



3rd MENA International Arbitration Forum

Thursday, 4 December 2025

Venue: Sciences Po – Salle Goguel, 27 rue Saint Guillaume, 75007 Paris

13:30 – 14:15 **Registration**

14:15 – 14:30 **Welcome Remarks** Prof. Diego P. Fernández Arroyo – Sciences Po Law School/Dr. Raëd Fathallah – Bredin Prat, Paris

14:30 – 15:45 **Panel 1: Corruption, illegality and fraud allegations in international arbitration: an emerging trend?**

Nadia Darwazeh – Clyde & Co, Paris (Moderator)
Ziva Filipic – ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris
Samy Markbaoui – White & Case, Paris
Bassam Mirza – Kecsmar Mirza Arbitration, Paris
Abdulhay Sayed – Sayed & Sayed, Geneva/Damascus

15:50 – 17:05 **Panel 2: Counsel (mis)conduct, guerrilla tactics and arbitrator ethics: is international arbitration in the MENA in danger?**

Roland Ziade – Linklaters, Paris (Moderator)
Girgis AbdelShahid – Shahid Lawfirm, Cairo
Sally El Sawah – Sawah I Junction, Paris/Cairo
Sami Huerbi – Huerbi Law Firm, Tunis/Paris
May Khoury – Chaffetz Lindsey, New York
Alexander Leventhal – Quinn Emanuel, Paris

17:05 – 17:25 **Break**

17:25 – 19:00 **Panel 3: Debate/fire side chat: Common law v. civil law influences in MENA arbitration: has the balance tipped too far towards common law practices?**

Marina Weiss – Bredin Prat, Paris (Moderator)
Pascale Accaoui Lorfing – ESCP Business School; CREDIMI, University of Burgundy, Paris/Dijon
Dorine Farah – Baker Botts, London
Hussein Haeri KC – Withers, London
Ahmed Ibrahim – Ibrahim ADR, Dubai
Lillian Khoury – Steptoe, Washington DC
Danny Rifaat – Teynier Pic, Paris

19:00 onwards **Networking & Cocktail**

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