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## Who we are

IASC – International Arbitration Seminars and Courses is an association of young practitioners that provides trainings aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of arbitration as a peaceful and effective means of dispute resolution.

## GoArb Madrid

GoArb Madrid is one of the programs organized by IASC since 2016. It is an introductory course based on the analysis of a mock case, through seminars, workshops and networking events. GoArb Madrid is organized with the collaboration of **Universidad Pontificia Comillas - ICADE**.

## 2025 Edition

This year's edition consists of an intensive three-day course, with the aim of providing students and young practitioners with the fundamental skills that they need to effectively face their first international arbitrations.



# GOARB MADRID 2025 CLASSES

**2 July  
2025**

**16:00 – 17:00**

**Introduction to International  
Arbitration**

Elena Gutiérrez  
(EGC Arbitration)

**2 July  
2025**

**17:15 – 18:15**

**Mock Case  
Analysis**

Oriol Valentí i Vidal  
(RocaJunyent)

**3 July  
2025**

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Stages of International  
Arbitration Proceedings**

Diego Alexandre-García  
(ICC)

**3 July  
2025**

**10:15 – 12:15**

**Oral Advocacy  
Skills**

James Hart  
(White & Case)

**3 July  
2025**

**12:30 – 13:45**

**Initial Negotiations between  
the Parties**

Antonio Gordillo  
(Arместo Dispute Resolution)

**3 July  
2025**

**15:45 – 16:45**

**Calculating Damages and  
Working with Experts (I)**

Ruxandra Esanu  
(Wordstone)

**3 July  
2025**

**17:00 – 18:00**

**Calculating Damages and  
Working with Experts (II)**

Benjamin Roux  
(Compass Lexecon)

**3 July  
2025**

**18:15 – 19:45**

**Written Advocacy  
Skills**

Luis Miguel Velarde  
(Lalive)

**4 July  
2025**

**11:00 – 12:15**

**Hearing  
Preparation**

Heidi López Castro  
(Uría Menéndez)

**4 July  
2025**

**09:00 – 10:15**

**Cross Examination  
Training**

Fernando Bedoya (Pérez-Llorca)  
Ignacio Santabaya (Pérez-Llorca)

**4 July  
2025**

**15:00 – 19:00**

**HEARING  
SIMULATIONS**

# GOARB MADRID 2025 SCHEDULE

Time	Wednesday 2/7	Time	Thursday 3/7	Time	Friday 4/7
		9:00 - 10:00	<b>Stages of International Arbitration Proceedings</b> Diego Alexandre-García (ICC)	09:00 - 10:15	<b>Cross-Examination Training</b> Fernando Bedoya & Ignacio Santabaya (Pérez-Llorca)
		10:00 - 10:15		10:15 - 11:00	
		10:15 - 12:15	<b>Oral Advocacy Skills</b> James Hart (White & Case)	11:00 - 12:15	<b>Hearing Preparation</b> Heidi López Castro (Uría Menéndez)
		12:15 - 12:30		12:15 - 15:00	
		12:30 - 13:45	<b>Initial Negotiations between the Parties</b> Antonio Gordillo (Armesto Dispute Resolution)		
		13:45 - 15:45		15:00 - 18:00	Hearing Simulation
15:45 - 16:00	<b>GoArb 2025 Registration</b>	15:45 - 16:45	<b>Calculating Damages and Working with Experts</b> Ruxandra Esanu (Wordstone)		
16:00 - 17:00	<b>Introduction to International Arbitration</b> Elena Gutiérrez (EGC Arbitration)	16:45 - 17:00			
		17:00 - 18:00	<b>Calculating Damages and Working with Experts</b> Benjamin Roux (Compass Lexecon)		
17:00 - 17:15		18:00 - 18:15			
17:15 - 18:15	<b>Mock Case Analysis</b> Oriol Valentí i Vidal (RocaJunyent)	18:15 - 19:45	<b>Written Advocacy Skills</b> Luis Miguel Velarde (Lalive)		
18:00 - 19:00		19:45 - 20:30		18:00 - 19:00	CLOSING RECEPTION
19:00 - 21:00	CONFERENCE ON CARRERS IN ARBITRATION	20:30 - 22:00	MADRID EXPERIENCE	19:00 - 21:00	

# GOARB MADRID 2025 EVENTS AND VENUES

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## CLASSES AND HEARING SIMULATIONS

All classes and the Hearing Simulations will be held at ICADE's premises located at **C. de Alberto Aguilera 23, Madrid.**

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## CAREERS IN ARBITRATION EVENT

Join us in our traditional roundtable to learn about the different career paths that arbitration can offer.

