



RIAC 2025

MAIN CONFERENCE

14 May

Venue: The Carlton, Moscow

The main conference of RIAC 2025 is the flagship event of the Congress, featuring world-renowned speakers. The aim of the conference is to seek answers to timeless questions of arbitration that remain relevant regardless of time, legislative changes, or international affairs.

Participants in the conference will have the opportunity to attend four sessions.

ORGANISER



**Russian
Arbitration
Center**

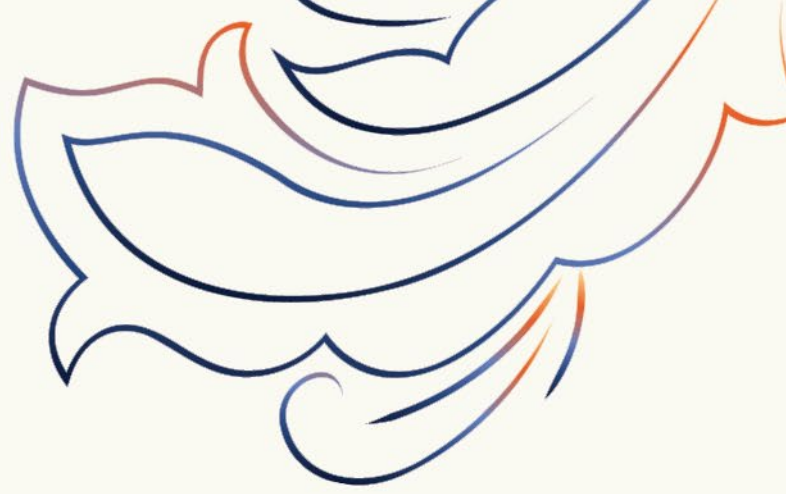
at Russian
Institute
of Modern
Arbitration

FORMAT

in-person / hybrid

LANGUAGE

Russian and English



SESSION I. CYCLES OF CHANGE: ETERNAL QUESTIONS IN THE EVOLUTION OF ARBITRATION

Recent changes have prompted lawyers to focus on new trends and issues in the field of arbitration. However, fundamental questions related to the stability and trust in the arbitration system remain overlooked; those questions that have existed for a long time. The purpose of the discussion is to immerse the audience in the doctrinal and philosophical problems of arbitration that arise when dealing with real disputes. The speakers will discuss the impact of imperative norms on arbitration, the relationship between national and international legal orders, as well as the adaptability and efficiency of the New York Convention.

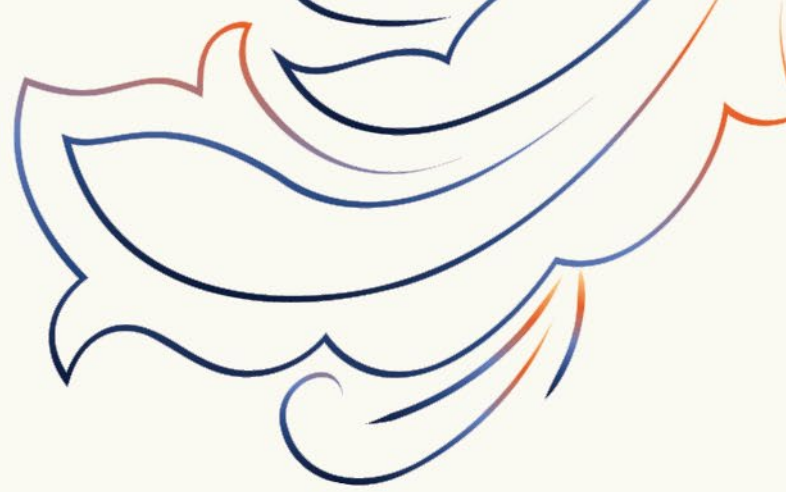
Speakers:

- **Marike Paulsson**, Strategic Advisor, Economic Development Board, Kingdom of Bahrain
- **Andrea Pinna**, Founding Partner, Pinna Goldberg
- **Khawar Qureshi KC**, Head, McNair International
- **Sergey Usoskin**, Attorney-at-Law, Usoskin Arbitration
- **Baiju Vasani**, Barrister and Arbitrator, Twenty Essex

Moderator:

- **Yulia Mullina**, Director, Russian Arbitration Center





SESSION II. FROM IMPLICIT TO EXPLICIT: UNDERSTANDING ARBITRATORS' INHERENT POWERS

The concept of inherent powers allows arbitrators to act flexibly and make necessary decisions to ensure a fair and efficient process, even if such powers are not present in the applicable law or the agreement of the parties. What decisions can arbitrators make within the framework of their inherent powers? What are their limits? During the session, speakers will reflect on how the concept of inherent powers has evolved over time and what factors influence this change, the challenges involved in defining inherent powers, how to balance the autonomy of arbitrators with the rights of the parties, and whether it is possible to limit these powers.

