

## INVITATION



## PRE-VIS MOOT CONFERENCE IN VIENNA

# Soft Law in Arbitration: Concepts and Examples

**Date:** Friday, 22 March 2024

**Time:** 11:00 - 16:15

**Venue:** Juridicum, University of Vienna, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna, Hörsaal U11

**Fees:** 50 €, registration required

Party-autonomy and broad discretion of the Arbitral Tribunal are traditional hall marks of arbitration. Over the years the number of soft law codifications trying to harmonize important areas and providing guidance and certainty to Parties and Tribunals alike have increased in a way that has raised questions as to the usefulness of some of the instruments for arbitral proceedings. The conference will address the underlying concepts of soft law and some of the most relevant examples.

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The event will precede the **31<sup>th</sup> Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot**.

Graciously hosted by University of Vienna, Faculty of Law.



## SCHEDULE

10:30 – 11:00

### Registration

11:00 – 11:15

### Opening Remarks

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Paul Oberhammer | University of Vienna, Vienna  
Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg

11:15 – 12:45

### Genealogies and Normativity of Soft Law

Prof. Marco Torsello | Verona University, Verona

### The Hardening of Soft Law

Dr. Friedrich Rosenfeld | Hanefeld Rechtsanwälte, Paris

### Soft Law vs. Lex Mercatoria

Pilar Perales Viscasillas | Carlos III University, Madrid

**Session Chair:** Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Franco Ferrari | New York University, New York City

12:45 – 14:00

### Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00

### The Use of Soft Law for Matters of Procedure

Prof. Dr. Ajar Rab | ANR LAW LLP, Dehradun (India)

### The Role of Soft Law in the Determination of the Applicable Law – The Hague Principles

Prof. Dr. Geneviève Saumier | Mc Gill University, Montreal

### The Use of Soft Law in addressing Damages

Prof. Caroline Kleiner | University Paris Cité, Paris

### Soft Law in Investment Arbitration

Prof. Andrea Björklund | Mc Gill University, Montreal

**Session Chair:** Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg

16:00 – 16:15

### Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Franco Ferrari | New York University, New York City

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**Further Information & Registration:**

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