in the field of international arbitration.

With a doctorate focused on guerrilla tactics in international commercial arbitration, Navin is appointed to the Presidential Panel of Arbitrators of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR) and an empanelled arbitrator with the Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC). He is also an accredited tribunal secretary at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC).

Navin serves on the editorial board of the International Arbitration Law Review and has delivered numerous guest lectures while contributing to various publications on international arbitration and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

Navin has coached teams for the Vis Moot and various other ADR moots, achieving remarkable outcomes. As an accredited general mediator, he has also guided aspiring mediators through their accreditation process.

After amassing nearly two decades of experience in the international sale of goods and manufacturing sector, he successfully achieved his goals before transitioning into a career in law.

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CLOSING REMARKS



Ms. SANJANA SACHDEV

Co-Chair for Conferences (Hong Kong), MAA Conferences & Events Team

Sanjana is an Indian-qualified lawyer having experience in dispute resolution and arbitration (domestic and international) and is currently an LLM Candidate at Sciences Po Law School, Paris. Before joining the TADS LLM at Sciences Po, she worked with a full-service law firm in New Delhi, India and independent arbitration practitioners and has handled various arbitrations and civil litigations for companies in different sectors. She has also represented clients in the construction and infrastructure sector in resolving high-stake disputes in ad-hoc and institutional arbitration.

Sanjana has represented her university in various national and international moot court competitions including the IBA-ICC Moot 2021 and the 29th Vis Moot. Sanjana is currently the Co-Chair (Conferences), Conferences & Events Team of the Moot Alumni Association (MAA) of the Vis Moot and a Podcast Host with the Paris Baby Arbitration (PBA). She frequently coaches teams for various domestic and international moots and is now actively associated with the Vis Moot community as an arbitrator and coach. This year, Sanjana is coaching the team representing SciencesPo Law School, Paris for the 32nd Edition of the Vis Moot.