

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

Time	Session
12.00–13.00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
13.00–13.45	Opening of SIAA & Welcome address Introduction to the programme for the week
13.45–14.30	Introduction to the Moot Problem
14.30–15.15	Group photo + break
15.15–16.30	Introduction to International Environmental Law
16.30–17.45	Sources of International Law; relationship with international investment law
17.45–19.00	Q & A Session for participants interested in mooting

Sunday 15 November is a rest day.

■ Day 2 – Monday 16 November

Time	Session
09.00–09.05	Introduction
09.05–10.15	Rules of interpretation of investment treaties
10.15–10.30	Morning break
10.30–11.45	Scope of investment treaties – definitions of investment and investor
11.45–12.45	ICSID 101, Part 1
12.45–13.45	Lunch
13.45–14.45	ICSID 101, Part 2
14.45–16.00	Comparing ICSID Arbitration with Non-ICSID Arbitration
16.00–16.30	Afternoon break
16.30–18.00	Workshop: drafting a Request for Arbitration (presentation + workshop)
18.00–18.30	Moot Briefing & Mooters nominations

■ Day 3 – Tuesday 17 November

Time	Session
09.00–09.30	Introduction and Recap
09.30–10.45	Fair and Equitable Treatment
10.45–11.15	Morning break
11.15–12.30	Expropriation
12.30–13.30	Lunch
13.30–14.45	Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation
14.45–15.15	Afternoon break
15.15–16.30	The Permanent Court of Arbitration
16.30–18.00	Workshop: Issues relating to document production in international arbitration (presentation + workshop)
18.00–18.30	Consultations with Advocacy Teams Coaching session for mooters

■ Day 4 – Wednesday 18 November

Time	Session
09.15–10.15	Keynote
10.15–10.30	Morning break
10.30–11.00	Introduction and Recap
11.00–12.15	Defences
12.15–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.30	Most Favoured Nation
14.30–15.30	Dissection of a case (Claimant)
15.30–15.45	Afternoon break
15.45–17.00	Analysing a case: Strategies for States in Investor–State Arbitration
17.00–20.00	Social Programme

■ Day 5– Thursday 19 November

Time	Session
09.00–09.30	Introduction and Recap
09.30–10.45	ISDS reform at UNCITRAL Working Group III
10.45–11.00	Morning break
11.00–13.00	State Management of Investment Treaty Obligations
13.00–14.00	Lunch
14.00–15.00	Debate
15.00 – 16.15	Damages in Investor–State Arbitration
16.15–17.30	The Tribunal’s Point of View
17.30–18.30	Coaching session for mooters

■ Day 6 – Friday 20 November - Mock Arbitration

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