



Navigating the Future of Investment and Commercial Arbitration: 20 Years of State Perspectives and Emerging Challenges

20th Anniversary Conference of the Office of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland

15 September 2026

Conference Program

8:15 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:20	Opening of the Conference and Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marek Miller, President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland• Artur Woźnicki, Vice President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland• Maciej Martyński, Director of the Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
9:20 – 10:00	Keynote Lectures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• prof. Zachary Douglas KC, Professor of International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute and Full Professor of Law, LUISS, Rome• Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
10:00 – 11:30	SESSION 1 MODELS OF STATE REPRESENTATION IN INVESTMENT ARBITRATION
	MODERATOR: Joanna Jackowska-Majeranowska , Deputy Director of the Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland PANELISTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jaroslav Kudrna, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Martínez de Victoria Gómez, General State Attorney's Office - Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with Parliament, Spain • Peter Matuska, Ministry of Finance, Slovakia • David Bigge, Wordstone Dispute Resolution, Washington • Maciej Martyński, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
11:30 - 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 - 13:15	SESSION 2 BALANCING INVESTOR PROTECTION, STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND ISDS REFORM: NAVIGATING FRAGMENTATION AND POLICY
	MODERATOR: dr Dominik Horodyski, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland PANELISTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prof. Eduardo Silva Romero, Wordstone Dispute Resolution, Paris • dr hab. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, prof. INP PAN, Gessel, Koziarowski, Warsaw • Bartosz Krużewski, Clifford Chance, Warsaw • Mariia Puchyna, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris • Rafał Bobkiewicz, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
13:15 - 14:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:15 - 15:45	SESSION 3 ADAPTING ARBITRATION TO GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES AND SANCTIONS
	MODERATOR: dr Karolina Panfil, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland PANELISTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dr hab. Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague • dr Henryka Mościcka-Dendys, Head of the Foreign Service and Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland • prof. Eric de Brabandere, Leiden University, DMDB Law, Netherlands • Josephine Norris, European Commission • Damroka Kościelak, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
15:45 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

16:00 – 17:30	<p>SESSION 4 THE EU LAW'S APPROACH TO INVESTMENT ARBITRATION</p> <p>MODERATOR: Agnieszka Kilanowska-Świerczyńska, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prof. dr hab. Maciej Szpunar, First Advocate General of the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg • Dorieke Overduin, Sovereign Arbitration Advisors, Washington • dr hab. Łukasz Kułaga, prof. UKSW, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland • Lorna Armati, European Commission • dr hab. Marcin Kałduński, prof. UMK, Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
17:30 – 17:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:45 – 18:15	<p>Closing of the Conference and Summary Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marek Miller, President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland • Artur Woźnicki, Vice President of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland • dr hab. Marcin Kałduński, prof. UMK, Deputy Director of the Department of International and European Law of the General Counsel to the Republic of Poland
18:30	Reception