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A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE

AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT ON 16 MARCH 2027 - GRAND SALON DE LA SORBONNE, PARIS

On 16 March 2027, Assas Executive Education, subsidiary of Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, will host the international conference marking the 10th Anniversary of the LL.M. International Construction Contracts (I2C), one of the world's leading postgraduate programmes in international construction contract law and practice.

This landmark conference will take place in the prestigious Grand Salon de la Sorbonne and its adjacent Péristyle, in the heart of Paris, bringing together a highly selective in-person audience of 200 professionals, practitioners, legal experts, senior executives and international specialists from the construction industry, with many others joining online.

An event delivered in English, and designed for and by a global community of construction contracts specialists.

LL.M. I2C – 10 Years Shaping Excellence in International Construction Contract Management

A Decade in Review: How Risk and Technology Are Reshaping Construction Contracts and Project Delivery.

Over the past decade, the LL.M. I2C has trained successive generations of specialists equipped to navigate the most complex international projects. This anniversary conference offers a strategic moment to take stock of the industry's evolution, anticipate the major forces reshaping it, and reaffirm the critical role of contracts in risk management and project performance.

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Stéphane Braconnier

President of Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

Professor of Public Law since 1998, he joined Paris-Panthéon-Assas University in 2007 and has served as its President since 2020. Co-director of the University's Master's programme in Public Economic Law and specialist in the field, his research and publications address public procurement, public-private partnerships, concessions, public property law, public enterprises and local government law. He has held several public appointments, including President of the Ethics Committee of the French National Olympic and Sports (CNOSF) and member of the Sanctions Committee of the French Anti-Doping Agency. President of the Supreme Court of the Principality of Monaco since 2023, he was appointed a Knight of the French National Order of Merit in 2025



Charles Gijsbers

Professor of Private Law,
Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

Professor of Public Law at Paris-Panthéon-Assas since 2007 and its He is the director of the Master of Real Estate and Construction Law, and of the Center for Studies and Research on Construction and Housing. He has published articles and textbooks on financing, securities and real estate law. He delivers and speaks at many conferences, in France and abroad, in particular towards notaries, lawyers and companies.

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Vincent Leloup

LL.M. I2C Co-founder and Director of Studies, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

Chairman of the FIDIC Contracts Committee, drafter of the 2017 White Book and 2021 Green Book, and recipient of the FIDIC 2024 Louis Prangey Award. Civil engineer with a legal background (MSc, King's College London), 30 years across 50+ countries. FIDIC Certified Trainer (250+ courses), arbitrator (ICC & UNCITRAL) and expert witness.



Patrick Richard

General Secretary, VINCI

Patrick Richard holds a postgraduate diploma in European Law from Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, as well as degrees from the Paris Institute of Business Administration (IAE) and the Paris Institute of Interpreting and Translation. After beginning his career as a conference interpreter, he joined the legal departments of Dragages et Travaux Publics and Vallourec before serving as General Counsel of Degrémont, Dumez, GTM and, from 2001, VINCI. He has served as Secretary to VINCI's Board of Directors since 2006 and has been a member of the Group's Executive Committee since 2010.

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Christopher Seppälä

Independent Arbitrator, Expert & Counsel

Independent arbitrator, expert and counsel, Chris Seppälä founded the international arbitration practice at White & Case Paris, where he was a partner for 35 years. He has acted as counsel or arbitrator in hundreds of disputes — including multi-billion dollar cases — representing corporations, banks and sovereign states (Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar and others). He began his career at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.



Jean-Paul Achkar

Head of the Industrial and O&M Contracts department - International - EDF Power Solutions

Holding a Master's degree in European Business Law (Paris René Descartes University) and an LLM (International Business Law (Queen Mary University London), M. Achkar has gained extensive experience in industrial, infrastructure and construction contracts. He worked within the VEOLIA Group on major water treatment and desalination projects. He later joined EDF, where he contributed to the development of international renewable energy projects throughout their lifecycle from a developer's perspective.

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Christophe Sergeant

Head Advisor for Industrial Projects , Legal Division, EDF

With over 30 years of experience in complex energy projects, he provides legal support for the financing, development, construction, operation and maintenance of major power generation and transmission projects. His expertise also includes risk management and collaborative contracting. He served as Deputy General Counsel - Asia. Lecturer in the LLM I2C programme, Paris + Singapore, he is involved in several professional networks, and as Co-Chair of the Public and Private Procurement Commission of SCL France.



Benoît Dupuis

Executive Director, Contracts and Contract Management , Société des Grands Projets

M. Dupuis oversees procurement, legal affairs and contract management for one of Europe's largest transport infrastructure programmes. A graduate of EDHEC with a Master's degree in Business Law and a PhD in Law, he previously held senior legal positions at Colas, Bouygues, EDF and Veolia. With over 30 years of experience, he specialises in major infrastructure projects, international contracts and public procurement. He also lectures on international construction contracts at Sorbonne University.

