

The UNIL LL.M. Programme in International Business Law & CEDIDAC, along with the Hospitality and Tourism Law at the American University, Washington College of Law are inviting abstracts on the impact of COVID on disputes and arbitration in the hospitality industry and the construction industry.

**Deadline for Abstracts: March 27, 2021 / Deadline for Papers: September 24, 2021**  
**Conference Date: October 15, 2021**

**Topic Ideas & Suggestions.** In order to encourage a wide range of submissions, UNIL's LL.M. & CEDIDAC and HTL are prepared to facilitate interdisciplinary discussions among legal and academic faculty & researchers and practitioners to encourage abstracts on the most recent innovations, trends, concerns and practical challenges presented by COVID in industry and COVID restrictions on arbitration. Papers of interest might discuss the following topics.

- The impact of COVID on hospitality agreements or construction agreements;
- The impact of COVID on arbitration;
- The impact of COVID on using online dispute resolution;
- After COVID, the landscape of arbitration and lessons-learned;
- After COVID, the return to the new normal in legal agreements;
- After COVID, the return to the new normal in operations as influenced by the pandemic;
- After COVID, unintended economic partners and adversaries when banks foreclose on properties.

**Submissions & Peer-Reviewed Publication.** Abstracts of up to 500 words from scholars at any stage of their career should be sent to Dr. Shaheez Lalani ([llm@unil.ch](mailto:llm@unil.ch)) with copy to Steven G. Shapiro ([steven.shapiro@wcl.american.edu](mailto:steven.shapiro@wcl.american.edu)). Selected papers will be included in a peer-reviewed publication, co-edited by Steven Shapiro).

## **UNIL & WCL.**

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The CEDIDAC is a center for continuing education, conferences and research, which hosts/co-hosts between 10 and 15 well-attended conferences per year. The CEDIDAC brings academics and practitioners together and has published more than 106 books, mostly in topics related to Swiss national law, since it was founded in 1985. Together the UNIL LL.M. & CEDIDAC host international conferences and publish edited volumes in their BRILL Series: *International and Comparative Business Law and Public Policy*.

The Hospitality & Tourism Law program at the American University, Washington College of Law is the sole program in the U.S. for unified legal studies of the industry. For more information, see [www.wcl.american.edu/htl/](http://www.wcl.american.edu/htl/).