

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT ARBITRATION: IS ARBITRATION IN CRISIS?

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ABSTRACT

Arbitration has become the usual dispute resolution mechanism in a wide array of matters affecting global trade and economy. Within some fields, this mechanism is in fact a sort of exclusive jurisdiction. Nowadays, even issues concerning general interests and, whether directly or indirectly, human rights, are submitted to arbitration. Quite paradoxically, the success of arbitration has not impeded the raise of questions about its legitimacy. Current criticism affects particularly investment arbitration but also arbitration in general, as many users complain about high costs and length of proceedings. Critics and complains may provoke different answers. While some seem to prefer conservative, self-indulgent attitudes, a more constructive option is possible. It consists in strengthening arbitration legitimacy by means of three vectors: transparency, jurisprudence, and accountability.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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