

## International Litigation and Arbitration – Selected Issues

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## **Description**

The course introduces some major challenges of international litigation and arbitration.

After describing the fundamental differences between the two types of dispute resolution, the teaching programme devotes special attention to the issues of jurisdiction, choice of court and the enforcement, weighting the advantages and disadvantages of litigation and arbitration.

It covers the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, the 1958 New York Convention and the Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements and the Brussels I Regulation of the EU. The competition of major arbitral centres of the world (London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Paris) will be touched upon as well.

Naturally the topic is closely related to the designation or choice of the applicable law: This requires the analysis amongst other sources the 1955 HCC Convention on the law applicable to international sales of goods, the EU Regulations of Rome I and Rome II and the HCCH Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts.

The application of soft law instruments or rules of law will get a specific attention. The course offers cases on commercial arbitration and investment arbitration referring to the latest trends in these vast areas.

## Assessment

- Oral exam
- active participation during the course will be appreciated and taken into account