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The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is launching three international conferences in 2017 which will examine 'The Synergy and Divergence between Civil Law and Common Law in International Arbitration'. The theme will be developed during each conference by identifying the issues and then developing solutions, using a pragmatic approach to the understanding and utilisation of both systems within arbitration.

The series of conferences will start in Dubai on 8-9 March and then take us to Johannesburg, South Africa in July and Paris, France in December.

Dubai Conference, 2017

The conference in Dubai on 8 - 9 March 2017 will look at the topic from the perspective of the Middle East and Asia. The welcome address will be given by the President of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), Professor Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid C.Arb. Prof Comair-Obeid is the founding partner of Obeid Law Firm and heads the firm's dispute resolution practice.

The programme comprises a series of panel discussions on a variety of topics including:

- The role of legislation in developing and sustaining an arbitration friendly seat
- The perspective from arbitral institutions on building the synergy between civil and common law
- The civil-common law dichotomy – practical solutions to current problems
- Young Members Group in civil and common law systems: challenges and opportunities

The sessions will explore themes such as: 'The perspective from arbitral institutions on building the synergy between civil and common law', chaired by Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, and 'Judicial intervention, perceptions and reactions – The civil-common law approaches', chaired by Dr Michael Hwang SC C.Arb. All sessions will be discussed and debated from both common law and civil law angles. We will be delving into the differences and similarities between these perspectives. The conference will have speakers representing both common law and civil law counterparts.

The conference will be taking place at the One & Only Royal Mirage in Dubai, overlooking the amazing landscape of Palm Jumeirah and the Arabian Gulf and just minutes away from Dubai Marina.

CI Arb International Arbitration Conferences 2017

'The Synergy and Divergence
between Civil Law and Common
Law in International Arbitration'

8 – 9 March 2017

**One & Only Royal Mirage
Dubai
Al Sufouh Road
Jumeirah Beach
United Arab Emirates**



Conference programme

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Wednesday 8th March 2017

• 8.00am	Registration and coffee
• 9.00am	Welcome and opening comments
• 9.10am	Keynote Speech Prof Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid FCI Arb C. Arb President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
• 9.30am	Panel Discussion 1: The role of legislation in developing and sustaining an arbitration friendly seat Chair: HE Dr Nabil Elaraby <i>CI Arb Patron</i> Mostafa El Bahabety <i>Egypt Vice-Minister of Justice/ Judge at Cairo Criminal Court</i> LIU Dexue <i>Director of the Legal Affair Bureau of the Macau SAR Government of the People's Republic of China</i> Rimsky Yuen, SC, JP <i>Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR</i>
• 11.00am	Coffee Break
• 11.20am	Panel Discussion 2: What the client wants: strategic choices in drafting arbitration agreements Chair: Samaa Haridi <i>Partner, Hogan Lovells US LLP</i> Edward Sunna FCI Arb C. Arb <i>Chief Legal Officer, MERAAS Holding LLC</i> Prof Stephen A Hibbert FCI Arb <i>General Counsel and Head of Legal Services, Qatar Rail</i> Chris Wilcock <i>MEA Head of Legal & Contracts, Samsung C&T Corporation</i> Dr Jan Knop <i>Head of Legal and Compliance at Airbus Group Africa and Middle East</i>
• 12.50pm	Lunch
• 14.00pm	Panel Discussion 3: Judicial intervention, perceptions and reactions - The civil-common law approaches Chair: Chief Justice Michael Hwang <i>SC Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts</i> Justice GAO Xiaoli <i>Senior Judge of the Supreme People's Court of P.R. China</i> Judge Sami Mansour <i>Former Judge, Lebanese Cour de Cassation</i> Counselor Dr Michael Naser Hakim Mouawad <i>Director of the Technical Bureau of Arbitration</i> Dr Anton Maurer <i>Managing Director, Anton Maurer International Legal Services</i> Chief Judge Mohammed Al Sabousi <i>Chief Judge, Dubai Commercial Court</i>
• 15.30pm	Coffee Break
• 15.50pm	Panel Discussion 4: Young Members Group in civil and common law systems: challenges and opportunities Chair: Alex Bevan <i>Partner, Shearman & Sterling LLP</i> Yvonne Foo MCI Arb <i>Senior Associate, Clyde & Co</i> Robert Stephen ACI Arb <i>Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP</i> Jocelyn Y.T. Lim ACI Arb <i>Partner, SKRINE</i> Sami Tannous ACI Arb <i>Counsel, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer</i> Dr Fan Yang FCI Arb <i>Director, International Dispute Resolution Academy</i>
• 17.20pm	Open Forum: Civil-common law divergence and convergence: the construction industry case study Chair: James Abbott MCI Arb <i>Partner, Clifford Chance</i> Prof Dr Nael G Bunni FCI Arb C. Arb <i>Bunni & Associates</i> Prof Khawar Qureshi QC <i>Serle Court Chambers London and McNair Chambers Qatar</i> Ziad Obeid FCI Arb <i>Partner, Obeid Law Firm</i> Michael Tonkin FCI Arb C. Arb <i>Senior Vice President, Hill International. CI Arb Trustee and Honorary Treasurer</i>
• 18.20pm	Drinks, canapés and networking

