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ABOUT CONFERENCE

In 2023, the Inaugural Armenia International Arbitration Conference successfully gathered over 200 participants from more than 20 countries, marking a significant milestone in Armenia's journey towards becoming a regional center for alternative dispute resolution. The event also celebrated the launch of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia, an institution dedicated to providing efficient and impartial dispute resolution services.

ABOUT ARMENIA

Armenia, located in the South Caucasus region, is a land of ancient civilization, lies between fascinating mountains and valleys. It offers rich historical and cultural experiences, making it a fascinating destination for travelers and scholars alike.



ABOUT AMCA

AMCA is a permanent arbitration and mediation institution based in Armenia. AMCA conducts international and domestic arbitration and mediation proceedings through internationally accepted, independent, impartial and effective processes and mechanisms, contributing to the development, expansion and application of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in the Republic of Armenia. During a one-year working period, AMCA successfully registered two international arbitration cases and several mediation cases, demonstrating its growing presence and capability in the field of international dispute resolution. Notably, AMCA has proudly facilitated Armenia's first co-mediation case, marking a significant milestone in the country's legal landscape. With every case it handles, AMCA will take another step towards creating a world where disputes are transformed into opportunities, growth, and progress.

Beyond offering exemplary arbitration and mediation services, AMCA is deeply committed to education and professional development. The Center has organized training sessions, benefiting arbitrators, judges, business, law professionals, and media representatives. These initiatives underscore AMCA's dedication to fostering a well-informed and skilled community. By advocating for legal reforms and advancing best practices in the field, AMCA seeks to facilitate greater access to justice and enhance the efficiency of dispute resolution processes.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

OPENING CEREMONY

9:30 – 10:00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

10:00 – 10:10

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Masters of ceremony

- Davit Gharibyan, “Center for Legislation Development” Foundation of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia
- Maria Petrosyan, “Center for Legislation Development” Foundation of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia
- Vardan Lablajyan, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia
- Elen Tevosyan, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia

10:10 – 10:30

OPENING REMARKS

- Mher Grigoryan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia
- Grigor Minasyan, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia
- Vassilis Maragos, Head of the European Union Delegation to Armenia, Ambassador
- John G. Allelo, Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Armenia
- Natia Natsvlshvili, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Armenia

10:30 – 10:45

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- Grant Hanessian, Chair of the AMCA Arbitration Council; Independent Arbitrator in New York

PLENARY SESSIONS

10:45 – 11:45

SESSION 1:

ARBITRATION DYNAMICS: NAVIGATING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

- Opportunities and challenges in Arbitration in developing economies case studies from emerging markets
- Building credibility: the role of arbitral institutions in emerging markets
- Armenia's legal framework for Arbitration: recent developments and reforms: safeguarding foreign investments
- AMCA's role in shaping modern Arbitration practices
- The importance of choice of law in developing economies, with special regard to the unidroit principles
- Moderator: Rafik Grigoryan, Deputy Chairman of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Managing Partner of the Sigma Law
- Andrea Carlevaris, Member of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Partner of the BonelliErede, President of the Italian Arbitration Association
- Eckart Brödermann, Senior and Founding Partner of the BRÖDERMANN JAHN
- Nick Gvinadze, Managing Partner of the Gvinadze and Partners LLC
- Hayk Kupelyants, Member of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce
- Rinaldo Sali, Vice Director General of the Milan Chamber of Arbitration
- Tigran Dadunts, Director of the “Center for Legislation Development” Foundation of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia

11:45 – 12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:00

SESSION 2:

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL: TECHNOLOGIES SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ARBITRATION

- ODR platforms/electronic communications and virtual hearings
- Using AI in arbitration (smart contracts, blockchain technologies and concerns)
- Institutional arbitration centres using technologies: practice and challenges
- AMCA's approach and role in promoting technology application in ADR
- Addressing the ethical, legal, and regulatory challenges of tech-driven arbitration

- Moderator: Tatevik Matinyan, Director, Secretary General of the AMCA
- Sophie Nappert, Arbitrator, Three Verulam Buildings Barristers
- Miroslava Schierholz, Assistant Vice President of the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution
- Dorothee Schramm, Arbitrator, Vice-President of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Centre
- Maciej Durbas, Partner of the Kubas Kos Gałkowski
- Ara Khzmalyan, Member of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Co-founder of the ADWISE Consulting

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:00

SESSION 3:

COURTS AND ARBITRATION - COLLABORATIVE ASSISTANCE OR INTRUSIVE INTERVENTION?

- Court's role in building a favourable arbitration seat
- Strategies for strengthening the collaboration between courts and arbitral tribunals
- Judicial support for arbitration agreements: enforcing the autonomy of parties
- Emergency arbitration and courts: facilitating urgent relief
- Judicial assistance to arbitration proceedings

- Moderator: Galina Zukova, Member of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Partner of the ZUKOVA Legal
- Nikolaus Pitkowitz, Founding Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at Pitkowitz & Partners, and President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre
- Yeranuhi Tumanyants, Member of the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Armenia
- Paul Heath KC, Arbitrator, Bankside Chambers, Auckland and Singapore; Judge of the Court of Appeal of Fiji, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Tonga, and Chief Justice of the Pitcairn Islands
- Johanness Koepp, Partner of the Baker Botts
- Ani Atanesyan, Judge at the First Instance Civil Court of General Jurisdiction of the City of Yerevan

15:00 – 15:20

COFFEE BREAK

15:20 – 16:20

SESSION 4:

COULD MEDIATION SUPERSEDE ARBITRATION OR EMERGE AS A FORMIDABLE COMPETITOR?