WED 2 JULY 2025  
A&O SHAERMAN – **C. de Serrano, 73**

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## MADRID EXPERIENCE

The Madrid Experience is our every-year networking event! Invitation is extended to all participants, lecturers and speakers.

THU 3 JULY 2025  
Salutteria Luchana – **C. de Francisco de Rojas, 13**

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## CROSS-EXAMINATION TRAINING

Our Cross-Examination Training is hosted by Pérez-Llorca and it is held in their offices.

FRI 4 JULY 2025  
Pérez-Llorca – **P.º de la Castellana, 50**

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Elena Gutiérrez

EG Arbitration (Madrid, Paris)

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## ELENA GUTIÉRREZ INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Elena is an international arbitration lawyer with over 19 years of experience in the field of commercial and investment dispute resolution with practices in Paris and Madrid. She has been involved in complex cases conducted in English and Spanish under major international arbitration rules such as the ICC, LCIA, ICDR, CCL, Amcham, CAM Milán, CIAM, KCAB and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Elena regularly serves as international arbitrator (ICC, CCL, Amcham, ad hoc UNCITRAL, Corte Española de Arbitraje, Tribunal Arbitral de Barcelona, Corte de Arbitraje de Madrid) and has arbitrated as Sole Arbitrator, Presiding Arbitrator, Party Appointed Arbitrator and Emergency Arbitrator in construction, engineering, commercial, distribution, M&A, banking, shareholders, joint ventures, pharmaceutical and energy disputes.

**ORIOI VALENTÍ I VIDAL**  
MOCK CASE ANALYSIS

Oriol is a Partner at RocaJunyent. He is a specialist in dispute resolution (arbitration, mediation and litigation). He has extensive experience in domestic and international arbitration, and advises on complex transnational litigation, commercial and contractual disputes, as well as disputes arising from the sale and purchase of company shares, corporate law and directors' liability. His clients include local and international business groups, both industrial and financial. He is an expert in cases involving multiple jurisdictions and procedural rules.

He combines his work as a lawyer and arbitrator with teaching at Pompeu Fabra University and ESADE Law School.

He is a member of the Council of Twenty of the Consulate of the Sea (Barcelona Chamber of Commerce), as well as of the Arbitration Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association.

In addition to a double degree in Law and Business Administration from Pompeu Fabra University, Oriol holds a Diploma in Legal Studies from Oxford University and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He is admitted to practice law both in Spain and in the State of New York and is a member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA).

Oriol speaks English, Portuguese, French, Spanish and Catalan.

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Diego Alexandre-García

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## DIEGO ALEXANDRE-GARCÍA STAGES OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

Diego is Deputy Counsel for the Ibero-American team at the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He has administered over 375 arbitration cases, handling proceedings in Spanish and English, and is the sole team member overseeing Portuguese-speaking arbitrations in Europe and Africa, including non-domestic cases involving Brazil. Previously, he served as a Floating Deputy Counsel at the ICC, supporting all 12 case management teams.

With over a decade of arbitration experience, he has worked at leading law firms in Spain and Central America. Diego has acted as counsel, administrative secretary, and assistant to arbitral tribunals in cases under major arbitral institutions. Alongside his legal practice, he has taught at several of Costa Rica's top universities.

He holds a Master's degree from Harvard University and another in International Arbitration from Queen Mary University of London.



**JAMES HART**  
ORAL ADVOCACY SKILLS

James is an associate in White & Case's International Arbitration team, based in London.

