

Arbitration and Mediation as a Global Force for Good

Week 8 – Middle East & Turkey

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Members Group (YMG) presents an international regional series of webinars which highlight the unique importance and efficiency ADR plays in allowing the world's economy to remain operative during times of great economic uncertainty. Drawing from their intellectual wealth, toolkits and vast networks, the next generation of ADR practitioners frame global crises into an opportunity and have produced twelve international regional conferences under the theme of Arbitration and Mediation as a Global Force for Good covering Asia, Africa, Australia, North America, the Caribbean and Central America, South America, Russia, Europe, India, China, to Turkey and the Middle East.

Middle East

Arbitral institutions have played a significant role in shaping arbitration, mediation and conciliation in the Middle East. From a handful number of institutions back in the early 90s the Middle East currently boasts more than 40 arbitral institutions.

Join us for a webinar where we intend to explore the rich and diverse institutional offering in the Middle East alongside representatives from leading institutional arbitration centres who will share insights on the history, growth and institutional framework of arbitrations as well as mediations and conciliations conducted under their auspices.

Turkey

Turkey has been witnessing a significant steady rise in arbitrations as well as other forms of ADR, including mediation. As a cost effective and expeditious alternative to local litigation, ADR is often at the forefront in the resolution of complex and high value disputes.

Join us for a 360° overview on the arbitration and ADR landscape in Turkey where panellists will provide their practical insights ranging from an overview of the arbitration landscape in Turkey and will cover key trends, including latest enforcement and set aside trends by the Turkish courts.

Middle East at a Glance

WHEN: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 / 15:00 – 16:30 GST (1.5 hrs)

WHERE: Virtual access provided upon registration

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COST: FREE

LANGUAGE: English

Turkey at a Glance

WHEN: Thursday, March 11, 2021 / 14:00 – 15:30 EAT (1.5 hrs) – Turkey (GMT + 3)

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Speakers

MIDDLE EAST SPEAKERS

Christian P. Alberti FCIArb



Christian P. Alberti is the Chief of ADR and General Counsel of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) and based in Riyadh. Prior to joining the SCCA in 2019, he was the Assistant Vice President of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR). He taught as Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law (NYU) on International Arbitration and International Sales Law between 2017 and 2019. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as a member of various international ADR associations. He is regularly invited to speak at international conferences and guest lectures at various universities around the world.

Dr. Dalia Hussein MCIArb



Dr. Dalia Hussein is the Deputy Director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), an Adjunct Professor at the Law Department, the American University of Cairo and a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Zagazig University.

She worked as an Administrative Prosecutor in Egypt for many years. After her resignation, she was a practicing lawyer in an international arbitration law firm based in Cairo where she represented states and private parties in commercial and investment disputes before many institutions including CRCICA, ICC, ICSID and DIAC. She also taught Business and Contract Law at the French and British universities in Egypt, International Arbitration at the French Department of the Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University and worked as an external legal expert for Arab and Islamic Laws at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law.

Dr. Hussein participated as speaker in many international conferences, and published a number of articles and book chapters in Arabic, English and French.

She holds a Maîtrise en Droit from Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne University, an LL.B. from Cairo University, an LL.M. in International Law from Paris II-Panthéon-Assas University, an LL.M in Private Law from Cairo University, and a PHD in international arbitration from Cairo University. She also holds an M.A in Middle East History from the American University in Cairo.

Mark Demitry



Mark Demitry is currently a Deputy Counsel in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean team of the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICC). Mr Demitry has administered hundreds of arbitration cases from multiple regions including the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. Prior to joining the ICC, he worked as an arbitration lawyer in Cairo and Paris. He received his law degree from Cairo University and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University and also holds a *Master 2* in Arbitration and International Trade Law from Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University. He is admitted to practice in the Egyptian Bar and the Paris Bar (pending registration). His working languages are Arabic, English and French.