- Mediation for labour disputes: Fostering a harmonious and productive environment
- Mediation for IP and IT disputes
- Mediation in investor state disputes: Improving patient-provider communication
- Mediation in commercial disputes: Enhancing business relationships
- AMCA's role in shaping mediation in Armenia: Key features and novel provisions of AMCA mediation rules

- Moderator: Wolf von Kumberg, Arbitrator and Mediator at Arbitra
- Anna Stylianou, Independent International Dispute Resolver
- Jean-Vasken Alyanakian, Mediator, Lawyer, Founding Partner, Alyanakian Avocats and MediationValue, Paris
- Corrado Mora, Mediator
- Lilit Petrosyan, Deputy Director of AMCA

16:20 - 16:30

CONCLUDING SESSION

- Closing Remarks

END OF CONFERENCE

16:30 - 18:00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION



KEYNOTE ADDRESS



GRANT HANESSIAN

Chair of the AMCA Arbitration Council; Independent Arbitrator in New York

“Grant Hanessian is the President of the AMCA Arbitration Council. Mr. Hanessian is an independent arbitrator in New York, specializing in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. He is Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, where he teaches International Commercial Arbitration and the LL.M. International Arbitration Practicum, and he teaches International Investment Law and Arbitration in the LL.M. program at Yerevan State University. Prior to July 2020, Mr. Hanessian was a partner at Baker McKenzie, where he practiced for 33 years, and served as global co-head of the firm's International Arbitration Practice, head of its International Arbitration Practice in North America and head of its New York office Litigation Department. Mr. Hanessian served as U.S. member of the ICC's International Court of Arbitration in Paris from 2015 to 2021 and as chair of the Arbitration Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business (U.S. national committee of the ICC) and a member of the ICC's Commission on Arbitration and its Task Forces on Arbitration and Financial Institutions and Arbitration Involving States or State Entities. Mr. Hanessian is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute's Panel of Arbitrators, the AAA-ICDR's International Advisory Committee, Publications Committee and Advisory Committee on Brazil, former Vice President (for U.S.) of the LCIA's North American Users' Council and founding board member of the New York International Arbitration Center. He is a frequent speaker at arbitration conferences and law schools around the world. He has written more than 40 articles and book chapters on international dispute resolution topics and served as editor or co-editor of The Leading Arbitrators' Guide to International Arbitration (Juris, 4th ed.), ICDR Awards and Commentaries Vol. I and II (Juris), International Arbitration Checklists (Juris, 3rd ed.), Gulf War Claims Reporter (ILI/Kluwer), Baker & McKenzie's International Arbitration Yearbook and International Litigation & Arbitration Newsletter.”

SPEAKERS: SESSION 1



RAFIK GRIGORYAN

Managing Partner, Sigma Law Group; Deputy Chairman, Arbitration Council of AMCA

Rafik Grigoryan is the esteemed Founder and Managing Partner of Sigma Law Group LLC, where he leads with a profound commitment to advancing Armenia's legal profession. With a distinguished academic background, including an LL.B. and LL.M. from Yerevan State University and a Ph.D. in Juridical Sciences, Rafik has established himself as a leading authority in legal matters both in Armenia and internationally.

Rafik's expertise extends deeply into the field of arbitration. He serves as the Deputy Chair of the AMCA Arbitration Council, where his leadership is instrumental in guiding arbitration processes and ensuring the integrity and efficiency of dispute resolution. His contributions were also central to the establishment of the AMCA, a key institution that has strengthened the arbitration landscape in Armenia. His work in this field underscores his dedication to promoting alternative dispute resolution as a vital component of the legal system.

In addition to his arbitration work, Rafik has made significant contributions to public service. As the First Deputy Minister of Justice of Armenia, he was a driving force behind the Judicial and Legal Reform Strategy, leading to major legislative reforms, including crucial amendments to the Judicial Code and bankruptcy laws. His tenure at the Ministry was marked by a commitment to enhancing judicial efficiency and strengthening the legal system.

In 2021, Rafik established Sigma Law Group with the goal of leveraging his extensive knowledge and experience to protect individual rights and enhance the legal framework of Armenia. Under his leadership, Sigma Law Group aims to make significant contributions to both private and public law, fostering the development of legal regulations and improving the state-legal system in Armenia.

ANDREA CARLEVARIS

Partner, BonelliErede Member, Arbitration Council of AMCA



Andrea Carlevaris is a partner at BonelliErede. Between September 2012 and May 2017, Andrea has been the Secretary General of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") and the Director of the ICC Dispute Resolution Services.