His practice focuses on commercial arbitration across a broad range of sectors, with a particular focus on complex, cross-border disputes in the energy and natural resources industries. With over a decade of experience in resolving high stakes disputes, James has represented clients in arbitrations conducted under most of the principal institutional rules and on an ad hoc basis. He frequently conducts oral advocacy and has developed particular expertise in cases that raise complicated English law issues.

James' arbitration experience encompasses several appointments as tribunal secretary and a six-month secondment to the Firm's International Arbitration team in Paris. In addition to practising law, James has taught both contract law and international arbitration.

He is currently engaged in doctoral research in the field of English contract law and has been listed as a "key lawyer" in the Firm's dispute resolution team by Legal 500.

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Antonio Gordillo

Armesto Dispute Resolution (Madrid)

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## ANTONIO GORDILLO INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Antonio Gordillo is a partner at Armesto Dispute Resolution, an arbitration boutique that handles complex disputes in various sectors, jurisdictions and languages. Antonio is a Spanish national, and he is registered in Madrid and Paris. Before joining Armesto Dispute Resolution, Antonio worked for 9 years at Dechert's international arbitration team, which was consistently recognised during those years as one of the leading arbitration teams by major international rankings. He previously served as Deputy Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration and interned in leading firms in France and Spain.

Antonio has over 13 years of experience in international arbitration acting as counsel, arbitrator, and secretary to arbitral tribunals in more than 30 arbitral proceedings, including both investment and commercial cases, before the main arbitral institutions (ICSID, PCA, ICC, CAM, CAIP, CIMA, VIAC). These cases involved several industries (e.g., energy, construction, concession contracts, mining, corporate disputes, distribution agreements), laws and seats, and were conducted in English, Spanish or French. Antonio's clients include States and state entities, major players in the energy, construction and financial sectors, as well as SMEs.

Since 2018, he has been regularly recognized by Who's Who Legal, Best Lawyers, and Legal 500. He was also elected by his peers as co-chair of the Under 40 group of the Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje (a group of over 700 members) for 2023 and 2024.

Since 2013, Antonio is Asistente honorario of Universidad de Sevilla, where he teaches international arbitration classes annually. He has also been invited on several occasions to lecture at Brunel University London.

# LECTURERS

## RUXANDRA ESANU

### CALCULATING DAMAGES AND WORKING WITH EXPERTS

Ruxandra Irina Esanu is a senior associate at Wordstone. She specializes in international arbitration, working across both investment treaty arbitration and commercial arbitration matters. As counsel, she has acted in over 20 international arbitrations arising out of the energy, oil and gas, mining, telecommunications, real estate, armament and construction sectors in Europe and Latin America. Ruxandra has experience in arbitrations governed by a range of procedural rules, including ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and GAFTA, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. She has also represented clients in annulment proceedings under the ICSID Rules. Ruxandra also acts as tribunal secretary in commercial arbitrations. She routinely works in English, Spanish and French.

Ruxandra serves as a Co-Chair of the Young Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) Mentorship Program, and is an ITA Advisory Board Representative under 40.

Alongside founding partner José Manuel García Represa, Ruxandra co-teaches the Damages module in the Transnational Dispute Settlement (TADS) LL.M. at Sciences Po University in Paris. She also teaches courses on cross-examination and procedural rules at the ARBANZA School of Arbitration. Between 2017 and 2021, Ruxandra coached a team of students from HEC University in Paris for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. She also previously coached a team of students from Sciences Po for the Latin American International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

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## BENJAMIN ROUX

### CALCULATING DAMAGES AND WORKING WITH EXPERTS

Benjamin Roux is a Senior Vice President at Compass Lexecon, based in Paris, Madrid and London. He has more than ten years of experience performing business valuation, economic and regulatory analyses, and damages assessment, mainly in the context of international arbitration and litigations. He is recognised as a leading expert in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal, who describes him as a "sharp expert" with "strong industry knowledge" and who "offers pragmatic and robust solutions to meet the client's needs".

Mr. Roux has provided expert testimony and participated in the production of expert reports on regulation and damages issues in more than 50 investment and commercial arbitration cases under ICSID, ICC, LCIA, CIMA, UNCITRAL rules among others. He has also been involved in post-M&A and shareholder disputes as well as construction arbitrations.

