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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 workshop based on the analysis of a mock case, through seminars, training sessions and networking events. GoArb Madrid is organized in collaboration with **Universidad Pontificia Comillas - ICADE.**

2026 Edition

This year's edition will offer a three-day intensive course on investment arbitration, built around the analysis of a practical case study. The program is designed to provide participants with a solid grounding in the theoretical framework and practical dynamics of international investment arbitration proceedings.



Programme timetable • 3–5 June 2026

Wednesday, 3 June

9:30–10:45

Introduction to Investment Arbitration

*Diego Romero
(De Gaulle Fleurance)*

11:00–12:15

Introduction to ICSID

*Patricia Rodríguez Martín
(ICSID)*

12:45–14:15

Jurisdiction and Admissibility I

*Luis González García
(Matrix Chambers)*

15:45–17:00

Jurisdiction and Admissibility II

Anaïs Harlé (White & Case)

17:15–18:30

Mock case analysis

Santiago Oñate (Galicia)

19:30–21:00

Event: *Careers in Arbitration*

Thursday, 4 June

9:30–10:45

Substantive protections I

*Greg Lourie
(Schellenberg Wittmer)*

11:00–12:15

Substantive protections II

*Marija Sobat
(GBS Disputes)*

12:45–14:55

Calculating damages and working with experts

*Juan Francisco Nasser
(HKA)*

15:45–17:45

Workshop on written and oral advocacy

*Alfredo Bullard
(Bullard, Falla, Ezcurra+)*

18:15–19:45

Hearing preparation and performance

*Isabela Lacrete
(Mayer Brown)*

20:30–22:00

Event: *Madrid Experience*

Friday, 5 June

9:00–11:00

Cross-examination training

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

12:00–13:15

Enforcement and annulment of awards in investment arbitration

*Josep Gálvez
(Gray's Inn Square)*

15:30–17:30

Hearing simulations

17:30–18:30

Closing Reception

Arbitration Event


Join us for this roundtable co-organized with Lima VYAP to learn more about the different career paths that arbitration can offer, directly from four prominent practitioners who are piloting their career in arbitration, each with a distinctive perspective to share.

Moderated by: Natalia Mayoral (DAC Beachcroft)

Speakers: Alexandre Alonso (Senior Associate, Freshfields), Ana Martínez Valls (Associate, Baker Botts), Oliver Cojo (Partner, Arias) and Pablo Jaroslavsky (Counsel, Dechamps International Law).

You may also extend the invitation to any other interested student or young practitioners.

Careers in Arbitration

 Wednesday, 3 June 2026

 **FRESHFIELDS** : Torre Europa,
P.º de la Castellana, 95, Tetuán,
28046 Madrid, Spain

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Speakers

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Lima Experience - Networking Event

The Madrid Experience is our very own networking event!

Invitation is extended to all participants, lecturers, IASC collaborators, speakers at events and arbitrators of the hearing simulations.

The event will take place at Tilda Neotaberna Castiza (rooftop) at 20:30 on Thursday 4 June 2026.



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 20:30

 TILDA NEOTABERNA CASTIZA (ROOFTOP)
C / San Bernardo 48, 28015 (Madrid)

Networking event exclusive for GoArb participants, lecturers and panelists.

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Fees

Registration Types	Fee
Practitioner	350.00€
Student in-person	300.00€
Online	180.00€
Comillas student	265.00€

Scholarship Opportunities

Compass Lexecon grants **two** scholarships to participate in GoArb Madrid 2026.

The scholarship covers registration and tuition, as well as any social event organised by IASC.

Please note that participants are responsible for their own travel expenses and accommodation.

Participants must send their application to info@iascedu.com.

Application Requirements

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and proven interest for international arbitration.

Applicants must send their application and attach their CV, together with a statement explaining the reasons for the request (max 500 words).

If needed, additional information may be requested.

Please note that the deadline for submitting your application for a scholarship is **20 May 2026**.