Andrea is the President of the Italian Association for Arbitration (AIA) and currently serves as a member of the Board of Francarbi, of the Arbitration Council of the Arbitration and Mediation Centre of Armenia (AMCA), of the Advisory Board of EFILA (the European Forum of International Law and Investment) and RAI (the Rising Arbitrators Initiative). He is a member of the Milan Club of Arbitrators, a founding member and member of the Advisory Board of Arbit (the Italian Forum for International Arbitration and ADR) and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Andrea is a former member of the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and of the Steering Committee of the International Arbitration Commission of UIA (Union Internationale des Avocats). Between 2009 and 2012, he was a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Andrea regularly contributes to several journals, serving on the Board of Directors of the European International Arbitration Review, Rivista dell'arbitrato, Diritto del commercio internazionale and Giustizia civile online.



DR. ECKART BRÖDERMANN

Senior and Founding Partner of the BRÖDERMANN JAHN, Professor at the University of Hamburg (Germany), Honorary President of the Asian European Arbitration Centre

Trained in three jurisdictions, Professor Eckart Brödermann is a Germany based international lawyer, arbitrator and a professor of law with a focus on private international law, international commercial contracting and international litigation and arbitration at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Eckart Brödermann is senior and founding partner of the law firm BRÖDERMANN JAHN, Hamburg/Germany (founded in 1996). Eckart Brödermann has served since over 20 years in various functions at the board of the Hamburg Bar, in specialist groups of the German Bar or currently, since approx. nine years, as the Chair of the joint committee of the bars of Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg Vorpommern for the examination of applications of request to be admitted to as German bar approved specialist for cross-border business law. Over the years, he has also held positions with committees at the IBA (inter alia Chair, Space Law Committee) and the IPBA.

Professor Brödermann has written and co-authored multiple books and articles, including an article-by-article commentary on the general principles and rules of international contract law as compiled and developed by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial. He is currently publishing an article-by-article commentary of the CIETAC Arbitration Rules (with Björn Etgen, 2024), the 9th ed. 2024 of a case book for students on private international law and international litigation and as well as the 19th edition 2024 of comments on the Rome I Regulation and on international company law,

NICK GVINADZE

Managing Partner, Gvinadze & Partners LLC; Chair, ICC Georgia Arbitration & ADR Commission



Nick Gvinadze is the Managing Partner of Gvinadze & Partners LLC. With nearly three decades in busy private practice, he has accumulated abundant experience in the whole spectrum of both Georgian and cross-border commercial law, with particular focus on energy, infrastructure, real estate, international project finance, tax and dispute resolution. Nick has advised on a number of key foreign investment projects in Georgia, including major oil and gas transportation projects in the Caspian region, and has acted in a number of higher profile proceedings in the Georgian Courts as well as in international arbitration. Before re-launching Gvinadze & Partners in 2010, Nick was a partner at DLA Piper Gvinadze & Partners LP, headed Ernst & Young's legal practice in Georgia, was a partner at GCG Law Office (a leading Georgian law firm in the 1990's), served as an attorney to the Financial Department of the Georgian Parliament, and acted as local counsel to an international law firm in the UK. He is also the former Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he authored the Court's Arbitration Rules. Having served 9 years as a member of the International Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Nick is currently a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR in Paris, and chairs the Arbitration & ADR Commission at the Georgian National Committee of the ICC. Nick also co-chairs the British-Georgian Law Association (BGLA), and sits on the Boards of the EU-Georgia Business Council (EUGBC) and the Georgian-Swiss Business Association (GSBA). Nick is a founding member of the Georgian Bar Association (GBA) as well as Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA, a lead Georgian NGO), and is also a member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). Nick has received a Diploma in Jurisprudence with high honours from Tbilisi State University, a Diploma from the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at the University of London, as well as an LL.M in International Business Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



HAYK KUPELYANTS

Member of the AMCA Arbitration Council, Member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Assistant Professor at King's College London

Hayk is an Assistant Professor at King's College London where he teaches arbitration and private international law. He has over 10 years of experience in arbitration, both commercial and investment, having previously worked at Dechert and Cleary Gottlieb. Currently, he practices international arbitration and sits as an arbitrator. Hayk is qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales. He is a member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce and of the Council of AMCA. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Hayk Kupelyants has practised arbitration, both commercial and investment, for over a decade. He acted as counsel in arbitrations conducted under ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL and other arbitration rules.



RINALDO SALÌ

Vice Director General, Milan Chamber of Arbitration

Rinaldo Salì is Vice Director General of the Milan Chamber of Arbitration, a public company owned by the Milan Chamber of Commerce. His main area of activities is arbitration as well as mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms management. In recent years, he has also dealt with over-indebtedness procedures and the negotiated settlement of business crises and insolvency. He attended several courses on arbitration and mediation and he is author of books and papers on arbitration and speaker in international and domestic conferences and seminars on arbitration and mediation. He taught arbitration law until 2021 in Castellanza University Law School, Italy.



TIGRAN DADUNTS

Director, Center for Legislation Development; Chairman, Board of Trustees of AMCA

Mr. Tigran Dadunts is the Director of Center for Legislation Development of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia where he is managing the process of supporting the development of the regulatory policy of the Republic of Armenia in the field of judicial and legal reforms, including arbitration and mediation. He also serves as a The President of the Board of Trustees of Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia as a representative of one of the co-founders of the center.

Tigran holds LLB and LLM from Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law, currently doing his PhD and lecturing at the same university. Tigran started his professional career in 2015 from banking sector then joined Center for Legislation Development in late 2017. He has also had part-time law expertise jobs for different local and international organizations.

