

# VAD VIENNA ARBITRATION DAYS 2017

THE AUSTRIAN CONFERENCE FOR ARBITRATION PRACTITIONERS  
24 - 25 FEBRUARY 2017, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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### TOPIC: REPOSITIONING ARBITRATION



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The Vienna Arbitration Days is the leading arbitration conference in Austria. For our 10th anniversary conference in 2017 we will again welcome participants from around the globe for two days of lively discussions on leading topics in international arbitration. Use this opportunity to be updated by renowned experts and to network, discuss problems and exchange ideas on possible solutions. The social program will include a gala dinner on Friday and a (dancing) visit to a world famous Viennese ball on Saturday.

**CONFERENCE TOPIC**

**Repositioning Arbitration**

The three panels will discuss the following topics:

- Changing Environment
- Changing Transparency
- Changing Control

**WHEN**

Friday, 24 February 2017: 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 25 February 2017: 9.30 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.  
 followed by the Ball of the Legal Professionals  
 («Juristenball»)

**WHERE**

Palais Niederösterreich  
 Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna, Austria

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

- arbitration practitioners
- lawyers
- in-house counsel
- academics
- companies doing business in Europe and CEE/SEE

**PRICES**

in EUR including 10% VAT

**early bird rate**

before 23 December 2016

**regular**

Delegates	890	1,090
Arb Aut members	740	940
YAAP members	440	740
Students	130	
Conference Dinner		120
Ball of the Legal Professionals		143

**REGISTRATION**

Please register online at:  
**[www.viennaarbitrationdays.at](http://www.viennaarbitrationdays.at)**

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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**24 FEBRUARY 2017**

FRIDAY, 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

**9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Registration**

**10.00 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Christian Klausegger, Arb|Aut

**10.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Keynote Speech - Repositioning Arbitration**

Donald Francis Donovan, ICCA

**11.00 a.m. - 12.45 p.m. Changing Environment**

Legal Environment (EU's initiative to abolish BITs, TTIP and CETA trying to establish an International Arbitration Court for investment disputes, among others)

Political & Regional Environment (Brexit, CEE-region)

Surrounding dispute resolution fields (mediation, conciliation convention, commercial courts)

Moderator: Paul Oberhammer, University of Vienna

Speakers: Natalie Morris-Sharma, Chairperson UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Resolution), Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations  
Ilya Nikiforov, Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners  
Michele Potestà, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler  
Lucia Raimanova, Allen & Overy

**12.45 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. Lunch & Networking Break**

**Luncheon Note \*)**

Lord Peter Goldsmith QC, Debevoise & Plimpton

**2.00 p.m. - 2.05 p.m. Presentation Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2017**

Peter Klein, Petsch Frosch Klein Arturo Rechtsanwälte

**2.05 p.m. - 3.50 p.m. Changing Transparency**

More transparency also in commercial arbitral proceedings?

More transparency in institutions?

More transparency of the parties?

Moderator: Sophie Lamb, Latham & Watkins

Speakers: Simon Gabriel, Gabriel Arbitration  
Marco Loreface, Edison  
Friederike Schäfer, ICC Paris  
Sherlin Tung, Semperit

**3.50 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. Networking Break**

**4.15 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Changing Control**

Putting the parties back into control

Putting counsel under (ethical) control

Putting arbitrators under (institutional) control

Moderator: Michael Kutschera, Binder Grösswang

Speakers: Jason Fry, Clifford Chance  
Monika Hartung, Wardynski Partners  
Markus Wirth, Homburger

**7.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Networking Cocktail**

**8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Conference Dinner**

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\*) depending on the schedule of the House of Lords

## 25 FEBRUARY 2017

SATURDAY, 9.30 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.

### 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. **Arbitration World Café**

- Moderators: Alice Fremuth-Wolf, VIAC  
Nikolaus Pitkowicz, Graf & Pitkowicz
- Table Moderators: Dirk Buschle, Energy Community  
Stefan Gerlach, Porr AG  
Beata Gessel-Kalinowska, Gessel  
Gefion Hauer, Head Sport  
Duarte Henriques, BCH Lawyers  
Laurent Hirsch, Hirsch law  
Martin Magal, Allen & Overy  
Irina Paliashvili, RULG-Ukrainian Legal Group  
Ulrike Paukner, Voest Alpine  
Karl Pörnbacher, Hogan Lovells  
Dietmar Prager, Debevoise & Plimpton  
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### 11.15 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. **Networking Break**

### 1.00 p.m. - 1.15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Manfred Heider, VIAC

### Friday, 24 February 2017

#### Conference Dinner and Cocktails

(Please register separately! Only registered guests can be admitted)

### Saturday, 25 February 2017

#### Ball of the Legal Professionals in the Imperial Palace

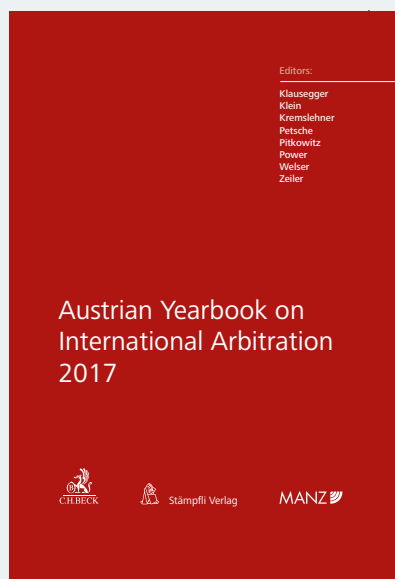
Entry 8.00 p.m.

Official Opening Ceremony 09.30 p.m.

Please see the extra page for details of this spectacular event.

## BOOK (INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE FEE)

Each participant will receive a copy of the following book presented during the conference:



The Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2017 is a collection of articles on domestic and international arbitration by leading Austrian practitioners.

Some of the articles in the Yearbook analyze the implications of the most significant legislative changes in Austria and also compare these with other arbitral regimes elsewhere in Europe and abroad.

The Yearbook covers a number of areas of both topical and enduring importance which are likely to be of relevance to academics, practitioners or persons who may become involved in arbitration in Austria or in any other place.

#### Media Partners



## **THE ANNUAL AUSTRIAN BALL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSIONALS**



The Annual Austrian Ball of the Legal Professionals will be held in the ceremony hall of the Imperial Palace (the former throne room of the Habsburgs) on Saturday, 25 February 2017.

To register for the Ball please use the online registration form.  
Availability of the Ball tickets is limited, so we recommend registering early.  
Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### **COSTS**

EUR 143.00. The ticket price does not include a dinner.  
A number of seats will be available for participants of the Vienna Arbitration Days.

### **ENTRY**

8.00 p.m.

### **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**

09.30 p.m. – should you wish to see the opening ceremony, we advise to be at the Imperial Palace no later than 9.00 p.m.

### **DRESS**

Ladies: floor-length evening gown  
Gentlemen: black tie or white tie and tails  
Owing to tradition, admittance only with correct dress.