

# SPEAKERS

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## Dr Crina Baltag

Associate Professor (Docent) in International Arbitration at Stockholm University and qualified attorney-at-law

Dr Crina Baltag is Associate Professor (Docent) in International Arbitration at Stockholm University and qualified attorney-at-law, with over twenty years of extensive practice in various aspects on international dispute resolution, private and public international law.

She is the academic director of the LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law at Stockholm University and member of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute.

Crina is widely recognized as a leading international dispute resolution academic. She is frequently invited as keynote speaker to address topical issues in international arbitration and dispute resolution.

She has been appointed as arbitrator in numerous arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, FAI, VIAC, CAM-CCBC etc., and has acted as expert and counsel in various international commercial and investment arbitrations.

Crina holds a PhD degree in International Arbitration from Queen Mary University of London (UK), LL.M in International Commercial Arbitration Law from Stockholm University (Sweden), M.Sc. in International Business from Academy of Economic Studies (Romania), LL.B. from University of Bucharest (Romania).

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## David Brynmor Thomas KC

Counsel in complex, high-value international commercial arbitrations

David Brynmor Thomas KC practises as counsel in complex, high-value international commercial arbitrations arising from energy, infrastructure, joint venture, post-M&A, and shareholder disputes and is regularly appointed as an arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

He is a former chair of the board of trustees of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and an honorary professor in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London.

Before being called to the Bar, he was a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills, where he practised as solicitor advocate. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in March 2019.

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## Aysha Mutaywea

Lawyer and arbitrator

Aysha Mutaywea is a lawyer and an arbitrator with more than 14 years of experience in the MENA region.

She does litigation and arbitration in the region and has sat as an arbitrator in a number of international arbitration cases.

She is licensed before the Cassation and Constitutional courts of Bahrain and is a Partner at Mena Chambers Bahrain Law Firm.

She is a member of the Court of Arbitration at the ICC and a member of the Court for Sports.

She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of ICC Bahrain and the ICSID Panel for arbitrators and conciliators.

Prior to joining Mena Chambers Bahrain, she was part of the team that set up the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), overseeing and administering more than 100 cases as part of the case management team.

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## Dr Rouven Bodenheimer

### Vice-President of the German Arbitration Institution (DIS)

Dr Rouven Bodenheimer currently serves as Vice-President of the German Arbitration Institution (DIS), as Court Member of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and as a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

He is co-founder of Bodenheimer, a law firm specialising in international dispute resolution.

He has served in more than 150 various arbitration proceedings both domestically and internationally as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, chairman and counsel.

Rouven lectures dispute resolution at multiple universities. He is a visiting lecturer at King's College London, a Fellow (FCIArb) and Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

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## Christoffer Coello Hedberg

### Deputy Registrar of Dubai International Arbitration Centre

Christoffer Coello Hedberg is Deputy Registrar of Dubai International Arbitration Centre.

He is highly regarded, with extensive experience gained from his time working in a leading international arbitral institution in Europe, private practice, and the Swedish judiciary.

Prior to joining the Centre, Christoffer was Legal Counsel at the SCC Arbitration Institute, practiced at Linklaters in Stockholm, and clerked at the Attunda District Court where he presided over civil and criminal cases.

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## Hayley Texeira

### Senior Counsel at Dubai International Arbitration Centre

Hayley Texeira is Senior Counsel at Dubai International Arbitration Centre with eight years private practice experience gained from top-tier law firms in London, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

She has acted as counsel in international disputes across a wide range of industries and sectors, and represented clients from Asia, the Middle East, North America, and Western and Eastern Europe in international arbitrations under all the major institutional rules, seated in various jurisdictions and subject to civil and common laws.

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## Katy Hacking

### Counsel at Dubai International Arbitration Centre

Katy Hacking is Counsel at Dubai International Arbitration Centre.

She is qualified to practice in England and Wales and has lived in Dubai since 2014.

Prior to joining the Centre, Katy was Counsel at DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre and practiced with Pinsent Masons and Simmons & Simmons in Dubai.

In addition to her arbitration experience, she has broad experience of the public and third sector.