For several years Tigran has participated in various international arbitration moot competitions both as a national team member and the team coach, including in Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 2



TATEVIK MATINYAN

Director, Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia

Tatevik Matinyan is a director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia. She is a project management and legal professional with a career of over 16 years within the nonprofit and business sectors. Her remarkable expertise encompasses legal affairs, project management, public administration, and her unwavering commitment to human rights and democratic principles. In 2022, she graduated from Stanford University's Draper Hills Summer Program.

Her professional journey has been marked by the effective management of many high-impact projects, including those pivotal to the justice system monitoring and enhancing Armenia's bankruptcy system reforms. She has successfully collaborated with esteemed international donors, including USAID, the European Union (EU), and the United Kingdom's "Good Governance Fund", Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Armenia and etc. She is the chairperson and project manager of the "Institute of Liberal Politics non-governmental organization" (NGO)

Tatevik Matinyan is a member of the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia since 2012. She litigated on both national and international courts such as the European Court of Human Rights, winning several cases in the International Court.

Tatevik authored or co-authored over 20 manuals, research studies, and thematic reports.

SOPHIE NAPPERT

Arbitrator, Three Verulam Buildings Barristers



Sophie Nappert is an arbitrator in independent practice, based in London. She is dual-qualified as an Avocat of the Bar of Quebec, Canada and as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Before becoming a full-time arbitrator, she pursued a career as an advocate and was Head of International Arbitration at a global law firm. She is commended as "most highly regarded" and a "leading light" in her field by Who's Who Legal.

Sophie is highly sought-after in complex energy, investment and natural resources disputes. She is a pioneering practitioner at the intersection of arbitration and Legal Tech. In 2021, she co-founded ArbTech [<https://www.arbtech.io/>], a knowledge-sharing platform fostering cross-disciplinary dialogue on technology, dispute resolution and the future of justice. In its first year of existence, ArbTech was shortlisted at the 2022 GAR Awards. Sophie is trained and has practised in both civil law and common law jurisdictions. Since 2019, she co-chairs the ICC Task Force on Allegations of Corruption in International Arbitration, the largest ICC Task Force to date.

Sophie is an award-winning lecturer and the first female recipient of the Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Speech in 2016 for her Inaugural EFILA Lecture on the future of ISDS. She delivered the 2018 Proskauer Lecture on International Arbitration, 'Disruption Is The New Black', which was also shortlisted for Best Speech at the 2019 GAR Awards. Sophie is the author of a Commentary on the 2010 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. She is a guest lecturer at Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School and McGill University Faculty of Law. She created the Nappert Prize in International Arbitration, open to young scholars and practitioners worldwide, administered under the auspices of McGill University.



MIROSLAVA SCHIERHOLZ

Assistant Vice President, International Centre for Dispute Resolution
American Arbitration Association

Ms. Schierholz is the AVP at the ICDR. With over a decade and a half of commitment to the ICDR, she has developed and accumulated extensive experience in the administration of international arbitration and mediation under a broad range of AAA-ICDR Rules, including International, Commercial, Construction, and Employment. She assists in overseeing the administration of all cross-border proceedings filed with the ICDR team. She trains, mentors, and leads ICDR case management professionals. As part of ICDR's executive team, she contributes to revising policies and procedures that enhance case management effectiveness. Ms. Schierholz has organized and participated as a speaker at ADR virtual and in-person events in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and New York. She is a notable contributor to numerous AAA-ICDR initiatives fostering and promoting the advancement of innovation, technology adoption, and diversity in the ADR field. She is bilingual and holds a Doctor-at-Law degree from a university in Moscow and a Master of Law from Fordham University in New York.

DOROTHEE SCHRAMM

Arbitrator, Vice-President of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Centre



Dr Dorothee Schramm FCI Arb is a Swiss independent arbitrator with 20 years of arbitration experience who has been deciding complex commercial disputes around the world since 2011, as presiding, sole, emergency and co-arbitrator. She is one of few arbitrators who have hands-on advocacy experience in billion-dollar cases but are fully independent with few conflicts of interest.

A former partner at Sidley Austin LLP, Dr Schramm has extensive experience with “translating” between the civil law and common law systems. While her experience spans many industries, she has a particular focus on technology, life sciences, engineering (including construction), and energy.

Dr Schramm is recognized as a thought leader globally. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and the Vice-President of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Centre (SVAMC).

MACIEJ DURBAS

Partner and co-leader of arbitration, Kubas Kos Gałkowski



Maciej Durbas (PhD, LL.M., MCIArb) is a partner and co-leader of arbitration at Kubas Kos Gałkowski, Poland. He is a dispute resolution expert with extensive experience as an arbitrator, counsel, and tribunal secretary. Maciej Durbas is a published author and frequent speaker on dispute resolution matters. He is a member of the arbitration committee of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration in Poland. He is also listed on the VIAC practitioner list and the list of Recommended Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, as well as the arbitration database of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He is recognized in several rankings (Who's Who Legal, Expert Guides, Chambers). Maciej Durbas also works with future generations of lawyers by coaching Jagiellonian University's Vis Moot teams.



