



Darwinism in ADR

How arbitration and mediation are adapting to changes in the operating environment

Annual Conference

This year, join us in **Athens** for a day filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and engaging sessions. Our conference brings together experts in the field of arbitration and ADR 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 and mediation practices. 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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Venue of the main conference

Royal Olympic Hotel

Athanassiou Diakou 28, Athina 11743

Programme

Thursday 24 April 2025

19:00-22:00 Opening cocktail
Venue to be announced shortly!

Friday 25 April 2025

08:15-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:10 Welcome address

09:10-09:40 Keynote speech – **Stathis Kalyvas**, Gladstone Professor of Government at the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford and a fellow of All Souls College

09:50-11:10 Panel 1 – **Self-regulation – the last hope for autonomy in international arbitration or a threat to it?**

Moderator: **Phillip Landolt**, FCI Arb, Partner, Landolt & Koch, Geneva

Speakers:

- **Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab**, C. Arb FCI Arb, President of the CI Arb; Founding Partner, Zulficar & Partners, Cairo
- **Dr. Crina Baltag**, FCI Arb, Arbitrator, Professor at Stockholm University
- **Prof. Christian Filios**, Partner, Calavros Law Firm, Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace
- **Anna Iacovou Stylianou**, C. Arb, Chartered Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator, CAISM Management Ltd

11:30-13:00

Panel 2 – **The continuous evolution of arbitration institutions’ policies and practices to meet users’ needs**

Moderator: **Athina Fouchard Papaefstratiou, FCIArb**, Arbitrator, Paris

Speakers:

- **Tarek Badawy**, Partner, Meysan, Cairo, Member of the CRCICA Advisory Committee
- **Ziva Filipic**, Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration
- **Kevin Nash**, Director General, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- **Niamh Leinwather**, Secretary General, Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- **Gökçe Uyar**, Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:45-16:15

Panel 3a (in parallel with panel 3b) – **Arbitration and the courts: is faith in arbitration slipping?**

Moderator: **Patrizia Sangalli, FCIArb**, Partner, SNG & Partners, Milan, Italy

Speakers:

- **Bennar Aydoğdu**, Founding Partner, BennArb, Türkiye
- **Dimitris Babiniotis**, Partner, Zepos & Yannopoulos, Athens, Greece
- **Jalal (Jil) El Ahdab, FCIArb**, Partner, Bird & Bird, Paris, France
- **Haris Meidanis**, Managing Partner, Meidanis, Seremetakis & Associates, Athens, Greece
- **Stavros Pavlou FCIArb**, Executive Chairman, Patrikios Legal, Limassol, Cyprus

Panel 3b (in parallel with panel 3a) – **Mediation 2.0 – Panacea or placebo? Is mediation achieving its promise?**

Moderator: **Vicky Liouta, FCIArb**, Mediator, Vilmar International SA, Athens

Speakers:

- **Dr Tomasz Cyrol, MCIArb**, adwokat, mediator, Kancelaria Adwokacka
- **Marc Jackson**, Senior Claims Director of UK Defense Club, UK Protection and Indemnity Club
- **Vassiliki Koumpli**, Senior Associate Lawyer, Watson Farley & Williams, Athens
- **Marina K. Vassiliou**, Partner and Head of Banking department, GZG & Associates LLC

16:30-18:00

Panel 4a (in parallel with panel 4b) – **Emerging trends in the resolution of construction disputes**

Panel moderator: **Christopher Chinn, FCIArb**, Partner, Chinn Arbitration EI, Paris, France

Speakers:

- **Agis Georgiades, FCIArb**, Partner, Christos Georgiades & Associates, Nicosia
- **Sevag Panossian, FCIArb**, General Counsel, Consolidated Contractors International Company, Athens
- **Maria Paschou**, Associate, International Arbitration & Construction, Queritius, Athens
- **Jeremy Peirani, MCIArb**, Associate Director, Diales, Paris

Panel 4b (in parallel with panel 4a) – **Arbitration and the maritime industry: charting a strait course in a multipolar world**

Panel moderator: **George Lambrou, FCIArb**, Arbitrator and Partner at Keystone Law

Speakers:

- **Jonathan Wood, FCIArb**, Immediate past President CIArb and Chair, International Arbitration, RPC
- **Evangelos Catsambas**, Partner, LCI Law
- **James Clanchy FCIArb**, Arbitrator, former LMAA Honorary Secretary
- **Dr. Eva Litina, FCIArb**, LL.M NYU, PhD

18:00-18:10

Closing remarks

Nazareth Romero, FCIArb, Chair Iberian Chapter, CIArb, Partner Ovoli Romero Abogados S.L, Madrid

Stelios Gregoriou, FCIArb, Partner, Gregoriou Law, Athens

From 19:30

Dinner (Venue to be announced shortly!)

