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9th Basel Arbitration & Crime Conference

Relations between arbitration and state justice: jurisdiction, substantive law, evidence, enforcement

Thu 7 – Fri 8 January 2027
Basel, Switzerland



The 2027 Conference in Basel covers four current topics: global perspectives on economic crime as a threshold issue in arbitration; work of the ICC with regard to rules of evidence as well as evidence in arbitration and enforcement of arbitral awards; interplay between state criminal and civil proceedings, ICSID and commercial arbitration; and arbitration and sanctions law.

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Thursday, 7 January 2027

Time	
19.00	Pre-conference apéro and dinner in Hotel Krafft (Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel)

Friday, 8 January 2027

Time	Agenda item	
08.30-09.00	Welcome coffee	
09.00-09.10	***Welcome address***	Mark Pieth (Office Pieth)
09.10-09.30	***Keynote***	Laurie Achtouk-Spivak (Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP)
09.30-10.45	***Panel 1: Economic crime as threshold issue in arbitration proceedings*** – *Economic crime as a state justice issue* – *Global perspectives* – *Substantive law*	Chair: Elizabeth Andersen (Basel Institute on Governance) Speakers: • Dany Khayat (Mayer Brown) • Joseph Kiula (Senior Manager Fraud and Investigation, Risk Department, Equity Bank Tanzania) • Sherbir Panag (Panag & Babu Law Offices) • Dorothy Siron (Edmonds Marshall McMahon)
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-12.30	***Panel 2: Work of the ICC*** – *Rules of evidence* – *Evidence in arbitration and enforcement of arbitral awards*	Chair: Lucinda A. Low (Low & Kinnear Dispute Resolution LLC) Speakers: • Jonathan Hamilton (Paul Hastings LLP) • Sir Robin Knowles CBE (High Court of England & Wales) • Sophie Nappert (Three Verulam Buildings Barristers) • Fabienne Schaller (Paris Court of Appeal)
12.30-13.30	Buffet lunch	

13.30-14.45	***Panel 3: BSGR/Vale/Guinea case study: Interplay between state criminal and civil proceedings, ICSID and commercial arbitration*** – *Claims of foreign bribery, trading in influence, and fraudulent misrepresentation* – *Evidence in criminal proceedings and arbitration* – *Arbitral awards and third parties* – *Criminal and civil proceedings, commercial and investment arbitration: coordinated outcomes?*	Chair: Saverio Lembo (Bär & Karrer) Speakers: • Filip de Ly (Erasmus University Rotterdam) • Marc Jean-Richard-dit-Bressel (Public Prosecutor's Office of Zurich) • Vlad Meerovich (Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP) • Katia Villard (University of Geneva)
14.45-15.00	Short coffee break	
15.00-16.15	***Panel 4: Arbitration and sanctions law*** – *How do economic sanctions impact on international commercial and investment arbitration?* – *In what ways do sanctions restrict access to arbitration?* – *In substance: impact of the sanctions regime of the place of arbitration and of the sanctions regime of the applicable law* – *Sanctions and enforcement of arbitral awards*	Chair: Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer (Swiss Institute of Comparative Law) Speakers: • Anna Bradshaw (Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP) • Caroline Croft (Enyo Law) • Christoph Hurni (Swiss Federal Supreme Court) • Carolyn Lamm (White & Case LLP)
16.15-16.35	***Conclusion***	Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler (LKK Arbitration Ltd)
16.35-16.40	***Farewell***	Mark Pieth (Office Pieth)

Practical information

Arriving in Basel

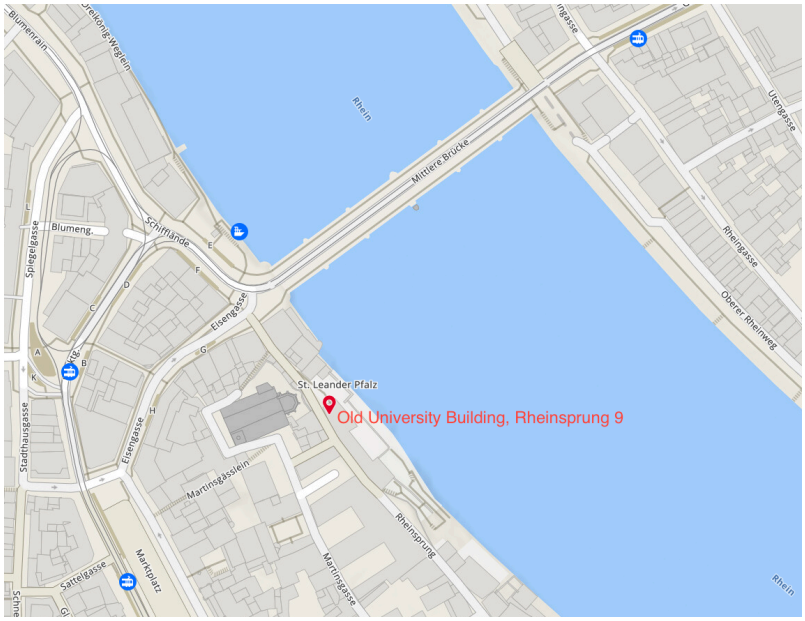
If you arrive via the (binational) EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, take the Swiss exit. Bus 50 takes you directly to the centre (exit at stop "Bahnhof SBB"). The route network of public transport in Basel is available here. Timetables can be checked here.

Pre-conference apéro and dinner

You are invited to join us for an informal pre-conference apéro and dinner on Thursday, 7 January 2027, at 19.00 in Restaurant Krafft, Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel (tram stop "Rheingasse", walk 100 metres).

Conference venue and lunch

The conference takes place at the Old University Building (*Alte Universität*) of Basel University, Rheinsprung 9, 4051 Basel, in Lecture Hall -101 (basement). Take tram number 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16 or 17 to stop "Schifflände" and walk 120 metres. We organise a buffet lunch on the conference day. Event WiFi is available via UNIBAS-Visitor or Eduroam (for instructions see https://its.unibas.ch/en/manuals/network-access/anleitung-wlan-fuer-gaeste).



Accommodation

Conveniently located hotels in Basel include:

- Hotel Brasserie Au Violon, Im Lohnhof 4, 4051 Basel
- Hotel Krafft, Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel
- Motel One Basel, Barfüssergasse 16, 4051 Basel

Fees and registration

There is no fee for the conference. Participants are asked to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Please register until **21 December 2026** by writing an e-mail to conference@arbcrime.org. When registering, please indicate whether you will participate **only in the conference**, or also **join us for apéro and dinner**, and inform us about any **dietary requirements** (vegetarian, vegan menu etc.).

Conference updates

For the latest agenda, please visit https://arbcrime.org/conference2027.