

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CONFERENCE 2025

## WAR & PEACE, AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: THE PROSPECT OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VIOLENT CONFLICTS

### PROGRAM

8-9 May 2025 | Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

Aula Magna Gobbi, Via Gobbi 5



Pompeo Girolamo Batoni | Allegory of War & Peace (1776)

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## THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

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**9:30-10:00AM**      **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

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**10:00-10:15AM**      **UNIVERSITY & OPENING WELCOMES**

**CESARE CAVALLINI** Bocconi University  
**MARIA CHIARA MALAGUTI** UNIDROIT

**OPENING & INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE**

**CATHERINE ROGERS** Bocconi University

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**10:15-10:45AM**      **KEYNOTE**

**HAROLD HONGJU KOH** Sterling Professor of International Law at Yale Law School,  
Former Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, Former Dean of Yale

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**10:45-11:00AM**      **COFFEE BREAK**

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**11:00-12:45PM**      **ROUNDTABLE**  
**WAR & PEACE, AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION**

In today's volatile world, international law, organizations, and institutions are increasingly under direct attack. Up against violent conflict, skeptics may dismiss the very notion of peaceful dispute resolution as naïve and ineffectual. But numerous historical examples, such as the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission, and the Abeyei arbitration, provide insights about what might be or should not be adapted for contemporary conflicts. This roundtable will anchor conference discussions by examining the practice, promise, and limitations of various forms of international adjudication, including claims tribunals, state-to-state arbitration, and investor-State arbitration. Panelists will analyze the procedural innovations, jurisdictional frameworks, and enforcement mechanisms that promote accountability or otherwise help resolve issues arising out of conflict settings.

### MODERATORS

**CATHERINE ROGERS** Bocconi University  
**TÚLIO DI GIACOMO TOLEDO** Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

### PANELISTS

**LAURENCE BOISSON DE CHAZOURNES** University of Geneva School of Law  
**MONA ALI KHALIL** Harvard Law School PILAC  
**NATALIE REID** Debevoise & Plimpton  
**STEVEN FINIZIO** WilmerHale

12:45-1:00PM      **REPORT ON ISDS WORKSHOP WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES**  
**FAHIRA BRODLIJA** International University of Sarajevo/GIZ

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1:00-2:00PM      **LUNCH**

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2:00-2:15PM      **INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE**  
**ANNA CHIARA AMATO** Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)/Bocconi University

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2:15-2:45PM      **KEYNOTE**  
  
**GIORGIO SACERDOTI** Emeritus Professor of International Law, Bocconi University

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2:45-3:00PM      **PANEL PROLOGUE**  
**CHIARA GIORGETTI** University of Richmond/Board of the Register of Damage

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3:00-4:30PM      **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE AFTER CONFLICT THROUGH CLAIMS COMMISSIONS & TRIBUNALS AND ARBITRATION**

As nations emerge from the shadows of war, claims commissions and tribunals and arbitration processes become crucial avenues for addressing grievances, restoring rights, and facilitating reparations for those affected by conflict. This panel will engage in a critical examination of historical, contemporary, and anticipated examples of post-conflict tribunals, highlighting how these frameworks operate within the broader landscape of international law and justice.

**MODERATORS**

**CHIARA GIORGETTI** University of Richmond/Board of the Register of Damage  
**JEREMY SHARPE** Columbia Law School/UN Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (UNRoD)

**PANELISTS**

**CHRISTINA HIOUREAS** Foley Hoag  
**PARIS ABORO** Covington  
**UCHE ONWUAMAEGBU** ArentFoxSchiff  
**WON KIDANE** Villanova University

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4:30-4:45PM      **COFFEE BREAK**

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4:45-6:15PM

**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**FROM COERCION TO COMPENSATION: SANCTIONS AND SETTLEMENT IN RESOLVING VIOLENT CONFLICTS**

Sanctions serve as tools of coercion, often paving the way for meaningful settlements in the aftermath of violent conflict. Sanctions also, however, can pose significant challenges in international legal practice. Representing or negotiating with sanctioned parties raises complex questions about legality, ethics, and accountability. At the same time, settlements and other mechanisms for resolving violent conflicts confront difficult trade-offs, forcing us to grapple with the legitimacy of engaging with actors who have committed egregious violations of international law. This panel will explore these tensions, examining how international law navigates the delicate balance between justice, accountability, and the pragmatic need for conflict resolution.

