

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ACADEMY 2015

18 – 29 November 2015, Singapore

The 2015 Academy goes “offshore”: A dispute arising out of an investment in an offshore natural gas platform within a contested area of the continental shelf...



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Jointly organised by the National University of Singapore's Centre for International Law (CIL) and the Faculty of Law, the 2015 Singapore International Arbitration Academy will bring together some of the world's leading experts in international arbitration for an 11-day programme designed specifically for government officials, private practitioners and legal academics. In 2014, the Academy's participants included government officials from the Middle East, South America, Korea and throughout South-East Asia, as well as private practitioners from top international and regional law firms. As in previous years, the participants rated it as "excellent".

The 2015 Academy will be yet another unparalleled opportunity for participants from the Asia-Pacific region and from around the world to meet and interact with luminaries of international arbitration and develop new professional relationships.

Spearheaded by the Chief Justice of Singapore, Sundaresh Menon, the Academy runs annually in Singapore. It is founded upon CIL's mandate to establish programmes for capacity building in key areas of international law and practice in the Asia-Pacific region. Its programme aims to be responsive to the needs of both government and private-sector lawyers in the practice of international arbitration. In view of the rising interest in alternative forms of resolving disputes with states, this year we will explore the mediation and negotiation of investment disputes.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS : The Academy is an important opportunity for government officials to develop a deeper understanding of international arbitration and mediation and to learn what demands are placed on a government when it becomes a party to an arbitration. It is an opportunity to gain first-hand experience from leading experts in a congenial and collaborative setting, while building ties with "up-and-coming" advocates from law firms from around the world. This will provide invaluable skills-training to government officials.

FOR PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS : The Academy is an important opportunity for private practitioners to develop a deeper understanding of international dispute settlement. They will gain advice from leading experts, improve advocacy skills, and have an opportunity to make oral submissions before a tribunal of leading international arbitrators on the Academy's final day.

FOR LEGAL ACADEMICS : This year the Academy will be opened up to legal academics. This follows from the recommendation of Professor Tony Anghie, a leading figure in the Asian international law sphere. Professor Anghie attended last year's Academy and has urged CIL to reach out to legal scholars in Asia to give them the same opportunity to delve into the complexities and challenges of international dispute settlement. His recommendation was embraced by CIL's International Advisory Panel. Accordingly, as part of CIL's legal outreach programme, law professors and researchers are invited to further deepen their understanding of international investment law, both on a theoretical and practical level.

PROGRAMME IN A NUTSHELL

DAY 1, 18 Nov, Wed	CONFERENCE - CURRENT ISSUES IN INVESTMENT LAW
DAY 2, 19 Nov, Thu	CONFERENCE - PRACTICE & PROCEDURE BEFORE ICSID TRIBUNALS
DAY 3, 20 Nov, Fri	GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' TRACK / ADVOCATES' TRACK Social Event @ 7.00PM
DAY 4, 21 Nov, Sat	INTRODUCTION TO THE DISPUTE / THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF CONTRACTS IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING LONG-TERM MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS / DRAFTING REQUESTS FOR ARBITRATION BASED ON THE FACTS OF THE DISPUTE
DAY 5, 23 Nov, Mon	GENERAL RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION REGIME / FIRST SESSION ON SUBSTANTIVE OBLIGATIONS / BRIEFING AND PREPARATION FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER INVESTMENT TREATY Social Event @ 7.00PM
DAY 6, 24 Nov, Tue	CONSULTATIONS / OBJECTIONS TO JURISDICTION
DAY 7, 25 Nov, Wed	SESSIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE OBLIGATIONS
DAY 8, 26 Nov, Thu	ALTERNATIVES TO ARBITRATING INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DISPUTES: MEDIATION / ALTERNATIVES TO ARBITRATING DISPUTES: STRUCTURING A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION / PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: ISSUES, PRACTICE AND ETHICS Social Event @ 7.00PM
DAY 9, 27 Nov, Fri	DISSECTING A CASE / PREPARING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
DAY 10, 28 Nov, Sat	MANAGING COMPLEX CASES: COUNSEL'S POINT OF VIEW / THE TRIBUNAL'S POINT OF VIEW: WHAT DO EXPERIENCED ARBITRATORS LOOK FOR IN COUNSEL? ADVOCACY TIPS. AVOIDING PITFALLS AND ENGAGING IN DAMAGE CONTROL
DAY 11, 29 Nov, Sun	ORAL SUBMISSIONS FEEDBACK / DELIBERATIONS

THE FACULTY

Dr Yas BANIFATEMI, Shearman & Sterling LLP
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SPECIALISED TRACKS

Participants will be divided up into: **(1) Advocates** and **(2) Government Lawyers / Non-Private Practitioners / Legal Academics**. To ensure effective participation and training, only **60** participants will be enrolled. Participants will be **selected based on suitability**.

ADVOCATES - These participants will have **advocacy skills training sessions** and **will make submissions** in the oral hearings at the end of the programme before our Tribunal comprising of leading international arbitrators. For this specialised track, the Academy will only accept applications from **attorneys in private practice**. This is a major opportunity for up and coming lawyers to showcase their skills before their peers and get immediate feedback from the distinguished Tribunal. **Oral advocacy prizes will be awarded**.

S\$6,000 nett for Advocates

S\$5,500 nett for Members of the Singapore Academy of Law / Law Society of Singapore

GOVERNMENT LAWYERS / NON-PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS / LEGAL ACADEMICS - The Academy has invited and reserved a place for two government lawyers from **all ten ASEAN states**. Applications from **other government lawyers** will also be accepted.

S\$4,700 nett Government Lawyers / Non-Private Practitioners / Legal Academics

REGISTRATION

Application Deadline: 9 October 2015

You may register online by logging on to <http://cil.nus.edu.sg/siaa/registration-of-interest/>.

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Payment & Substitutions : An applicant is required to promptly make payment of the registration fee once selected for admission into the Academy and do so within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. If payment is not received within this time, the applicant **will not be admitted into the Academy and will be considered to have forfeited his/her place**. Once payment has been received, there will strictly be no partial or full refund of the payment. Substitutions are welcome at no extra charge.