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21 March 2024

Time 17:30-19:00

Venue Suites 5708-5710,
Two International Finance Centre,
8 Finance Street, Central
In-person only
(Light meal will be provided by SCIAHK)

Language English



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Limited seats only and
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17:30 – 17:45
(15 mins)

Welcome Remarks

Dr LIU Xiaochun

President, SCIA | Executive Chairman, SCIAHK

Mr Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP

Secretary of Justice, HKSAR

17:45 – 18:15
(30 mins)

Essential mediation advocacy skills for international mediation

Mr Bruce Edwards

18:15 – 18:45
(30 mins)

Rebooting Mediation: Regulatory and Policy Changes in Europe Affecting Corporations Around the Globe

Mr Giuseppe De Palo

18:45 – 19:00
(15 mins)

Mediation in Shenzhen's Qianhai Court

Ms Mylene Chan

WELCOME REMARKS (Listed in order of appearance)



Dr LIU Xiaochun

President, SCIA | Executive Chairman, SCIAHK

Dr. LIU Xiaochun is the president of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) and executive chairman of the South China International Arbitration Center (Hong Kong) (SCIAHK). He obtained Bachelor Degree of Laws, Master Degree of Economics and Ph.D. from Peking University; he also obtained MBA from Roosevelt University (Chicago), and used to be a visiting scholar at University of Southern California.

Dr. LIU has extensive work experience in legislation, WTO-related affairs, and disputes resolution, specializing in corporate law, securities law, international trade law, mediation, negotiation and arbitration.

Dr. LIU has been committed to promoting China's international arbitration over three decades, setting a precedent in China to establish an international corporate governance structure for SCIA by a statutory-body legislation, the Ordinance of the SCIA, in 2012, to enhance the independence and impartiality of arbitration in China. He initiated an "HDR" (Harmonious Dispute Resolution) mechanism, by combining independent mediation (or negotiation facilitation) with independent arbitration, to settle capital market disputes at the first securities mediation center in China, and to help parties from 120 countries to better resolve international trade disputes in Canton Fair (the the largest trade fair in China) since 2007. Moreover, he took the lead to establish the China (Shenzhen) Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, the China (Shenzhen) Securities Arbitration Center, and the SCIA Maritime Arbitration Center. So far, the arbitration and mediation services of the SCIA have been extended to 140 countries and regions worldwide.

Recently, Dr LIU has completed the co-establishment of the SCIAHK in Hong Kong, a common-law jurisdiction. SCIAHK Arbitration Rules is based upon the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2013 edition).

Dr. LIU serves as panel arbitrator for some leading international arbitration institutions, and have been appointed as tribunal arbitrator on many cases. In 2015, he was appointed by triple parties to be sole arbitrator for the largest international arbitration case to the date in China, and applied the "negotiation facilitation + arbitration" mechanism to help the triple parties from China and the U.S. successfully and efficiently solve the international investment dispute in 13 days.



Mr Paul TK Lam, SBS, SC, JP

Secretary of Justice, HKSAR

Mr Paul Lam has been the Secretary for Justice since 1 July 2022.

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor.

Mr Lam held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of ICAC Operations Review Committee and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.

SPEAKERS (Listed in order of appearance)



Mr Bruce Edwards

Bruce Edwards was one of the pioneers in developing mediation as a tool for resolving commercial disputes. A professional mediator since 1986, Bruce has helped mediation gain widespread acceptance in the United States legal system as an alternative to often costly and time-consuming litigation.

A graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law in 1981, Bruce became a partner in the international San Francisco litigation firm then known as Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, LLP. After being introduced to the power of mediation in 1985, it soon became the focus of his practice. Through mediation, he has brought the principles of psychology and therapeutic science to a world of traditional dispute resolution, judicial settlement conferences and trials.

Over the last 35 years, he has mediated over 8,000 disputes throughout the United States and elsewhere involving complex, multiparty lawsuits and specializing in matters of high emotion.

He played a central role in establishing the largest and most successful dispute resolution company in the country, JAMS. From 2011 until 2014, he served as its Chairman of the Board. Currently offers his mediation services through Signature Resolution in Northern California.

Bruce has consistently received recognition for his work as a mediator, most recently being accepted into the inaugural edition of Who's Who in ADR by ADR Times 2022; once again recognized as a Best Lawyers in the ADR category by Best Lawyers® 2022; and recognized as a thought leader in the U.S. by Who's Who Legal, 2023.

Mr. Edwards currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Weinstein International Foundation, a non-profit organization working in conjunction with Weinstein Jams International Fellows from over 75 countries dedicated to making mediation accessible worldwide. He also serves on the Advisory Council for Convergence Center for Policy Resolution, a non-profit committed to convening people and groups with divergent views on critical national issues.



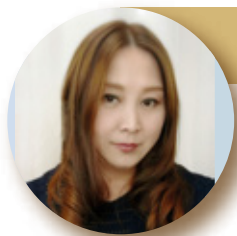
Mr Giuseppe De Palo

Giuseppe De Palo, Esq., founder and President of the Dialogue Through Conflict Foundation, has been a full-time practitioner, professor, and advocate of ADR for almost three decades. He is a mediator, arbitrator, and neutral evaluator at JAMS (New York).

Co-founder of ADR Center, one of the largest private mediation services providers in Europe, Giuseppe has contributed to the resolution of over 2,500 disputes, mediating cases in more than 60 countries. He has also provided expert advice to national and supranational parliaments and was a personal advisor on dispute resolution policies to governments in several countries.

He is a Professor of Alternative Dispute Resolution Law and Practice at Mitchell Hamline School of Law (USA) and has authored and edited publications translated into over twenty languages.

Between 2015 and 2022, Giuseppe served as the Ombudsman for the United Nations Funds and Programs (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, and UN-Women) Office. During his mandate, he led five UN agencies to sign a formal pledge committing to mediation of their workplace disputes.



Ms Mylene Chan

Mylene Chan is a Visiting Faculty Member of the Peking University School of Transnational Law and Counsel of International Cooperation of Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration. Previously she was a Founders' Fellow at Mediators Beyond Borders International and a fellow as well as an appointed delegate for the international institute of Conflict of Prevention and Resolution to the United Nations Commission on International Law's annual meetings and colloquiums. She has mediated in a variety of conflicts of all scales, from small-scale disputes to mid and large-scale conflicts, including commercial, social, economic, political, and environmental disputes. She has worked as a transactional lawyer for nearly two decades in Washington D.C., Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong SAR in Freshfields, Lovells, Simmons and Simmons, and in a legal consultancy capacity for Hong Kong SAR and U.K. listed companies. She has written widely on ADR topics individually and as a contributor with professors at the Harvard Program on Negotiation. Ms. Chan is a CEDR-accredited mediator. She is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, Yale University (B.S.in Economics and Philosophy), and George Washington University Law School (J.D.).