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Crossing Continents: What Can Singapore and Switzerland Learn From Each Other?

Monday, 15 November 2021, 6.00pm – 7.45pm

About this Webinar

Whilst one is a tropical island and the other a landlocked alpine country, Singapore and Switzerland have much in common. Not only are they both countries of less than 10 million people with 4 official languages and a red-and-white national flag, but they are well known for financial services, neutrality and, most importantly for our purposes, as two of the world's leading centres for international arbitration.

In this webinar, our panel will compare aspects of arbitration law and practice in the two jurisdictions and ask what lessons Singapore and Switzerland can learn from each other to build on their success and how Singapore can maintain its attractiveness for cases governed by civil law systems. Amongst other issues, our panel will discuss:

- recent reforms in both countries;
- conflicts of law and the governing law of the arbitration agreement;
- jurisdiction and admissibility; and
- public policy

Webinar Programme

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6.00 – 6.15pm	Opening Remarks by Moderator <i>Ms. Julie Raneda - Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Pte Ltd, Singapore</i>
6.15 – 7.30pm	Crossing Continents: What Can Singapore and Switzerland Learn From Each Other? <i>Prof. Darius Chan - Assoc. Professor of Law (Practice), Singapore Management University; Door Tenant, Fountain Court Chambers; Counsel, Breakpoint LLC</i> <i>Ms. Anya George - Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Zurich</i> <i>Dr. Matthew Secomb - Partner, White & Case LLP</i>
7.30 – 7.45pm	Q&A Session Moderated by Webinar Moderator

About the Speakers



Prof. Darius Chan is Associate Professor of Law (Practice) at Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law. He is concurrently appointed Deputy Director of the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, Director of the SMU Law Academy, and Fellow of SMU Academy.

After a decade in private practice, he now practises as an independent arbitrator and advocate with Fountain Court Chambers and Breakpoint LLC. Darius is qualified in New York, England & Wales and Singapore. Darius' practice and teaching interests focus on international commercial and investment dispute resolution, private and public international law.



Ms. Anya George is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution Group, working out of the firm's Zurich office. As a trilingual and dual qualified lawyer, she represents clients in complex international commercial and investment arbitration matters, as well as in enforcement and setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court.

Anya has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 60 arbitrations across a wide range of industry sectors, with a special focus on energy infrastructure, natural resources, insurance and reinsurance contracts and manufacturing and sales agreements.

Anya is a lecturer in International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Zurich and a member of the ICC Swiss Commission of Arbitration and ADR



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Dr. Matthew Secomb is a partner based in White & Case's Singapore office. His practice focuses on international arbitration, with a particular emphasis on energy and construction disputes. He also acts as arbitrator, having chaired or sat as sole or co-arbitrator in arbitrations under various rules (ICC, HKIAC, LCIA, SIAC etc). Matthew is qualified as an *avocat à la cour* at the Paris bar, a solicitor-advocate in England & Wales and a barrister and solicitor in Victoria. He teaches an annual course on Energy Arbitration as an Adjunct Associate Professor at NUS Law. Matthew is listed as one of the top 10 Asia-Pacific based lawyers named in Who's Who Legal: Global Elite Thought Leaders 2020 – Arbitration.

About the Moderator



Ms. Julie Raneda is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's international arbitration practice in Singapore. She is a Swiss-qualified lawyer and is registered as a foreign lawyer in Singapore.

Julie represents clients in complex international commercial and investment arbitration matters. She has been involved as counsel in arbitrations seated both in civil and common law jurisdictions. Her main areas of expertise include construction and engineering, energy, pharmaceutical/life sciences, manufacturing and international sales. She is also developing a practice as an arbitrator.

Julie is recognized as a top arbitration practitioner by Who's Who Legal, and has been described by clients and peers as "excellent advocate, calm and persuasive" combining "all qualities of an outstanding arbitration practitioner".

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