

## Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme

### Current trends and developments in International Investment Law and International Commercial & Investment Arbitration

#### Short Description

The specific Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) Current Trends and Developments in International Investment Law and International Commercial & Investment Arbitration seeks to investigate and present the contemporary development and trends that concern International Arbitration, covering both International Investment Arbitration and International Commercial Arbitration as a means for alternative dispute resolution as well as International Investment Law.

In particular, the BIP aims to provide an overview of current developments and trends within the field International Investment Arbitration in the post- Achmea judgment era and to explore the future of Investment Law in the European Union (EU) following the multilateral termination of all intra EU-Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). The BIP intends to explore the Adamakopoulos v Cyprus investment arbitration cases such as ICSID Adamakopoulos v Cyprus, class action arbitrations and the future of Investment Arbitration following the Agreement for the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties between the Member States of the European Union. Current and interesting topics such as Climate change and arbitration, the impact of (selected elements of) technology and AI on international arbitration shall also be examined. Additionally, in light of the increased impetus to encourage alternative dispute resolution mechanisms as the preferred mechanism, the BIP considers International Commercial Arbitration by encompassing a diverse range of topics and scholarly references such as the enforceability or validity of arbitration agreement under the New York Convention, discussing 'applicable law' issues in international commercial arbitration, the prospects and possibilities in international commercial arbitration for arbitrators, industries and jurisdictions. One of the core aims is to invite the expertise and knowledge of other European jurisdictions to assist the development of a pro-arbitration culture and arbitration skills. Based on the specific Programme, participating instructional personnel will deliver presentations on current developmental trends and emerging topics within the field of international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration.

#### Learning Outcomes

The main learning outcomes of this Programme include the following:

- Highlighting and understanding the current development and trends in the context of international investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration.
- Presentation and practices for dealing with contemporary and future development in the context of international investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration.

- Communication and exchange of views with instructors and students from different contexts on developments and trends in international investment arbitration and international commercial arbitration.
- Discussion and reflection on the future research framework of arbitration as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism in relation to the current and future developments and trends.
- Understanding through moot / hands-on-simulation of an arbitration case, key aspects in arbitration proceedings.
- Identifying techniques and best/worst practices in arbitration.
- Learning about the benefits and advantages of arbitration
- Understanding the limitations and disadvantages of litigation as the traditional dispute resolution system. by working in the field and in the laboratory.
- To participate in the realms of lived experience as audience in cases before the District Court.
- Understanding the linkages between courts and arbitration.

### Consortium

- Open University of Cyprus / Ανοικτό Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου (coordinator, Cyprus)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens / Εθνικό και Καποδιστριακό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών (Greece)
- FernUniversity in Hagen / FernUniversität in Hagen (Germany)
- Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia)
- University of Hamburg / Universität Hamburg (Germany)
- University of Kragujevac (Serbia)
- Adam Mickiewicz University / Uniwersytet im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu (Poland)
- Bucharest University of Economic Studies / Academia de Studii Economice din București (Romania)
- Akademia Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna w Lodzi / University of Humanities and Economics in Lodz (Poland)
- American University of Beirut- Mediterraneo Campus -gratuitously providing the venue.

### Students' Profile / Target Audience

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from Law disciplines

Expected number of students: 15-25

### Teaching Language

English

### ECTS

Three (3)

### Learning, Teaching & Assessment Methods

Students will attend lectures offered from arbitrators, lawyers, international academics and researchers and engage in workshops and group work.

At the completion of the BIP, students will undertake a written assessment or participate in the arbitration moot to examine their level of knowledge gained through the course. At the successful completion of the evaluation, students will receive a Certificate of BIP Completion with the corresponding ECTS equivalent.

### Teaching Staff- Invited Lecturers/ Instructors

[Dr. Anastasios Gourgourinis \(Associate Professor \)](#)<sup>1</sup>

[Dr. Aleksandrs Fillers \(Associate Professor\)](#)<sup>2</sup>

[Dr. Piotr Wilinski \(Assistant Professor\)](#)<sup>3</sup>

[Dr. Chrysthia Papacleovoulou \(Assistant Professor\)](#)<sup>4</sup>

[Dr. Thomas Nektarios Papanastasiou \(Associate Professor \)](#)<sup>5</sup>

[Dr. Kriton Dionyssiou](#)

[Mr. Antonis Alexopoulos](#)

[Mr. Michaelides](#)

### Duration

- Two days of online sessions and five in person days in Paphos / Cyprus, whereby students shall take part in interactive lectures, seminars, workshops, simulations, and panel discussions, all led by renowned interdisciplinary researchers and arbitration experts from across Europe and Cyprus.

### Location

Paphos, Cyprus at the **American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo Campus**

### Academic & Social Activities

- Participants shall have the opportunity to visit the District Court of Paphos in order to juxtapose the advantages of Arbitration compared to traditional adjudication methods.
- Participants can enjoy a traditional Cypriot night experience, an afternoon the beach, visit cultural heritage sights such as the Paphos mosaics and port area, even enjoy an

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optional boat trip to Blue Lagoon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June (price €65 includes transfer to Polis, boat trip, BBQ and swimming).

## Erasmus+ Funding

Participants need to be nominated by their universities and secure Erasmus+ BIP funding for short-term Student Mobility for Studies (SMS).

The Erasmus+ Programme provides funding for physical mobility only. The financial contribution consists of:

- Mobility grant of 70-79 EUR (€) per day up to the 14th day of activity (calculated based on the actual days spent in Cyprus, (i.e. 5 working days)
- Students are granted two additional days for travelling

**No further supplements or refunds for travel costs are provided.**

## Application form:

### Accommodation

Participants will be able to secure accommodation through different options available near the BIP Cyprus venue. (prices for hotels are indicative and subject to booking in advance):

American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo Halls of Residence (no breakfast)

Single Room	€25 per night
Triple Room	€19 per night

- Axiothea Hotel approx.€70 per night (breakfast included)
- Kissos Hotel approx €90 per night (breakfast included)
- Dionyssos Central Hotel €95 per night (breakfast included)
- Venus Beach Hotel approx. €125 per night (breakfast included)
- Mayfair Hotel approx. €170 per night (breakfast included)
- Anemi Hotel & Suites approx.€210 per night per night (breakfast included)
- Elysium Hotel & Resort approx.€340 per night per night (breakfast included)

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