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International Round Table

Challenges to International Arbitration in a New World:

Digitalization, Sanctions, and Political Pressure.

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The modern world provides new challenges that impact international arbitration as well. Digitalization brought an opportunity to hold distant hearings and present proof in digital forms. Making the lives of parties more convenient, it also brought a number of issues, such as the problem of establishing the document’s authenticity, for example.

Political pressure and economic sanctions have become important factors largely determining the choice of arbitration. The effect of sanctions, both against states and individuals, on the conduct of international arbitration should be thoroughly assessed.

The round table, organized by Saint Petersburg State University will seek to consider these issues, providing the practitioners and scholars with an opportunity to share their experiences.

Moderators:

Elena Sychenko, PhD, associate professor, Saint Petersburg State University

Marina Trunk-Fedorova, PhD, associate professor, Saint Petersburg State University

Welcoming speech: Sergey Belov, PhD, Dean, Law faculty, Saint Petersburg State University

Our speakers:

- Leonid Kropotov, PhD, Legal Director at Denuo (formerly DLA Piper), adjunct professor, Saint Petersburg University, Russia.

Sanctions: hurdles in arbitration.

- Feruza Bobokulova, FIDIC Certified Trainer, Member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London, UK), Uzbekistan.

Implications of sanctions on international arbitration: a view from the perspective of the proceedings.

- Aigoul Kenjebayeva, Managing Partner at Dentons' Kazakhstan and Central Asia, Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, Kazakhstan.

Rules and politics can change but ethics is universal.

- Natalia Alenkina, Associate Professor at the American University of Central Asia, Ph.D., Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris, France), Kyrgyzstan.

The impact of political pressure and armed conflicts on international arbitration: sharing Kyrgyz experience.

- Ivan Lyubin, assistant professor, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia

Smart contracts in arbitration: perspectives and challenges.

- Abhinav Bhushan, International Arbitrator, Member & Chief Executive for Asia at 39 Essex Chambers, the arbitrator at various international arbitration institutions (SIAC, AIAC, SHAC), Singapore.

The rise of arbitration in Asia.

- Shang Jiangang, Associate Professor at the School of Economics and Law, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, Executive Dean of the School of Law Practitioners, China
and Koshzhanova Baktygu, Associate Professor at the School of Economics and Law, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, China

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