ARA KHZMALYAN

Partner, ADWISE Business & Legal Consulting, Member, Arbitration Council of AMCA

Ara Khzmalyan is a Senior Legal Expert with broad legal background, comprising over 17 years of experience in various branches of Corporate, Commercial, Civil, IP and Administrative Law, International Law and European Union Law. He currently serves as a Partner – Legal Practice at ADWISE Business & Legal Consulting.

Ara teaches several courses on international law to bachelors and masters students at Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University and American University of Armenia (AUA), where he had before served as assistant professor since 2006. He received a legal degree from Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University in 2006, and was awarded a Ph.D. degree in Public International Law by Yerevan State University in 2009. Dr. Khzmalyan has published several articles on international law topics in Armenian and Russian scientific journals.

For the last years he occupied managerial positions in the legal field at Yerevan Brandy Company CJSC and Pernod Ricard Armenia CJSC. His experience also includes working in legal consulting with Ameria CJSC. Currently Dr. Khzmalyan is Partner, Legal Advisory, at ADWISE Business and Legal Consulting LLC.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 3



GALINA ZUKOVA

Member, Arbitration Council of AMCA, Partner, ZUKOVA Legal

Dually qualified in Paris and Latvia, Dr. Galina Zukova is a leading arbitration practitioner with twenty years of legal experience. She has served as an arbitrator (president, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator alike) in cases conducted under the most major institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, DIS, VIAC, SCC and Milan Chamber of Arbitration. She also regularly represents clients (individuals, corporate and state entities), and acts as an expert in international arbitration proceedings.

She is a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), a Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Council of the Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC), and a Steering Member Committee of the Armenian Arbitration Centre.

She is a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, and a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. In 2022, Dr Zukova was included in the European Commission's List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators in EU trade and investment agreements with third states. She is also an Associate Professor at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin (Paris-Saclay) and the Riga Graduate School of Law. A Latvian lawyer by training (LLB, University of Latvia), Galina has a PhD from the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and an LLM from the University of Exeter (UK). She was also a Visiting Scholar at the Yale University (US). Galina is ranked in: Who's Who Legal as Thought Leader, Global Leader and National Leader for France; The Best Lawyers in France and Euromoney's ExpertGuides Commercial Arbitration. In 2018, ArbitralWomen included Galina in its publication "Women Pioneers in Dispute Resolution".

NIKOLAUS PITKOWITZ

Founding Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution, Pitkowitz & Partners, President, Vienna International Arbitral Centre



Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz is founding partner and head of dispute resolution at Pitkowitz & Partners, and President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC).

He is considered one of the leading Austrian arbitration practitioners, having acted as party counsel and arbitrator in over 130 international disputes, in a range from smaller to multibillion cases, located in Europe, the United States and Asia. Dr. Pitkowitz is experienced in a variety of industries, including energy, automotive, telecommunications, arts, (post-)M&A, real estate and construction.

Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz frequently speaks, lectures and is author of over 50 publications, he is also co-editor of the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration, and co-organizer of the Vienna Arbitration Days.

Pitkowitz & Partners, based in Vienna, is a leading commercial law firm. The firm is focused on international arbitration and complex litigation, as well as on real estate and construction law and has been regularly ranked by GAR 100 among the world's leading arbitration firms.



YERANUHI TUMANYANTS

Member of the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Armenia

Ms. Yeranuhi Tumanyants is a Parliament-elected member of the Supreme Judicial Council of Armenia, a constitutional state body guarantying the independence of judiciary. Ms Tumanyants holds a PhD in Law from 2019. She started her professional career in 2007 at the Office of the Human Rights Defender and was appointed Deputy Human Rights Defender in 2016. She practiced law since 2017, then served as Deputy Minister of Justice from 2021 to 2022.

PAUL HEATH KC

Arbitrator, Bankside Chambers, Auckland and Singapore; Judge of the Court of Appeal of Fiji, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Tonga, and Chief Justice of the Pitcairn Islands



The Honourable Paul Heath KC was admitted to the New Zealand Bar in 1978, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1998 and sat as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand from 2002 until 2018. He retired early from the High Court Bench to focus on arbitration, both international and domestic. Paul also undertakes work as a mediator, is Chief Justice of the Pitcairn Islands and sits on the Court of Appeal in both Fiji and Tonga. Presently, he practises from Bankside Chambers, Auckland and Singapore.

Paul is currently a member of panels of arbitrators established by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Asia International Arbitration Centre and the New Zealand International Arbitration Centre. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a Chartered Arbitrator. In the last three years Paul has received three appointments as sole arbitrator from the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and one (as part of a panel) from the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He is also a member of P.R.I.M.E. Finance's Panel of Experts for Dispute Resolution.



JOHANESS KOEPP

Partner, Baker Botts

Dr Johannes Koepp is a partner in the firm's International Disputes Group. He has been recognized by Chambers UK, The Legal 500, Euromoney, The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration and Global Arbitration Review as one of the leading specialists in the field.

His practice focuses on international arbitration, both commercial and investor-state. He has represented clients before most major arbitral institutions, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. For example, Dr Koepp has participated in international arbitrations sited in London, Paris, Geneva, Stockholm, Hong Kong, Vienna and Munich, governed by the substantive laws of England, Poland, Greece, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland. He is particularly experienced in multijurisdictional disputes arising out of energy, joint ventures, telecommunications and financial services.