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DIEGO ROMERO INTRODUCTION TO INVESTMENT ARBITRATION

Diego Romero is Counsel in the international arbitration practice of De Gaulle Fleurance, in Paris. He represents corporate and sovereign clients in international arbitrations under the institutional rules of the ICC, ICSID and LCIA, as well as in ad hoc proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules, primarily in disputes involving Latin America.

He has significant experience in mining-related arbitrations and in commercial disputes arising out of M&A transactions, distribution contracts, and concession agreements in the oil and gas, pharmaceutical, and automotive sectors.

Diego also sits as arbitrator and tribunal secretary, and is actively involved in several associations dedicated to the promotion and development of international arbitration in Latin America.

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PATRICIA RODRÍGUEZ MARTÍN INTRODUCTION TO ICSID

Ms. Patricia Rodríguez Martín is Legal Counsel in one of the Case Management Teams at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). She joined ICSID in 2021. Prior to joining ICSID, Ms. Rodríguez was an associate with the law firms of Allen & Overy LLP (2017 – 2021) and Uría Menéndez Abogados SLP (2013 – 2015). She is admitted to practice law in Spain.

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SANTIAGO OÑATE MOCK CASE ANALYSIS

Santiago is Counsel in Galicia Abogados, where he represents clients in international arbitrations involving national, transnational companies and state-owned entities, in an array of industries (construction, public works contracts, energy, among others), under ICC, ICDR, and LCIA, rules, as well as investment arbitrations under ICSID rules.

Santiago also has significant experience as a litigator in civil and commercial procedures before local and federal courts, interim measures in aid of arbitration, and enforcement and annulment of arbitral awards.

Prior to joining the Firm, he worked as a law clerk for Justice José Ramón Cossío of the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice. At Yale Law School, Santiago was Submissions Editor and Member of the Editorial Board of the Yale Journal of International Law. He has been an Associate Professor of International Adjudication at Universidad Iberoamericana and has been a guest lecturer on International Arbitration at several universities in Latin America.

Santiago holds an LL.M. from Yale Law School and an LL.B. from Universidad Iberoamericana. He has specialized studies in Public International Law from The Hague Academy of International Law.

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MARIJA ŠOBAT SUBSTANTIVE PROTECTIONS II

Marija Šobat is a Senior Associate at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes. Her experience includes international commercial and investment arbitrations conducted under ICSID, SCC, ICC, CRCICA, and UNCITRAL Rules. Marija also advises on arbitration-related proceedings before national courts and on public international law issues. She holds a law degree from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, a Master's degree from La Sapienza University in Rome, an LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), a joint program of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School, where she co-founded the Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association (HIALSA). She lectures on investment arbitration at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

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JUAN FRANCISCO NASSER

CALCULATING DAMAGES AND WORKING WITH EXPERTS

Juan Francisco Nasser is a forensic accountant and damages expert with more than 20 years of experience in international arbitration, commercial litigation, and complex corporate disputes. He regularly acts as a quantum and valuation expert in high-value contentious matters and expert determinations.

Mr. Nasser has provided expert evidence in over 70 arbitration and court proceedings, testifying in both English and Spanish. His experience includes appointments in post-M&A and shareholders' disputes, as well as infrastructure, energy, and public-private partnership matters.

He has been instructed in cases across Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia, spanning sectors including energy, infrastructure, water, real estate, technology, manufacturing, financial services, and sports.

In addition to his dispute work, Mr. Nasser has substantial transactional experience, having advised on numerous mergers, acquisitions, divestments, and valuations throughout his career.

Mr. Nasser holds a master's degree in financial management and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder. He is an Accredited Valuation Expert and a practising full member of The Academy of Experts. He has been recognized by Lexology Index as a Future Leader in Arbitration – Expert Witnesses.

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ISABELA LACRETA HEARING PREPARATION AND PERFORMANCE

Member of the Paris, Lisbon and São Paulo Bars, Isabela Lacreta is a partner in the International Arbitration practice of the Paris office.

She regularly represents clients in commercial and investor-state arbitrations arising from different economic sectors and industries. Isabela also sits as an arbitrator.

Isabela holds a PhD in law as part of a double degree program between the Universidade de São Paulo and the Université Paris Nanterre.

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