**MODERATORS**

**FABRIZIO MARRELLA** Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia

**CHIARA GIORGETTI** University of Richmond/Board of the Register of Damage

**PANELISTS**

**MANUELA LONDOÑO** Open Society Justice Initiative

**NIKOS LAVRANOS** EFILA

**SAADIA BHATTY** Gide Loyrette Nouel

**YURI PARKHOMENKO** Foley Hoag

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6:15-6:30PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**ANNA BIASIOLO** BonelliErede

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**APERITIVO**

## FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2025

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10:00-10:15AM MORNING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE

**ANNA CHIARA AMATO** Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)/ Bocconi University

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10:15-10:45AM KEYNOTE

**MELIDA HODGSON** President of the American Society of International Law, Partner at Arnold & Porter Kay Scholer LLP, Vice-Chair of the ICC Institute of World Business Law

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10:45-11:00AM PANEL PROLOGUE

**PAUL WILLIAMS** American University/Public International Law & Policy Group

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11:00-12:45PM PANEL DISCUSSION

**LAWYERS ON THE FRONTLINES: ADJUDICATING DISPUTES THAT IMPLICATE VIOLENT CONFLICTS**

Legal experts serve a unique role when representing parties, adjudicating claims, and rendering justice in international disputes that implicate violent conflicts. In these uniquely contentious, high-stakes environments, lawyers and arbitrators face unique challenges, such as assessing in real time the implications of shifting geopolitical dynamics, gathering evidence from war zones, ensuring fair representation, and (sometimes) securing their own safety. This panel will draw on speakers' experiences in various conflict-tainted legal disputes to reflect on how their roles in those disputes differ from more conventional disputes.

### MODERATORS

**CATHERINE ROGERS** Bocconi University

**PAUL WILLIAMS** American University/Public International Law & Policy Group

### PANELISTS

**AHMED ABDEL HAKAM** Volterra Fietta

**BAIJU VASANI** Twenty Essex

**OLENA PEREPOLYNSKA** Integrites

**STEVEN HILL** International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law & formerly NATO

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12:45-2:00PM LUNCH

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2:00-2:30PM      **INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE**  
**CATHERINE ROGERS** Bocconi University

**KEYNOTE**  
**DAVID VAUGHN** Rule of Law Advisor, Chemonics UK

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2:30-2:45PM      **PANEL PROLOGUE**  
**CATHARINE TITI** International Lawyer/French National Center for Scientific Research

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2:45-4:15PM      **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**ECHOES OF CONFLICT: LEGAL MECHANISMS FOR RESTORING STOLEN CULTURAL PROPERTY**

Today, a network of international conventions, national restitution laws, and diplomatic negotiations shape the legal frameworks for restitution of stolen art and artifacts. Enforcing claims through these legal frameworks, meanwhile, highlights the evolving role of international courts, arbitral tribunals, and other dispute mechanisms to restore stolen heritage. This panel will focus on the progress that has been made and the challenges that remain at this intersection of cultural identity, law, history, and global justice.

**MODERATOR**  
**CATHARINE TITI** International Lawyer/French National Center for Scientific Research

**PANELISTS**  
**PIERRE d'ARGENT** University of Louvain & Foley Hoag  
**ROGER O'KEEFE** Bocconi University  
**MARIA VICIEN MILBURN** Independent Arbitrator  
**SEUN ODUWOLE** Nile University of Nigeria

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4:15-4:45PM      **CLOSING REFLECTIONS**  
  
**GEORGE A. BERMANN** Walter Gellhorn Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law, Columbia Law School

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4:45-5:00PM      **FINAL FAREWELL**  
**Organizing Committee**