Dr Koepp also advises on public international law issues and the litigation of international disputes in state courts. He has particular experience in the fields of jurisdiction, conflict of laws and international judicial cooperation. Dr Koepp is also experienced in ECHR matters, acting both on the complainant and the respondent side.

ANI ATANESYAN

Judge, First Instance Civil Court of General Jurisdiction of the City of Yerevan



Ms. Ani Atanesyan is the judge of the general civil court of first instance of Yerevan and as a judge she assists and supervises the arbitration according to the legislation. She is also lecturer in "French University in Armenia" foundation. Ani holds LLB and LLM from Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law, currently doing her PhD at the same university. Ani started her professional career in 2011 from law firm as a lawyer and moved to judicial system in late 2019.

For several years Ani has participated in various international and domestic events on international arbitration.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 4



WOLF VON KUMBERG

Arbitrator and Mediator, Arbitra

Wolf is a renowned arbitrator and mediator with over 30 years of experience in resolving complex commercial disputes globally. With a background in Aviation, Defence, Technology, Cyber, Engineering/Infrastructure, Energy, Oil and gas, and Investor-State dispute resolution, he previously held key legal roles at Northrop Grumman Corporation and Litton Industries Inc. spanning the EMEA regions. His expertise encompasses dispute management, regulatory compliance, and legal oversight.

As a member of Arbitra International, Wolf specialises in international dispute resolution and serves as Managing Director of Global Resolution Services and CEO of the International Dispute Registry. His practice covers Aviation, Defence, Energy, Compliance, IP, Cyber Security, and High Tech Industries across Asia, the US, Europe, and the Middle East, representing commercial, government, and state entities.

Dedicated to advancing alternative dispute resolution methods, Wolf advocates for the use of dispute boards and mediation, particularly in Investor-State disputes. He played a pivotal role in developing mediation rules for ICSID and establishing the first Investor-State Mediation Panel in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, Wolf advises governments on integrating mediation into investor grievance processes to enhance Foreign Direct Investment strategies.

An influential figure in energy transition disputes, Wolf assists oil and gas majors in managing ESG-related dispute risks and reducing carbon footprints post-COP26. He has chaired the International Mediation Institute and served on the boards of CI Arb, CEDR, and AAA, contributing significantly to arbitration, mediation, and conflict avoidance board training.

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Anna Stylianou is an independent international Dispute Resolver specialising on International Construction Arbitration, with more than twenty years' of experience.

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LILIT PETROSYAN

Deputy Director, AMCA



Lilit Petrosyan is a deputy director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia. She has an impactful career across governmental bodies, international organizations, and legal sectors. Early in her career, she gained valuable experience at the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, and Cassation Court of Armenia. She received an LL.M. from Queen Mary University of London.

In a leadership capacity as Deputy Director at the Ministry of Justice's "Centre for Legislation Development and Legal Research" Fund, Lilit played a vital role in drafting legal acts, strategies, and policy papers. She has been a member of various working groups, shaping key legal frameworks such as the Civil Procedure Law code, Judicial code, and Administrative Procedure law amendments, and the 2019-2023 Strategy of Judicial and legal reforms.

Lilit's expertise extends to her role as a Legal Researcher at EBRD in London, where she navigated complex legal matters related to the Public Procurement Initiative.

As a Legal Consultant at Dentons Law firm in Warsaw, she focused on the EBRD Cross-regional court performance assessment. Her commitment to advancing legal processes is evident in her role as a National Correspondent at the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice.

Here, she managed the processes related to the CEPEJ's evaluation of judicial systems, significantly contributing to the Justice Dashboard for Armenia.

Lilit has further served as a Legal Consultant for various projects conducted by the Council of Europe, the EU, IFES, and PIN. Simultaneously, she shares her legal expertise as a lecturer at Yerevan State University, Faculty of Law, Chair of Civil Procedure.

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Vardan Lablajyan is a political journalist and a postgraduate student at the YSU Faculty of International Relations. He also has a teaching experience as a lecturer in Yerevan State University, faculty of IR. For 6 years, Vardan served as a Head of the Foreign Relations Committee of the YSU Student Scientific Society. As a First Channel Media Academy alumni, he is skilled in political journalism and broadcasting. He has participated in global and local exchanges such as Erasmus, university conferences, and political debates. Since 2022 he cooperates with the Institute of Liberal Politics, working on several projects as a manager and coordinator on media-related topics. Vardan Lablajyan's diverse experiences in both academic and practical settings have shaped him into a versatile professional with a deep understanding of international relations, media, and public affairs.

ELEN TEVOSYAN

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Elen Tevosyan is Marketing manager of AMCA, she carries out marketing consulting, proposals on the competitiveness of the service, organizes events, presented to the public in accordance with the statutory goals of the Center and creation of AMCA's road map. Elen studied at several international universities such as: Oxford Brookes University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She taught media literacy in Vietnam. Elen speaks on the topics of public speaking skills and communication ethics both in the informal educational platforms of the university and in the framework of local and international programs. She is engaged in public activism, author of the charity initiative "Teenagers for peace". She was the president of the Student Council of the Faculty of Journalism at Yerevan State University, and a student member of the Academic Council. Elen graduated from YSU Faculty of Journalism, now studies at YSU Faculty of Law, Department of Media Law.