Mr. Roux has worked for public and private companies, governments and international institutions in various industries, including electricity, oil and gas (upstream and downstream), mining, construction, infrastructure, hospitality and real estate, telecommunications, defence, financial institutions, pharmaceutical, gaming and retail. His experience also includes intellectual property disputes. These engagements involved projects and companies located in various countries.

Mr. Roux holds an MSc in Corporate and Public Management from HEC Paris and an MSc in Economics and Public Policy from Sciences-Po Paris. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation, granted by the CFA Institute.

**LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE**  
WRITTEN ADVOCACY SKILLS

Luis Miguel is a Counsel at Lalive (Geneva).

He specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration, with a particular focus on Latin America and Spain. He advises and represents clients in a range of industries, including mining, construction and infrastructure, transportation, energy, and banking. His experience includes arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC Rules, among many others.

Luis Miguel regularly writes and speaks on topics related to international arbitration. Luis Miguel graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and holds an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

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Fernando Bedoya

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## FERNANDO BEDOYA CROSS-EXAMINATION TRAINING

Fernando Bedoya is partner in the litigation and arbitration group of Pérez-Llorca

Fernando is an expert in the resolution of particularly large and complex civil and commercial disputes. He represents clients before the Spanish ordinary courts as well as before the main international (ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL) and Spanish (CAM, CIMA, CEA) courts of arbitration.

He specialises in investment arbitration, contractual disputes (engineering and construction projects, energy and real estate), directors' liability, corporate disputes, post-M&A disputes and damages arising from infringements of competition law.

Fernando is also an arbitrator and active member of the Spanish Arbitration Club, where he was coordinator of the club's under 40 section (CEA-40). He was also a member of the Co-Chairs Circle, an association which connects representatives of the main arbitration associations across the world.

**IGNACIO SANTABAYA**  
CROSS-EXAMINATION TRAINING

Ignacio Santabaya is partner at Pérez-Llorca (Madrid) since 2020. He has over 20 years of experience, gained in prestigious international firms.

Ignacio advises both domestic and foreign clients in a wide range of disputes, with a particular focus on the construction, infrastructure, and engineering sectors. He has participated in numerous arbitrations related to these sectors, involving projects located in Mexico, Panama, Switzerland, Argentina, Turkey, and others.

Ignacio has extensive experience in handling commercial and investment arbitrations before international courts such as the ICC and ICSID, as well as Spanish courts including CAM and CIMA. Additionally, he has been involved in multiple proceedings related to energy and industrial projects, the financial sector, and the hotel industry.

Alongside his professional activities, Ignacio collaborates as an adjunct professor at IE Law School, teaching the subject of 'Advocacy' in the Law Degree program. He has also taught classes in the Master's in International Advocacy at the Superior Institute of Law and Economics (ISDE) and the Master's in International Advocacy at San Pablo-CEU University. Ignacio regularly publishes academic articles and has been a speaker at numerous conferences related to his practice.

Ignacio is an active member of various professional associations (CEA, ICAM, etc.) and has served as President of the Construction and Engineering Law Club.

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## HEIDI LÓPEZ CASTRO HEARING PREPARATION

Heidi López is a partner in the International Arbitration and Litigation team of Uría Menéndez. She joined the firm in 2007 and in 2012 she was seconded to the Paris office of Bredin Prat.

Heidi has participated in more than 70 international commercial and investment arbitration proceedings with seats in multiple jurisdictions, both ad hoc and under the rules of various international arbitration institutions such as the ICC, LCIA, ICSID and CAM. Heidi is also an arbitrator in cases administered by national and international arbitration courts.

She advises on matters governed by the laws of civil law and common law jurisdictions in Spanish, English and French, and has considerable experience in complex disputes involving a number of sectors, with a particular focus on energy, construction and corporate disputes.

Since July 2024 Heidi has been a member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC). She is also the Chair of the CIAM Energy Working Group and a member of the Organising Committee of the ICCA Congress 2026.

Heidi is also a pro bono counsel for an international cooperation foundation.





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