

# 29<sup>th</sup> UIA

## World Forum of Mediation Centres

**VIRTUAL FORUM - JUNE 24-25, 2021**

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The **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres** was created in 2001. It brings together the best commercial mediation practitioners and ADR centres from around the world, together with managers, academics, teachers, trainers, young practitioners, and all those interested in learning more about mediation.

The Forum takes place every 9 months in different countries around the world. It fosters the exchange of views on the development of ADR, enhancing knowledge, and best practices, giving new ideas, ensuring the best understanding of ADR, and learning from other cultures.

The worldwide health crisis caused by COVID-19 has driven us all to an unprecedented scenario and has led to no other alternative than to adapt ourselves to this situation. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time **the Forum will take place virtually**.

This **29<sup>th</sup> Forum** promises to be **again very exceptional** because it will be the opportunity to gather experiences, ideas, observations about development of mediation and make comparison to enhance our knowledge and our practice. The virtual Forum with its **4 sessions** will be exciting as usual and with the same quality substantive panels.

**Do not miss this opportunity to learn and enhance your knowledge and practice about mediation.**

**The 29<sup>th</sup> Forum will be an unforgettable international event. Practitioners from all around the world have already confirmed their participation.**

Mark your diaries now, save the date and make sure to register!

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to the virtual UIA 29<sup>th</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centres!**

**Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**

*President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres*

## HOW TO REGISTER

Register online at [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

- **FULL REGISTRATION** – Including the 4 sessions      **€ 150**
- **STUDENT REGISTRATION (\*)** – Including the 4 sessions      **€ 90**
- **ONE, TWO OR THREE-SESSION REGISTRATION**      **€ 60 per session**

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the sessions.**

Please note that the number of places is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications. Admission will be on a first come – first served basis and will only be confirmed upon receipt in full of the registration fees.

(\*) Reserved for students under 30 years old. Please send a copy of your student card to benefit from the special rate.

\*Amounts exclusive of VAT. The VAT (20%) can be applied to the amount stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28, 2006. If you have one, please provide your EU VAT ID number. For more information, please contact the UIA.

### LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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### CONTACT & INFORMATION

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## SESSION 1 - Conflict Resolution and Trade Agreements

Thursday, June 24

from 3:00 PM CEST to 4:30 PM CEST (Paris time)

from 9:00 AM EDT to 10:30 AM EDT (New York)

In trade agreements such as the TCA, CETA, and the CAI, for which the EU and the People's Republic of China, recently concluded in principle the negotiations, provisions on dispute settlement are not of a merely ornamental nature, but form an indispensable part of the agreement. They typically provide mechanisms to resolve conflicts between the contracting parties. In addition, some trade agreements also provide mechanisms for investor-state dispute settlement. The speakers will discuss the various options and trends in regard of such conflict resolution mechanisms.

### Welcome and Opening of the Forum

- **Jorge MARTÍ MORENO**, *UIA President, Uría Menéndez, Valencia, Spain*
- **Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**, *President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, VDV Avocats, Serris, France*

### Moderator

- **Professor Dr. Renate DENDORFER-DITGES**, *Partner / Lawyer / Arbitrator / Mediator, DITGES, Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn, Germany*

### Speakers

- **Lorraine M. BRENNAN**, *International Mediator & Arbitrator, JAMS, New York, NY, USA*
- **Philipp WILHELM**, *Associate Partner / Lawyer and Commercial Mediator, DITGES, Bonn, Germany*
- **Additional speaker to be confirmed**

## SESSION 2 - Mediation of High-Profile Construction Disputes

Thursday, June 24

from 5:00 PM CEST to 6:30 PM CEST (Paris time)

from 11:00 AM EDT to 12:30 PM EDT (New York)

Construction disputes are complex and very special in terms of time, the large number of persons/companies involved and also the financial volume. Adjudication Boards or Dispute Review Boards but also pure mediation are increasingly taken into account in order to accompany the construction projects. Do high-profile construction disputes pose a special challenge for mediation? In this session, highly experienced experts in the field will share their experience and discuss best practices.