10:00-11:30

SESSION 1: GAME CHANGERS: EVOLUTION OF SPORTS ARBITRATION

- Jirayr Habibian, Founder, KH Partners
- McInnes Stuart, Consultant, SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

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10:00-11:30

SESSION 2: UPDATES IN THE MEDIATION LANDSCAPE

- Anna Stylianou, Chartered surveyor, chartered arbitrator, accredited mediator, AISM Management Ltd
- Corrado Mora, International Mediator
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Doubletree by Hilton

9:45-11:15

SESSION 3: MASTERING ARBITRATION: ESSENTIAL FOR LEGAL EDUCATION

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- Armen Haykyants, Head of Chair of Civil Law, Professor, Yerevan State University

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12:00-13:30

SESSION 4: ETHICS IN ARBITRATION: STRIKING THE BALANCE BETWEEN PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

- Catherine Rogers, Professor of Law, Bocconi University
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14:00-15:30

SESSION 5: AI-POWERED ARBITRATION: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Sophie Nappert, Independent arbitrator, London
- Victoria Krapivina, Global Partnerships Manager, Jus Mundi

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15:00

SESSION 6: AMCA'S CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

- Sergii Melynk, Senior Attorney at De Gaulle Fleurance

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10:00-11:30

SESSION 7: TRAINING FOR ARBITRATORS: CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL, BANKING ARBITRATION

- Grant Hanessian, Independent arbitrator, Chairperson of the Arbitration Council of the AMCA
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10:00

SESSION 8: ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES: CHANGING LANDSCAPES FOR ARBITRATION

- Anthony Walker, Partner at RGD
- Sargis Grigoryan, Independent arbitrator and counsel

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SPEAKERS: SESSION 1

GAME CHANGERS: EVOLUTION OF SPORTS ARBITRATION



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Jirayr Habibian is the Founding Partner K&H PARTNERS, a newly established law firm with offices in the UAE, Cyprus (in association with Nicos Anastasiades Law Firm) and Armenia. He brings with him a wealth of experience working in the fields of corporate finance, trade finance, M&A transactions and capital markets across multiple jurisdictions including the UAE, Lebanon, Armenia, Egypt and Jordan.

Jirayr acted in a variety of senior roles with leading international banks including Investbank, Rasmala Investment Bank, Bank of Sharjah, Standard Chartered Bank and Lebanese Swiss Bank. Jirayr was also previously an Of Counsel with Squire Patton Boggs LLP. Additionally, Jirayr designed the Anti Money Laundering and Terrorist Counter Financing training for the Central Bank of Armenia, with the collaboration of the EBRD.

Jirayr is additionally A Founding and Board Member of ICC National Committee Armenia and served 2 terms as a Member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce from 2018 till 2024. He acted as Senior Legal Counsel to the undersecretary of the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department where he was responsible for establishing and running the Court of Arbitration of Sport, Alternate Hearing Centre in Abu Dhabi through 2019 in addition to drafting the UAE law on Sports Arbitration, drafted in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the UAE Federal National Council.

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Stuart McInnes is a well-known and highly regarded Sports Lawyer having sat at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for 15 years and at various other Sports Arbitral Courts globally, including the Qatar Sports Arbitral Tribunal where he sits as President of the Ordinary Division.

He has broad experience of cross-border litigation involving multijurisdictional issues and appears regularly before the national Courts, ICC and LCIA.

Stuart has been closely involved in the sports industry for more than two decades and sat on more than 300 arbitrations at CAS following his appointment in 2004, including as one of the 12 CAS Arbitrators, and the only UK representative, on the special ad hoc division of CAS for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Prior to joining Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP, Stuart was a managing partner of a London-based international law firm, where he was joint head of both the dispute resolution team and the sports and leisure sector team.

Stuart was appointed MBE, in 2006 for his charity work in the City of London. He was also bestowed the Freedom of the City of London.

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Vanik Margaryan is a member of the Board of Trustees of the AMCA. With a professional career spanning 13 years, Vanik has successfully handled numerous significant transactions and licensing processes, providing legal assistance to both local and international investors. He is also recognized for his expertise in representing clients in various disputes. In 2015, Vanik became a licensed mediator and obtained accreditation from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). Since 2016, he has also been a patent attorney specializing in trademarks. Vanik Margaryan is a partner in AM Law Firm. He also holds the position of an Advocate at the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia. Additionally, he serves as a member of the board of the Association of Arbitrators of the Republic of Armenia.

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SPEAKERS: SESSION 3

MASTERING ARBITRATION: ESSENTIAL FOR LEGAL EDUCATION



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Professor Brödermann has written and co-authored multiple books and articles, including an article-by-article commentary on the general principles and rules of international contract law as compiled and developed by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), i.e. the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial. He is currently publishing an article-by-article commentary of the CIETAC Arbitration Rules (with Björn Etgen, 2024), the 9th ed. 2024 of a case book for students on private international law and international litigation and as well as the 19th edition 2024 of comments on the Rome I Regulation and on international company law,

