



Arbitration in the EU in the 21st century

Interactive Round Table Discussion

Thursday 19 May 2011 from 10:00 to 12:00 pm (*breakfast served*)

Same venue as ICCA which is celebrating its 50th anniversary

Hotel Président Wilson, Geneva

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Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler will give some opening remarks on behalf of ICCA, and ArbitralWomen panelists, **Vera van Houtte**, **Catherine Kessedjian**, **Sophie Nappert** will discuss and open the debate on prospects of arbitration in the EU in the 21st century.

Is arbitration to be developed with support of the European Union institutions or should it be an independent creature? Should we merely react to EU legislation concerning arbitration or should we actively create a European policy in this respect as a manifest example of a social capital activity?

- * Brussels I: do we want more, or less?
- * Influence of EU substantive law on arbitration (*Jivraj v Hashwani* and the arbitrator as “employee”) - a threat to the Member States as seats of arbitration?
- * The proposed harmonization of contract law in the EU - what place and role for arbitral tribunals to interpret EU law?
- * Investment arbitration, the Treaty of Lisbon and the EU as a non-State - is European ICSID the solution?
- * Annulment of awards based on breach of European substantial law in light of the public policy principle.

The debate will be moderated by **Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz**.

This is an open forum for exchange of ideas and comments. We welcome those who would like to participate in the debate and invite them to indicate in advance the topics they would like to cover, in order to ensure that the debate will be structured. Topics should be sent **before 16 May 2011 to Beata Gessel: b.gessel@gessel.pl**

This event is organized by Beata Gessel, Sophie Nappert and Mirèze Philippe.
It is open to everyone. A great opportunity for women-non-members of ArbitralWomen and for men to meet ArbitralWomen members and learn about the organization.

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| * Members who register after May 1 st , 2011 | 10 Euros |
| * Non-members | 10 Euros |