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Gilles Godard

Chief Digital Transformation Officer, VINCI

His career combines the delivery of complex operations with senior executive leadership responsibilities. He distinguished himself through the restructuring of Greek motorway concessions during a period of economic crisis, the management of the Tours–Bordeaux high-speed rail project, and later by leading VINCI Construction's international operations and UK division, including the acquisition and integration of activities in Oceania. Today, as Chief Digital Transformation Officer of VINCI Construction and President of EGF-BTP, he places people at the heart of a demanding and sustainable performance strategy.



Betty Mirza-Miot

Senior Project Lawyer | EDF

Over 10 years of experience in international business law, advising on major energy and infrastructure projects across Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. Her expertise covers power generation, smart grids, green data centers, and gas operations.
Betty specializes in complex project, industrial, and financing agreements, as well as international construction disputes. She is currently Senior Legal Advisor at EDF power solutions, supporting major hydropower projects, and previously practiced at the Paris Bar on cross-border M&A, joint ventures, and infrastructure transactions.

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Charles Nairac

Global Co-Head, White & Case law firm

Charles Nairac is Global Co-Head of White & Case's International Arbitration Practice and is widely recognized as one of the leading arbitration practitioners in the construction and energy sectors. Based in Paris, he advises clients on complex commercial and investor-state arbitrations, with extensive experience handling high-value cross-border construction disputes across Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. Charles is recognized in leading legal directories including GAR 100, Chambers and The Legal 500.



Fréderic Gillion

Partner, Pinsent Masons - Director of Studies, LL.M I2C (Singapore Campus), Paris Pantheon-Assas University

Frédéric Gillion is a partner within Pinsent Masons' Construction Advisory & Disputes team (Solicitor of England and Wales /Avocat Paris Bar). Frédéric is a Certified FIDIC Adjudicator, member of the FIDIC President's List and the French list of FIDIC adjudicators. He also acts as Expert under the ICC Expert Rules.

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David Coyne
Directeur, Diales Group

Civil engineer with postgraduate qualifications from King's College and Imperial College London, David Coyne specialises in international construction law, contract management and dispute resolution, including delay analysis and claims expertise. He is founder and co-president of the Society of Construction Law France.



Stéphane Giraud
FIDIC President's list of Adjudicators, Plan J Consulting

Engineer turned trainer and consultant, Stéphane Giraud specializes in construction dispute resolution. A graduate of Arts & Métiers and HEC Paris (MBA, 1995), he brings 30 years of expertise in water project supervision for internationally funded projects across emerging markets. FIDIC Certified Trainer and Adjudicator (Paris 2012, Dubai 2015).

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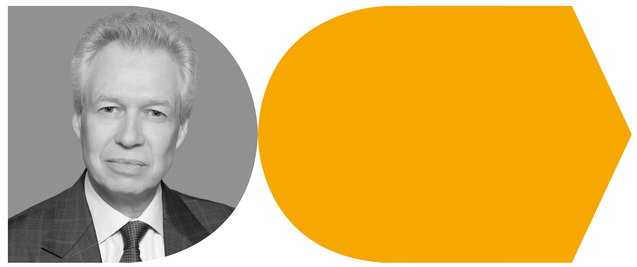

James Perry
Dispute Board practitioner & Arbitrator, PS Consulting

Member of the District of Columbia Bar (1985) with a civil engineering degree (1981), Jim has been based in Paris since 1988. He acts as arbitrator, dispute board member, and counsel, with extensive experience in institutional and ad hoc proceedings across the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, ME. He worked in major infrastructure and energy projects, such as dams, bridges, ports, airports, transport, water, renewables, power, oil & gas, rail, process, and buildings.



Peter Rosher
Rosher Arbitration

Peter Rosher is an independent arbitrator based in Paris, specialising in international arbitration with a focus on construction, energy and infrastructure disputes. Dual-qualified in England & Wales and France, he brings over 35 years of experience acting as counsel and arbitrator in complex international proceedings under major arbitral rules. Formerly Global Chair of International Arbitration at Reed Smith, he is a recognised leader in the field, lecturer at leading French universities, and a frequent speaker and author on arbitration and construction law.

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The day is structured around high-level thematic sessions, led by internationally recognised speakers — International construction industry senior executives and practitioners (employers, contractors, consulting engineers), FIDIC specialists, in-house counsels, lawyers, dispute avoidance and resolution experts :

9:30 **Opening Keynote** — A forward-looking vision of the industry

9:55 **A Decade in Review** — Ten years of the LL.M. I2C

10:10 — **A 360° Global Overview of the Construction Industry**

11:30 — **Global risks reshaping contracting practices**

14:00 — **Oxford-Style Debate: Collaborative Contracting**

14:45 — **Trends in project delivery**

16:30 — **Dispute Boards on the rise**

17:15 **Synthesis & Audience Engagement**

17:45 **Closing Keynote**

18:00 **Graduation Ceremony** — Class of 2025-2026 (10th cohort)

18:30 **Networking Cocktail in the Péristyle de la Sorbonne**

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PARIS & SINGAPORE

240
ALUMNI
LLM I2C

55
NATIONALITIES

60/40
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LAW-LEGAL
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EVENT FEE: 850€

-20%

EARLY BIRD
680€ (UNTIL D-90)

-35%

ALUMNI RATE
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