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Dr. Haykyants has an extensive expertise and a significant contribution to the educational system. Besides working in YSU, Dr. Haykyants has been a professor in the Public Administration Academy of RA, Russian-Armenian University and French University in Armenia. Dr. Haykyants has bettered his expertise in myriad of international programs, organized by the Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel, University of Passau in Germany and the Central European University of Budapest, Hungary. Dr. Haykyants is the author of more than 50 scientific articles, 3 books and a co-author to 3 books, having International commercial law issues, Conflict resolution issues, Property rights issues, Contract law issues, Tort liability issues, Inheritance law issues, Family law issues as the main scope of his scientific research.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 4

ETHICS IN ARBITRATION: STRIKING THE BALANCE BETWEEN PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE



CATHERINE ROGERS

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Professor Rogers is a Full Professor of Law at Bocconi University and an Affiliated Research Professor at UC Law, San Francisco. She researches issues of legal ethics in international arbitration, the market for global legal services, and the international Rule of Law. She has taught these subjects in programs around the world, including in the upcoming 2025 Winter Hague Academy for International Law.

Professor Rogers has also been a consultant to various international organisations and arbitral institutions, and has taught in capacity-building programs around the world. She was a reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the U.S. Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration and a member of various international arbitral institutions' advisory boards and global task forces (including the IBA Task Force that drafted the Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration and as co-chair of the ICCA-Queen Mary on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration).

She is currently working on the second edition of her book, *Ethics in International Arbitration* (Oxford University Press, 2014).14:27

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SPEAKERS: SESSION 5

AI-POWERED ARBITRATION: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION



SOPHIE NAPPERT

Arbitrator, Three Verulam Buildings Barristers

Sophie Nappert is an arbitrator in independent practice, based in London. She is dual-qualified as an Avocat of the Bar of Quebec, Canada and as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Before becoming a full-time arbitrator, she pursued a career as an advocate and was Head of International Arbitration at a global law firm. She is commended as "most highly regarded" and a "leading light" in her field by Who's Who Legal.

Sophie is highly sought-after in complex energy, investment and natural resources disputes. She is a pioneering practitioner at the intersection of arbitration and Legal Tech. In 2021, she co-founded ArbTech [<https://www.arbtech.io/>], a knowledge-sharing platform fostering cross-disciplinary dialogue on technology, dispute resolution and the future of justice. In its first year of existence, ArbTech was shortlisted at the 2022 GAR Awards. Sophie is trained and has practised in both civil law and common law jurisdictions. Since 2019, she co-chairs the ICC Task Force on Allegations of Corruption in International Arbitration, the largest ICC Task Force to date.

Sophie is an award-winning lecturer and the first female recipient of the Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Speech in 2016 for her Inaugural EFILA Lecture on the future of ISDS. She delivered the 2018 Proskauer Lecture on International Arbitration, 'Disruption Is The New Black', which was also shortlisted for Best Speech at the 2019 GAR Awards. Sophie is the author of a Commentary on the 2010 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. She is a guest lecturer at Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School and McGill University Faculty of Law. She created the Nappert Prize in International Arbitration, open to young scholars and practitioners worldwide, administered under the auspices of McGill University.

VICTORIA KRAPIVINA

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Victoria Krapivina is the Global Partnerships Manager at Jus Mundi, a leading legal tech firm with an AI-powered arbitration database.

With a background in international relations and legal technology, Victoria oversees the development and maintenance of strategic alliances with arbitral institutions and associations worldwide to provide comprehensive open access to non-confidential arbitral awards, procedural documents, national judgments, and arbitrator intelligence.

Prior to joining Jus Mundi in 2022, Victoria worked at ICC's Paris HQ in the partnerships and global development department.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 6

AMCA'S CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING



SERGII MELYNK

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Sergii Melnyk is a Senior Attorney at De Gaulle Fleurance law firm in Paris focussing on commercial and investment arbitration and international dispute resolution in general. Prior to joining De Gaulle Fleurance, Sergii held for seven years the position of a Deputy Counsel at the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. In the course of his work, Sergii supervised more than 400 ICC commercial and investment arbitrations in a variety of sectors of the economy. Sergii is qualified as attorney in France, England and Wales and Ukraine.

SPEAKERS: SESSION 7

TRAINING FOR ARBITRATORS: CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL, BANKING ARBITRATION



GRANT HANESSIAN

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Prior to July 2020, Mr. Hanessian was a partner at Baker McKenzie, where he practiced for 33 years, and served as global co-head of the firm's International Arbitration Practice, head of its International Arbitration Practice in North America and head of its New York office Litigation Department. Mr. Hanessian served as U.S. member of the ICC's International Court of Arbitration in Paris from 2015 to 2021 and as chair of the Arbitration Committee of the U.S. Council for International Business (U.S. national committee of the ICC) and a member of the ICC's Commission on Arbitration and its Task Forces on Arbitration and Financial Institutions and Arbitration Involving States or State Entities.

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He is ranked by legal directories as a leading construction counsel (Doyle's Guide and The Legal 500) and top arbitration practitioner (Who's Who Legal: China and Hong Kong) and commercial disputes counsel (The Legal 500).

He is also regularly invited to teach arbitration and train arbitrators.

He has been involved with disputes and arbitrations in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Macau, PRC Mainland, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Fiji, Guam, India, Bangladesh, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Yemen, Egypt, Mali, Benin, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Albania, Czech Republic, France, Belgium, Germany, Brazil, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

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ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES: CHANGING LANDSCAPES FOR ARBITRATION



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