



BLENDED ————— ————— **INTENSIVE** **PROGRAMME**

**CURRENT TRENDS
AND DEVELOPMENTS
IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT
LAW AND INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL & INVESTMENT
ARBITRATION**

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The specific Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) “Current Trends and Developments in International Investment Law and International Commercial & Investment Arbitration” seeks to investigate and present the contemporary development and trends that concern International Arbitration, covering both International Investment Arbitration and International Commercial Arbitration as a means for alternative dispute resolution as well as International Investment Law.

In particular, the BIP aims to provide an overview of current developments and trends within the field International Investment Arbitration in the post- Achmea judgment era and to explore the future of Investment Law in the European Union (EU) following the multilateral termination of all intra EU-Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). The BIP intends to explore the Adamakopoulos v Cyprus investment arbitration cases such as ICSID Adamakopoulos v Cyprus, class action arbitrations and the future of Investment Arbitration following the Agreement for the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties between the Member States of the European Union. Current and interesting topics such as Climate change and arbitration, the impact of (selected elements of) technology and AI on international arbitration shall also be examined. Additionally, in light of the increased impetus to encourage alternative dispute resolution mechanisms as the preferred mechanism, the BIP considers International Commercial Arbitration by encompassing a diverse range of topics and scholarly references such as the enforceability or validity of arbitration agreement under the New York Convention, discussing ‘applicable law’ issues in international commercial arbitration, the prospects and possibilities in international commercial arbitration for arbitrators, industries and jurisdictions.

One of the core aims is to invite the expertise and knowledge of other European jurisdictions to assist the development of a pro-arbitration culture and arbitration skills. Based on the specific Programme, participating instructional personnel will deliver presentations on current developmental trends and emerging topics within the field of international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration.

STUDENTS' PROFILE / TARGET AUDIENCE

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from Law disciplines

EXPECTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS

15-25

TEACHING LANGUAGE

English

ECTS

Three (3)

LEARNING, TEACHING & ASSESSMENT METHODS

Students will attend lectures offered from arbitrators, lawyers, international academics and researchers and engage in workshops and group work. At the completion of the BIP, students will undertake a written assessment or participate in the arbitration moot to examine their level of knowledge gained through the course. At the successful completion of the evaluation, students will receive a Certificate of BIP Completion with the corresponding ECTS equivalent.

DURATION 23-27 June 2025

The BIP will consist of two days of online sessions and five days in person in Paphos / Cyprus, whereby students shall take part in interactive lectures, seminars, workshops, simulations, and panel discussions, all led by renowned interdisciplinary researchers and arbitration experts from across Europe and Cyprus.

LOCATION

Paphos, Cyprus at the American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo Campus

GOOGLE MAPS

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TBY41mkVUfie5c4a9>

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLING TO CYPRUS

The official entry points to Cyprus are the international airports of Larnaca (LCA) and Paphos (PFO). Entry via any airport or port not controlled by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, such as Ercan Airport, located in the Turkish-occupied areas of Nicosia, is considered illegal.

As the BIP will take place in Paphos, Paphos International Airport (PFO) is the most convenient option. However, there are also transportation connections available from Larnaca Airport to Paphos.

ACADEMIC & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Participants shall have the opportunity to visit the District Court of Paphos to juxtapose the advantages of Arbitration compared to traditional adjudication methods.
- Participants can enjoy a traditional Cypriot night experience, an afternoon the beach, visit cultural heritage sights such as the Paphos mosaics and port area, even enjoy an optional boat trip to Blue Lagoon on Saturday 29 th June (price €65 includes transfer to Polis, boat trip, BBQ and swimming).

ERASMUS+ FUNDING

Participants need to be nominated by their universities and secure Erasmus+ BIP funding for short-term Student Mobility for Studies (SMS). The Erasmus+ Programme provides funding for physical mobility only. The financial contribution consists of:

- Mobility grant of 70-79 EUR (€) per day up to the 14th day of activity (calculated based on the actual days spent in Cyprus (i.e. 5 working days)
- Students might be granted two additional days for travelling. No further supplements or refunds for travel costs are provided.

APPLICATION FORM

<https://forms.office.com/e/ksfEhKYxs8>

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be able to secure accommodation through different options available near the BIP Cyprus venue in Paphos. (prices for hotels are indicative and subject to booking in advance):

American University of Beirut – Mediterraneo Halls of Residence

no breakfast

-
- Single Room: €25 /night
 - Triple Room: €19 /night
-

Axiothea Hotel	approx.	€70	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
-----------------------	---------	------------	--------	---------------------------

Kissos Hotel	approx.	€90	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
---------------------	---------	------------	--------	---------------------------

Dionyssos Central Hotel		€95	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
--------------------------------	--	------------	--------	---------------------------

Venus Beach Hotel	approx.	€125	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
--------------------------	---------	-------------	--------	---------------------------

Mayfair Hotel	approx.	€170	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
----------------------	---------	-------------	--------	---------------------------

Anemi Hotel & Suites	approx.	€210	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
---------------------------------	---------	-------------	--------	---------------------------

Elysium Hotel & Resort	approx.	€340	/night	<i>breakfast included</i>
-----------------------------------	---------	-------------	--------	---------------------------

CONTACT US

Open University of Cyprus, Mobility Office, Ms Erato Ioanna Sarri

✉ erasmus@ouc.ac.cy / sarri@ouc.ac.cy ☎ +357 22 411 659 / 944