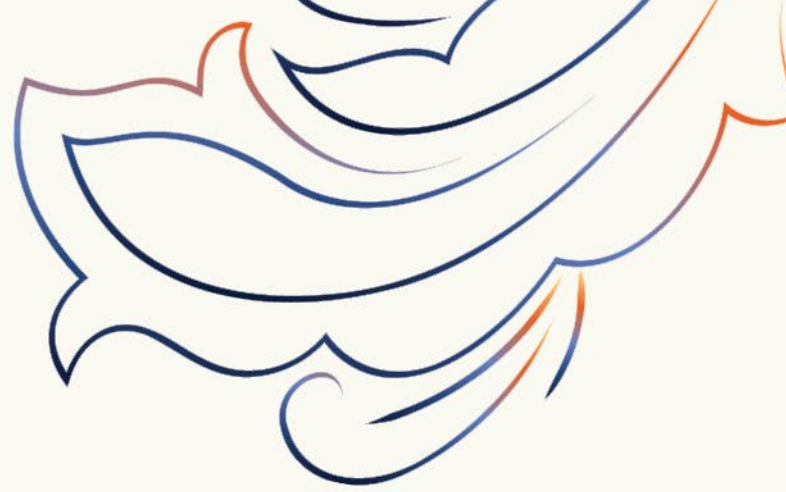
Speakers:

- **Fatima Balfaqeeh**, Managing Partner, Balfaqeeh Advocates & Legal Consultancy
- **Bernardo M. Cremades**, Senior Partner, B. Cremades y Asociados
- **David Goldberg**, Founding Partner, Pinna Goldberg
- **Lilia Klochenko**, Managing Partner, Klochenko & Partners
- **Abraham Vergis**, Managing Partner, Providence Law Asia

Moderator:

- **Maxim Kulkov**, Managing Partner, Kulkov, Kolotilov and partners





SESSION III. ARBITRATION TAPESTRY: CROSSROADS FOR WORLD CULTURES

As part of the session, speakers from different jurisdictions will discuss the characteristics unique to each of the presented legal systems and explore the prospects for harmonious cross-cultural development of alternative dispute resolution methods. The discussion will focus on the question: is there a unified global arbitration system, or does it remain fragmented?

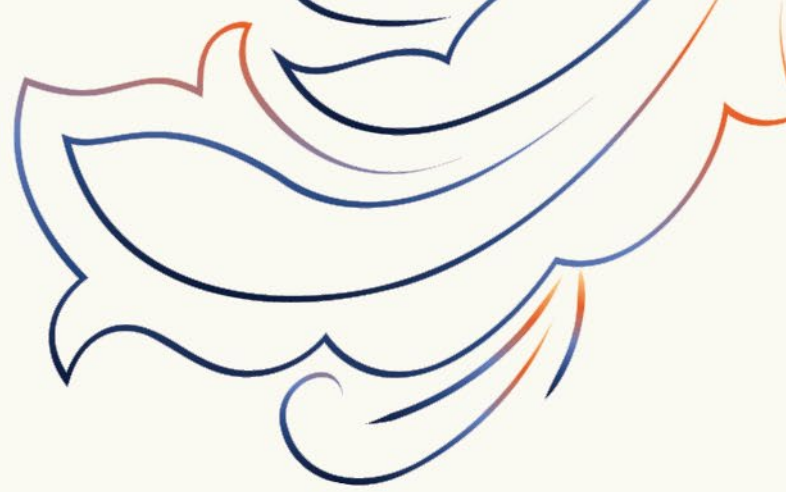
Speakers:

- Nicholas Chan, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs
- Mahmood Hussain, Founding Partner, M&CO Legal
- Arthur Ma, Partner, DaHui Lawyers'
- Evgeny Rashevsky, Partner, EPAM Law
- Tigran Ter-Martirosyan, Partner, TIVACO Experts
- Julia Zagonek, Partner, White and Case

Moderator:

- Faris Nasrallah, Head of Arbitration, Crescent Petroleum





SESSION IV: ARBITRATION BATTLE: BACK TO THE FUTURE

The topics of the three panel sessions are interconnected by the narrative of the arbitration battle – the final session of the conference. We will travel back to the XVI century and explore a fictional dispute regarding the issues that will be addressed in the previous sessions of the conference. The events in the narrative involve a dispute between trading houses from Shaharat (a fictional state) and Rus'. The participants of the hearing must resolve two procedural questions: is it possible to change the seat of arbitration at the discretion of the tribunal, and what is the impact of mandatory rules in the case of such a relocation?

Among participants:

- Anna Arkhipova, Vice-President of the MAC at the CCI
- Yury Babichev, Partner, ALUMNI Partners
- Yee Leong Chong, Partner, Allen & Gledhill
- Swee Yen Koh, Partner, WongPartnership LLP
- Sajid Suleman, Barrister, No 5 Barristers Chambers