Thursday 9th March 2017

- **8.30am** Registration and coffee
- **9.00am** **Panel Discussion 5: The perspective from arbitral institutions on building the synergy between civil and common law**
Chair: Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa *Principal and Founding Partner, Haya Rashed Al Khalifa Law Firm*

Alec Emmerson FCI Arb *Chief Executive of DIFC Arbitration Institute*
Dr Ismail Selim *Director, Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration*
Prof Nassib G. Ziade *CEO Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*
Dr Habib Al Mulla FCI Arb *DIAC Chairman of the Board of Trustees*
Hicham Zegrary *Secretary General of Casablanca International Mediation & Arbitration Centre (CIMAC).*
- **10.30am** Coffee Break
- **11.00am** **Panel Discussion 6: The art of advocacy: the civil and common law styles**
Chair: Francis Xavier SC FCI Arb C. Arb *Regional Head, Dispute Resolution, Rajah & Tann*

Ian Dalley FCI Arb C. Arb *Partner, Dentons*
Philip Punwar FCI Arb C. Arb *Partner, Baker Botts LLP*
Laurence Shore *Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills*
Michelle Nelson *Partner, Pinsent Masons*
Thomas Snider *Partner and Head of Arbitration, Al Tamimi & Company (Dubai)*
- **12.30pm** Q&A Session for Panels 5 and 6
- **12.50pm** Lunch
- **14.00pm** **Panel Discussion 7: Arbitrators: the civil and common law styles**
Chair: Anthony Houghton SC FCI Arb C. Arb *Barrister, Des Voeux Chambers. CI Arb Trustee*

Dr Mark Hoyle FCI Arb C. Arb *Partner, Gateley Plc*
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Prof Dr Mohamed S Abdel Wahab MCI Arb *Founding Partner, Zulficar & Partners*
Prof Dr Loukas Mistelis MCI Arb *Director, School of International Arbitration, QMUL*
- **15.30pm** Coffee Break
- **16.00pm** **Panel Discussion 8: The civil-common law dichotomy - Practical solutions to current problems**
Chair: Michael Black QC FCI Arb C. Arb *Barrister, XXIV Old Buildings*

Gordon Blanke MCI Arb *Partner, DWF LLP*
Prof Dr Benoit Le Bars *Founding Partner, Lazareff Le Bars*
Andrea Carlevaris *Secretary General, ICC International Court of Arbitration*
Anthony Abrahams *Director General of the CI Arb*
- **17.30pm** Close
Prof Dr Nayla Comair-Obeid FCI Arb C. Arb
President - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

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