

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ACADEMY 2026

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2026



The Singapore International Arbitration Academy (SIAA) is one of CIL's flagship programmes. Every year since 2012, the Centre for International Law (CIL) has brought together some of the world's leading experts in international arbitration for a weeklong programme on investor-state dispute settlement designed specifically for government officials and private practitioners.

SIAA is an unparalleled opportunity for government officials, private practitioners and legal academics in the Asia-Pacific region and from around the world to come to Singapore to meet and interact with luminaries of international arbitration, gain hands-on experience with international investment law issues and develop new professional relationships.

The SIAA Programme includes sessions on the substantive law of investment treaties, the developing landscape of Investor-State Dispute Settlement as well as practical workshops on drafting requests for arbitration and the production of documents. As a culmination of the SIAA, participants who choose will be given the opportunity to argue in investor-state arbitration proceedings before a distinguished tribunal of some of the world's leading arbitrators.

■ Day 1 – Saturday 14 November (Bukit Timah Campus)

Time	Session
12.00–13.00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
13.00–13.45	Opening of SIAA & Welcome address - Prof N. Jansen Calamita and Ms Celine Lange Video of the Singapore Cooperation Programme Introduction to the programme for the week Ms Celine Lange and N. Jansen Calamita
13.45–14.30	Introduction to the Moot Problem Prof N. Jansen Calamita
14.30–15.15	Group photo + break
15.15–16.30	Introduction to International Environmental Law Prof Makane Moïse Mbengue
16.30–17.45	Sources of International Law; relationship with international investment law Prof Vincent-Joël Proulx
17.45–19.00	Q & A Session for participants interested in mootng, followed by networking reception

Sunday 15 November is a rest day.

■ Day 2 – Monday 16 November (Bukit Timah Campus)

Time	Session
09.00–09.05	Introduction Prof N. Jansen Calamita
09.05–10.15	Rules of interpretation of investment treaties Dr Romesh Weeramantry
10.15–10.30	Morning break
10.30–11.45	Scope of investment treaties - definitions of investment and investor Dr Stefanie Schacherer
11.45–12.45	ICSID 101, Part 1 Ms Frauke Nitschke
12.45–13.45	Lunch
13.45–14.45	ICSID 101, Part 2 Ms Frauke Nitschke
14.45–16.00	Comparing ICSID Arbitration with Non-ICSID Arbitration Mr Aditya Singh
16.00–16.30	Afternoon break
16.30–18.00	Workshop: drafting a Request for Arbitration Ms Sapna Jhangiani KC
18.00–18.30	Moot Briefing Prof N. Jansen Calamita & Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos
19.15–20.30	Evening Talk (open to the public) by Prof Makane Moïse Mbengue

■ Day 3 – Tuesday 17 November (Bukit Timah Campus)

Time	Session
09.00–09.30	Introduction and Recap Prof N. Jansen Calamita
09.30–10.45	Fair and Equitable Treatment Prof Mark Feldman
10.45–11.15	Morning break
11.15–12.30	Expropriation Prof Tomoko Ishikawa
12.30–13.30	Lunch
13.30–14.45	Most Favoured Nation Prof N. Jansen Calamita
14.45–15.15	Afternoon break
15.15–16.30	The Permanent Court of Arbitration Ms Ashwita Ambast
16.30–18.00	Workshop: Issues relating to document production in international arbitration Ms Gitta Satryani
18.00–19.00	18.00 to 18.20: Consultations with Advocacy Teams Prof N. Jansen Calamita & Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos 18.20 to 19.00: Coaching session for mooters -Mr Joshua Hiew -Ms Samantha Tan -Mr Sidney Tambasi Netya -Ms Ritika Bharti

■ Day 4 – Wednesday 18 November (Bukit Timah Campus)

Time	Session
09.00–09.30	Introduction and Recap Prof N. Jansen Calamita
09.30–10.45	ISDS reform at UNCITRAL Working Group III Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos
10.45–11.00	Morning break
11.00–12.15	Defences Prof Manjiao (Cliff) Chi
12.15–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.30	Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation Ms Celine Lange
14.30–15.30	Dissection of a case (Claimant) Mr Nicholas Lingard
15.30–15.45	Afternoon break
15.45–17.00	Analysing a case: Strategies for States in Investor–State Arbitration Mr David A. Pawlak
18.00–20.00	Evening Talk: <i>The Evolution of ethics rules in arbitration from 1872 forward</i> by Mr J. Christopher Thomas KC (hosted by WongPartnership LLP)

■ Day 5– Thursday 19 November (Bukit Timah Campus)

Time	Session
09.00–09.30	Introduction and Recap Prof N. Jansen Calamita
09.30–10.30	Keynote by Justice Indu Malhotra
10.30–11.00	Morning break
11.00–13.00	State Management of Investment Treaty Obligations <u>Moderator:</u> Solicitor-General Ms Daphne Hong <u>Panel:</u> ▪ Dr Kraijakr Thiratayakinant (negotiation) ▪ Prof N. Jansen Calamita (governance) ▪ Mr David A. Pawlak (disputes)
13.00–14.00	Lunch
14.00–15.00	Debate – The Third-Party Funding Debate
15.00 – 16.15	Damages in Investor–State Arbitration: Principles, Valuation, and Strategy ▪ Mr Emmanuel Jacomy ▪ Mr James Nicholson
16.15–17.30	The Tribunal’s Point of View ▪ Ms Amanda Lees ▪ Ms Koh Swee Yen SC ▪ Dr Cameron Ford
17.30–18.30	Coaching session for mooters -Mr Joshua Hiew -Ms Samantha Tan -Mr Sidney Tambasi Netya -Ms Ritika Bharti

■ Day 6 – Friday 20 November - Mock Arbitration (Maxwell Chambers)

Tribunal:

- Justice Indu Malhotra
- Mr J. Christopher Thomas KC
- Ms Chiann Bao

Time	Session
09.00–10.45	First round of oral submissions
10.45–11.00	Morning break
11.00–12.15	Second round of oral submissions
12.15–13.00	Tribunal deliberation (12.15-12.30) Tribunal feedback to Mooters (12.30-13.00)
13.00–14.15	Lunch
14.15–15.15	SIAA Certificates Ceremony & Academy Awards
15.15–16.45	Drinks reception and closing of SIAA 2026

End of SIAA 2026