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## SMU LAW ACADEMY



# Arbitration: Converging Aims and Different Approaches under Common Law and Civil Law



### SYNOPSIS

The impetus for business parties to have recourse to arbitration, and therefore the aims of this mode of dispute resolution, are increasingly converging across legal systems and traditions. Yet, when it comes to the specific procedural and substantial features of arbitral proceedings, certain differences endure that find their origins in the common law respectively civil law tradition.

Prominent among these are first, conceptions of the manner in which the arbitrator ought to position herself vis-à-vis the parties and the scope of her role and second, views on the appropriate means for collecting and evaluating the evidence to be relied upon in the arbitral proceedings.

This seminar will explain the differences in approach under the common respectively the civil law tradition and canvass means to produce acceptable solutions to maximize the utility of arbitration as an attractive means of dispute resolution for parties regardless of their home legal system.

Hosted in collaboration with the German Embassy in Singapore, this seminar brings together leading authorities in the field who not only have ample experience in arbitration, but are moreover intimately familiar with the common as well as civil law approaches to dispute resolution. Attendance is highly recommended for those who have experience in arbitration, particularly those involving parties from non-common law traditions, as well as lawyers keen to know more about the design and conduct of arbitral proceedings.

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Registration closes on *10 October 2019*, subject to availability of seats.

### DATE

17 October 2019 (Thursday)

### TIME

2:45 PM - 6:30 PM  
(Registration starts at 2:15 PM)

### VENUE

Singapore Management University  
School of Law  
55 Armenian Street  
Singapore 179943

### PUBLIC CPD POINTS

3 points (provided SILE's CPD Attendance Policy is complied with)

## **PROGRAMME**

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- 2:15 PM Registration
- 2:45 PM Introductory Words
- Professor Goh Yihan, Dean, SMU School of Law
- Dr Ulrich Sante, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Singapore
- 3:00 PM **Keynote Speech One: The Role of the Arbitrator: Busybody or Neutral Umpire**
- Dr Francesca Mazza  
Secretary-General of the German Institute of Arbitration (Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V.)
- 3:30 PM **Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: Dr Ulrich Sante, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Singapore
- Panel:
- Dr Francesca Mazza  
Secretary-General of the German Institute of Arbitration (Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V.)
- Dr Andreas Respondek  
Lawyer, Respondek & Fan, Singapore/Bangkok
- Professor Nadja Alexander  
Professor of Law, SMU; Academic Director, SIDRA
- 4:30 PM Coffee Break
- 4:45 PM **Keynote Speech Two: Taking and Evaluating Evidence in Arbitral Proceedings**
- Professor Lawrence Boo  
The Arbitration Chambers
- 5:15 PM **Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: Mr Paul Tan, Partner, Rajah & Tann
- Panel:
- Dr Axel Reeg  
REEG Rechtsanwälte Mannheim/Germany,  
Member of the Board of the German-Singaporean Lawyers' Association
- Dr Nicolas Wiegand  
Managing Partner; Head of Asia Disputes, CMS  
Hasche Sigle, Hongkong

## **PRACTICE AREA**

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

## **TRAINING LEVEL**

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## **LOCATION MAP**

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Ms Delphine Ho  
Registrar, Singapore International Arbitration  
Centre, SIAC

- 6:15 PM      Concluding Remarks
- Professor Goh Yihan, Dean, SMU School of Law
- Dr Ulrich Sante, Ambassador of the Federal  
Republic of Germany to Singapore
- 6:30 PM      Cocktail Reception
- 7:30 PM      End of Event

Note: Programme is accurate at time of publication and subject to change.

## **SPEAKERS' PROFILE**

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[Click here for speakers' profile.](#)

## **FEES**

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**a. Seminar fee**

Seminar fee of S\$200\* (inclusive of GST) applies.

**b. Group discount fee**

Group discount fee of S\$180\* (inclusive of GST) applies if there are at least 10 participants from the same organisation.

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