Saturday 26 April 2025

12:00–18:00

Cruise along the Athens Riviera



Focus on: Social programme

Enhance your conference experience by participating in our exciting social events. These gatherings are perfect opportunities to network, relax, and enjoy the company of fellow attendees.

Opening Cocktail

Date: 24 April 2025, from 8pm onwards
Description: Location to be announced shortly!
Price: Free

Conference Dinner

Date: Evening of 25 April 2025
Description: Unwind after a day of insightful sessions with a delightful dinner. Savor exquisite cuisine, engage in stimulating conversations, and forge new

connections in a relaxed setting. Location to be announced!

Price: Euro 80.00

Post-Conference Cruise

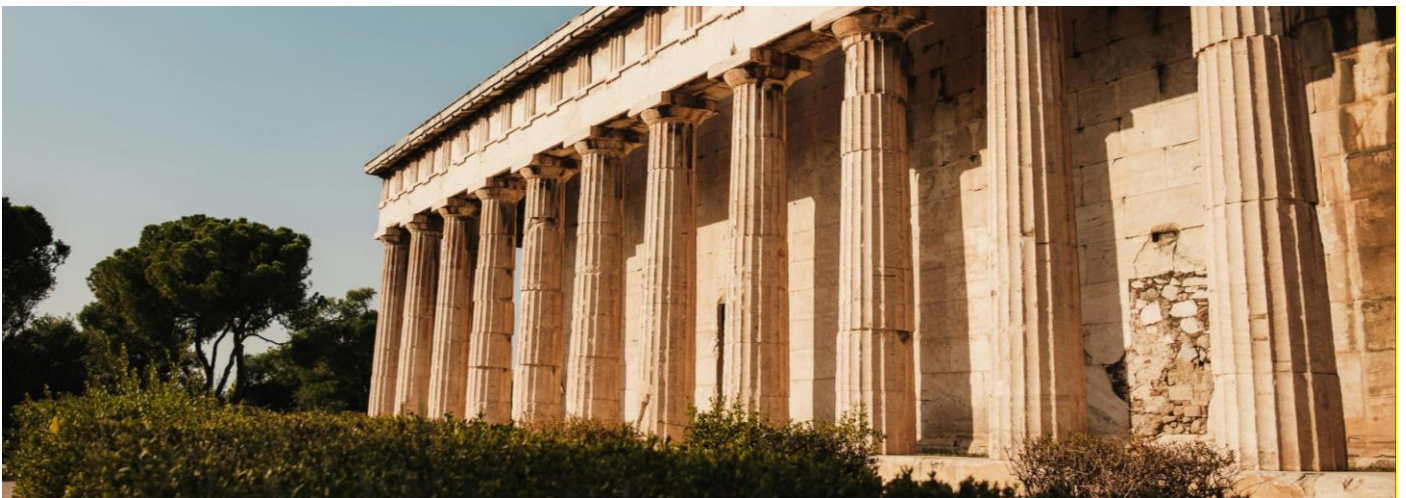
Date: 26 April 2025

Description: Continue the networking and fun with a scenic cruise. Enjoy breathtaking views along the Athens Riviera, over a traditional Mediterranean lunch and a selection of Greek wines, as you sail along the beautiful waters...This is the perfect way to wrap up your conference experience on a high note.

Departure at noon, return at 6pm.

Price: Euro 180.00

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to connect and celebrate with your peers. We look forward to seeing you there!



Conference fees and reservation links

Conference fees:

Ciarb members: Euro 140.00

Non-members: Euro 160.00

Registration link (conference, dinner and cruise):

<https://tinyurl.com/ciarb2025>

Hotel registration (preferential rates to the Royal Olympic Hotel):

<https://tinyurl.com/ciarb-hotel2025>

