

8th Bi-Annual Symposium on Salient Issues in International Arbitration

INTERPRETING LEGAL RULES BY INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL TRIBUNALS:

PAST PRACTICES AND CURRENT CHALLENGES

The 8th edition of the Bi-Annual Symposium on Salient Issues in International Arbitration on November 20 and December 4, 2025 features two roundtable discussions to discuss current developments of international investment and commercial arbitration as related to rule interpretation methods, practices, and challenges.



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Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025
12 - 1:30pm EST

INTERPRETING FROM TEXT AND PRINCIPLES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES (LUNCHEON PANEL ON SITE)

Moderator:

Bjorn Arp, Assistant Director of
the Center on International
Commercial Arbitration, AUWCL

Panelists:

David Bigge, Chief of Investment Arbitration, U.S.
Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser,
International Claims and Investment Disputes

Mark Kantor, Independent Arbitrator

Krista Nadakavukaren-Schefer, Vice-Director, Institut
Suisse de Droit Compare, Lausanne

Luke Sobota, Founding Partner of Three Crowns LLP,
Washington, D.C.

Note: This panel will take place at the Lecture Room NT-104 in front of the Pence Law Library in the Warren Building of the American University Washington College of Law. Lunch will be provided. Please register for adequate headcount.



Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025
10 - 11:30am EST

INTERPRETING FROM TEXT AND PRINCIPLES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES (ONLINE)

Moderator:

Horacio A. Grigera Naon, Director
of the Center on International
Commercial Arbitration, AUWCL

Panelists:

Bjorn Arp, Assistant Director of the Center on
International Commercial Arbitration, AUWCL

Tarcisio Gazzini, Professor of International Law,
University of Padua (Italy)

Panos Merkouris, Professor of International Law,
University of Groningen (Netherlands)

Krista Nadakavukaren-Schefer, Vice-Director,
Institut Suisse de Droit Compare, Lausanne

Kirsten Schmalenbach, Professor of International
and European Law, University of Salzburg (Austria)





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