Pavel Kalev



Pavel Kalev is a Case Manager with the Dubai International Arbitration Centre. Prior to joining DIAC's team in 2018, he worked as an Attorney-at-Law in his home jurisdiction (Bulgaria), followed by a three-year tenure at a Dubai-based law firm, specializing in commercial matters with a focus on contracts and arbitration. Apart from his day-to-day work managing arbitration cases, at present Pavel actively contributes to the digital transformation of DIAC by developing its E-Case Management system, as well as is a core member of the Task Force revising the DIAC Arbitration Rules.

Robert Stephen MCI Arb



Robert is the Registrar of the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre. He is an experienced arbitration specialist who has been based in the United Arab Emirates since 2011. Robert practised with Herbert Smith Freehills for more than 10 years before joining the DIFC-LCIA in May 2017.

He is credited with building one of the world's fastest growing arbitral institutions and the leading arbitral institution with operations in the Middle East and Africa. In 2020, the DIFC-LCIA was awarded the GAR Guide to Regional Arbitration Award for Arbitral Institution that Impressed, and Robert is recognised in the Guide as having built a "real team" of experienced arbitration practitioners who now administer more than 140 active commercial disputes in Dubai. He is said to have earned the trust of parties, legal representatives and arbitrators, which has led to more than three consecutive years of growth in terms of the number of cases registered by the DIFC-LCIA.

Robert is listed by Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2021 as a Future Leader. According to peers, he is "a professional, thorough and meticulous individual" who is "extremely good at explaining complex issues to people who do not have the detailed knowledge he possesses" and his institutional experience is described as "beyond impressive".

He is a member of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Middle East Sub-Committee, the former Chair of the UAE Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member's Group, and a former member of the Global Steering Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member's Group.

Sara Koleilat-Aranjo



Sara Koleilat-Aranjo is a partner with Al Tamimi & Company. Sara regularly advises and represents clients in arbitration and arbitration-related court proceedings, including recognition, enforcement and set aside proceedings. She also sits as an arbitrator and acts in mediation proceedings, both as mediator and counsel.

Sara is a member of several professional organizations. She is appointed as a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and serves as a Track Leader on its Task Force on Arbitration & ADR. Sara is appointed as an IBA Officer of the IBA Arab Regional Forum as well as a Member of the IBA Subcommittee on International Arbitration Case Law. Sara has been recently appointed as an expert member of the DIFC Courts' Arbitration Division Working Group.

Sara is featured in Who's Who Legal – Arbitration (2021) and has been selected as the recipient of the Middle East Rising Star Lawyer of the Year Award (2019) by The Association of Corporate Counsel, the American Lawyer and the Legal Week (UK).

Sara is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Université Paris II – Panthéon-Assas where she lectures on comparative judicial systems (civil law and common law) and Islamic law.

Sara holds an LL.B. in French and Lebanese Law from the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), a M.A. in International Business Law from the University of Paris, a M.S. in Finance and Management from the ESSEC Business School in Paris and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Harvard Law School. Sara is admitted to the New York, Paris and Beirut Bars. She speaks English, French and Arabic.

TURKEY SPEAKERS

Professor Ali Yesilirmak



Professor Ali Yesilirmak is an independent arbitrator, mediator, a vice president and a professor at Ibn Haldun University Law Faculty, and a visiting lecturer at the School of International Arbitration, CCLS, Queen Mary College; University of London. He acts as advisor to the Finance Office of the Turkish President.

He has served as an arbitrator and counsel in several ad hoc and institutional arbitrations. He is listed as arbitrator in the Permanent Court of Arbitration and of the Chinese International Economic and Trade Arbitration Centre. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration and Mediation at the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ITOTAM) He was an of counsel to Baker & McKenzie Istanbul (2011-2014); and work as a lawyer in Istanbul in between 2001-2008. He was seconded to Herbert Smith London (2000-2001).

Professor Ali holds an LLB from Dokuz Eylul University, an LLM from the University of Texas at Austin and a PhD from CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London.

