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Stavros Brekoulakis is a Professor in International Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London and an associate member of 3 Verulam Buildings. His work includes the leading publications on *Third Parties in International Commercial Arbitration*, *Arbitrability* the *ICCA-Queen Mary Report on Third Party Funding* and numerous publications in leading legal journals and reviews. He is a member of the ICC Task Force on Emergency Arbitrator, a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, an assistant Rapporteur in the International Law Association Committee on International Commercial Arbitration, the General Editor of the Journal of International Dispute Settlement, the Editor-in-Chief of the (CI Arb's) International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management and co-editor of the Kluwer's International Arbitration Law Library series. Brekoulakis is regularly listed in the *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*, in the *Who's Who Future Leaders: Arbitration 2017* as one of the ten most highly regarded future leaders, described as "very thorough and professional" and "held in the highest regard", named as a *GAR Thought Leader—Arbitration 2018 and 2019*, and nominated for *GAR "Best Prepared and Most Responsive Arbitrator"* in 2016. He has been appointed in more than 30 arbitrations, as chairman, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, SCC, DIA, CAS and *UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules*.

DAY 1

09:00

Registration & Morning coffee

10:00

10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:10

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

Cezary Wiśniewski, ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

10:10

ICC Court Welcome Address

10:20

Alexander G. Fessas, ICC International Court of Arbitration, France

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Session I: Hot topics in M&A arbitration

11:30

- Impact of impecunious party on arbitration agreement
- Post M&A ESG disputes - sources; is the arbitration a fitting forum?
- Interim relief around M&A: emergency arbitrators limiting state courts?
- W&I Insurance: procedural challenges in arbitration dealing with 'insurance towers'

Moderator:

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, YAAF, Queritius, Poland/Germany

Panellists:

Christian Borris, Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Germany

Joanna Kisielińska-Garncarek, GESSEL, Poland

Joanna Kolber, Strelia, Belgium

11:30

Howden M&A Case study

11:50

Drew Naylor, Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman, Howden, United Kingdom

11:50

Session II: Dialogue between counsel on legal nature of M&A award

13:00

- Price adjustment made by the tribunal
- Is the award declaratory or constitutive and what are its practical effects?
- Interests computation

Moderator:

Mary Mitsi, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom/Greece

13:00

Lunch

14:00

14:00

Dentons M&A Case study

14:20

Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, Poland

14:20

Keynote speech: The paradigm of arbitration - yesterday, today and tomorrow - Yves Derains in conversation with Beata Gessel

15:00

Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi, France

15:00

Session III: Voice of reason or hired gun? The

16:10

independence and impartiality of party-appointed experts in M&A disputes

- The difference between party-appointed and tribunal-appointed experts
- The role of geography
- The role of soft laws
- Expectations of the parties and the tribunal

Moderator:

Mark Kantor, , USA

Panellists:

Folashade Alli SAN, Folashade Alli and Associates, Nigeria

Luminita Popa, Suciu Popa, Romania

Alexander Demuth, , Germany

Renato Nazzini, King's Collage London, United Kingdom/Italy

16:10

Treats & Meads

19:30

Gala Dinner

Venue - Look Up! Skyliner building, 67 Prosta Street (upon separate registration)

DAY 2

09:00

Morning coffee

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Opening & Welcome

10:05

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

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Special Guest

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Special Guest's address: The Permanent Court of Arbitration: 125 years of Peace through Justice

Marcin Czepelak, Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands

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Presentation: M&A Arbitration in Wartime under the SCC Rules

10:55

Jake Lowther, SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

10:55

Clifford Chance Case Study

11:15

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Session: M&A Arbitration in Wartime - Breaking up is never easy

12:45

- M&A disputes risks when exiting high-risk jurisdictions
- Case studies from jurisdictions in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa

Moderator:

Bartosz Krużewski, Clifford Chance, Poland

Panellists:

Timur Bondaryev, Arzinger, Ukraine

Joshua Kelly, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, United Kingdom

Steven Finizio, Wilmer Hale, United Kingdom/USA

Jacob Enoch, M. Firon&Co. Advocates, Israel

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Closing of the conference

12:55

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!