### Moderator

- **Patricia H. THOMPSON**, *International Mediator & Arbitrator, FCI Arb, JAMS, Miami, FL, USA*

### Speakers

- **Prof. Stefan LEUPERTZ**, *Former Judge of the German Federal Court of Justice, Arbitrator Conciliator Adjudicator, Leupertz Baukonfliktmanagement, Köln, Germany*
- **Christopher MIERS**, *Partner Probyn Miers HKA, Dispute Board Member, Arbitrator and Mediator in international construction projects, London, UK / Dubai, UAE*
- **Steve NELSON**, *Executive Vice President & Senior Director of Surety Claims, Markel Surety; Adjunct Professor, University of Texas Graduate School of Engineering; Dallas, Texas, USA*

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### SESSION 3 - Results from the ABA Task Force Mixed Mode

Friday, June 25

from 3:00 PM CEST to 4:30 PM CEST (Paris time)

from 9:00 AM EDT to 10:30 AM EDT (New York)

The ABA Task Force Mixed Mode examines and develops possibilities of combining different dispute resolution processes. “Mixed Mode Scenarios” concern, for example, the consolidation of public or private adjudicative methods (e.g., litigation or arbitration) with non-adjudicative methods (e.g., conciliation or mediation). This session will discuss key findings, new developments and the experiences of the panelist with Mixed Mode Scenarios.

#### Moderator

- **Professor Dr. Renate DENDORFER-DITGES**, *Partner / Lawyer / Arbitrator / Mediator, DITGES, Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn, Germany*

#### Speaker

- Names to be confirmed

### SESSION 4- Baby Boomer vs. Millennials- How to Mediate Multi-Generation Conflicts

Friday, June 25

from 5:00 PM CEST to 6:30 PM CEST (Paris time)

from 11:00 AM EDT to 12:30 PM EDT (New York)

Classifications and the usage of stereotypes such as “Generation Z” cause the perception that potential cultural, social, or economic discrepancies between generations lead to conflicts between members of different generations. Such conflicts might manifest themselves, for example, in the family (e.g., concerning succession in the family business), the workspace, and in the political area (e.g., “Fridays for Future”). This session will explore the potential challenges of mediating multi-generation conflicts.

#### Moderator & speaker

- **Ross W. STODDARD, III**, *Attorney-Mediator, Dallas, TX, USA*

#### Speakers

- **Professor Dr. Renate DENDORFER-DITGES**, *Partner / Lawyer / Arbitrator / Mediator, DITGES, Partnerschaft mbB, Bonn, Germany*
- **Stefano PAVLETIČ**, *Mediator, Business Consultant, Studio Pavletič, Milan, Italy*
- **Cezary ROGULA**, *Barrister/Attorney-at-Law (Adwokat, Polish Bar), Permanent Mediator, Vice President of the Mediation Centre at the Polish Bar Council, Krakow, Poland*
- **Cecily ZHU**, *Managing Director of The Accord Group, Sydney, Australia*

### NETWORKING SESSION

Friday, June 25

from 6:30 PM CET to 7:30 PM CET (Paris time)

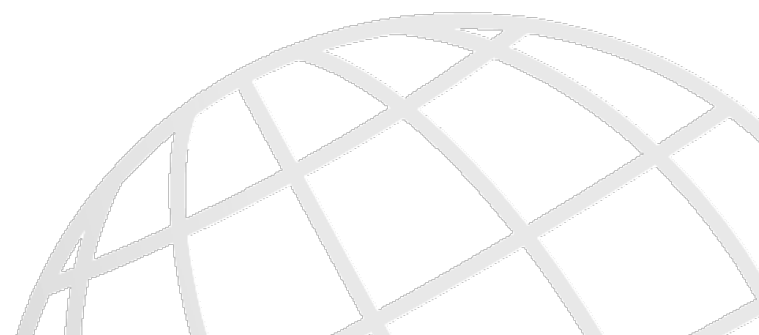
from 12:30 PM EDT to 1:30 PM EDT (New York)

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