He has published extensively on national and international arbitration as well as litigation. Some of his books on arbitration is entitled "ICC Arbitration Rules and Practice (İstanbul 2018)" "Arbitration in Turkey (Kluwer 2014)", Provisional Measures in International Commercial Arbitration (Kluwer 2005)".

Bennar Aydogdu MCIArb



Bennar has 21 years' experience in the field of international arbitration and has served as counsel and arbitrator under the rules of ICC, Swiss Chambers, LCIA, LMAA, HKIAC, ISTAC.

She holds several positions, including Board member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Board of Management, Chair of the CIArb Education and Membership Committee, Board Member of the CIArb Examinations Board, Court Member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration and serves as a Co-Chair of the ICC Turkey Arbitration Commission.

She served as the chair of CIArb European Branch, committee member of CIArb Practice and Standards Committee, regional coordinating committee member of ICC YAF Turkey, Middle East, Africa Section, global advisory board member of ICDR Y&I and vice-chair of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations Arbitration Center.

She holds degrees from Marmara University, The Hague Academy of International Law, Istanbul Commerce University, the College of Law of England and Wales and Istanbul-Aydin University on law, private international law, law of international commerce and EU, international arbitration, mergers-acquisitions, mediation.

Damla Erensoy MCIArb



Damla is a senior associate at CMS Istanbul. She holds a Master of Science degree in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution from King's College London, and is a CIArb member.

She specialises in international construction dispute resolution and has experience working on large-scale energy, infrastructure and commercial projects, providing advice in the run-up to and after the commencement of dispute resolution process.

Damla advises clients on disputes arising under most standard forms of contract, and represents clients under the ICC, SIAC and SCC rules. In addition to her commercial arbitration experience, she regularly assists clients in investment treaty arbitrations brought under the ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC rules.

Dr. Serhat Eskiörük



Dr. Eskiörük is an academic at ATU University and a Research Fellow at Ministry of Energy. He is a member of IDR Group, Working Group of ICC National Committee on Arbitration. He has acted as an Arbitrator, Counsel and Legal Expert in ICSID, ISTAC, LCIA, ICC, TOBB, Czech and ICA arbitrations; listed as Arbitrator at TOBB, EDAC, HKIAC and Mediator at Ministry of Justice.

Dr. Eskiörük was Founding President of TBB Arbitration Center, Delegate of ICSID Arbitration Rules Reform, Faculty Member and Fellow of CIArb and BAS, Coach at Vis Moot, member of Institute of World Business Law, UIA National Committee, IBA, BTLA, WEC Turkey, LMMA Supp. and ILI Istanbul.

Education: PhD from University of London (IALS), LLM from Staffordshire University, LLB from Başkent University, Certificate on the Settlement of Disputes under WTO from UNITAR, Certificate on the Settlement of Investment Disputes from WTI and University of Bern, Advanced Course on Arbitration and Mediation under the WIPO Rules and Certificate on International Commercial Arbitration from Cologne University. Mr. Eskiörük was a visiting academic at Georgetown University, University of Cologne, did Legal Research at Harvard University and Private Law Institute of Oslo University.

Simel Sarıalioglu FCIArb



Simel Sarılioğlu specialises in commercial arbitration, arbitration-related court proceedings and commercial litigation. She has experience in representing clients in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations under a variety of different institutional rules, such as ICC, ICSID, ISTAC, ITOTAM, SMA, VIAC, and complex commercial litigation proceedings. Her clients have included government entities, major telecom operators, media companies and multinationals from a number of sectors such as construction, telecommunication, IT, insurance, customs, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and retail.

Ms Sarılioğlu is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London (FCIArb) (2010). She acted as the ICC YAF Turkey, Middle East & Africa Chapter Representative for 2017-2019 mandate. Who's Who Legal: Litigation and Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Listings named Ms Sarılioğlu as a "future leader" in the non-partners category for 2019, 2020 and 2021.