



International Arbitral Centre  
of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber  
(VIAC)



# ARBITRATION IN AUSTRIA

Thursday, 2 June 2011; 5:30pm  
Maxwell Chambers, Singapore

## Effective Dispute Resolution for Asian Businesses in Central and Eastern Europe

A seminar hosted by the  
Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)  
and organized in cooperation with the  
Singapore International Arbitral Centre (SIAC).

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# THE SEMINAR

Austria is one of the world's leading centers for arbitration. Its success is based on its status as a neutral country, stable legal system, highly qualified attorneys, track record of bridging disputes between East and West, and location at the heart of Europe. Vienna, the capital of Austria, is considered the hub of Central and Eastern Europe, which is one of the fastest growing economic regions in the world with a GDP of approx. 2 trillion Euros. More than 420 million people can be reached from Vienna within two hours.

This special seminar will present Austrian arbitration law and practice, the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and its role as the leading dispute resolution venue in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the Vienna Rules.

Participants of the seminar will have the opportunity to meet the President and Board Members of the VIAC and a delegation of leading Austrian arbitration practitioners.

The seminar is aimed at arbitration practitioners, lawyers, in-house counsels, banking and financial institutions and companies doing business in Central and Eastern Europe.

The seminar will be held in English. The ensuing buffet reception hosted by VIAC will provide an opportunity for more informal discussions.

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**Maxwell Chambers  
32, Maxwell Road  
Singapore 069115**

The seminar is free of charge.

Please register by sending an email to [arb@wko.at](mailto:arb@wko.at).

# THE PROGRAM

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**5:15 - 5:30 pm**

Registration

**5:30 - 5:45 pm**

Welcome Remarks

Michael Pryles, Chairman of SIAC and Werner Melis, President of VIAC.

**Session 1: Economic Perspectives**

**5:45 - 6:00 pm**

The Economic Role of Austria and Central Europe

Speakers: Gerhard Meschke, Austrian Trade Commissioner and Guenther Horvath.

**Session 2: Austrian Arbitration Law and the VIAC Rules**

**6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Moderator: Alexander Petsche.

Speakers: Gerold Zeiler, Gernot Fiebiger, Peter Klein.

**Session 3: Austrian Practice and Procedure- Current Trends and Hot Topics**

(Best practices of conduct of Arbitrations in Austria, Document Production, Challenge of Arbitrators and Ethics)

**6:30 - 7:00 pm**

Moderator: Nikolaus Pitkowitz.

Speakers: Christian Dorda, Florian Haugeneder, Guenther Horvath.

**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Buffet: All participants are invited to a buffet reception.

# THE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Christian Dorda** is founding partner of DORDA BRUGGER JORDIS and has been specializing in international commercial arbitration. He acted as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, is the vice-chairman of ICC Austria and is regularly sought as an arbitrator in institutional or ad hoc arbitral proceedings.

**Dr. Gernot Fiebiger** is an attorney with Neudorfer, Attorneys at Law, Vienna. He specializes in international arbitration, domestic and cross-border litigation, competition law and international trade law.

**Florian Haugeneder** is a partner at Wolf Theiss specializing in international commercial and investment arbitration. He has extensive experience in conducting arbitrations under the major international arbitration rules. He is a founding member of the Advisory Board of the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP) and frequently speaks and publishes on topics relating to international arbitration.

**Dr. Günther Horvath** is the head of the Vienna dispute resolution practice of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. He is a member of the ICC Court and the VIAC Board. With his Austrian and US legal background, Guenther has acted in around one hundred international commercial arbitrations, including energy, post-M&A and industrial engineering matters, both as counsel and arbitrator.

**Dr. Peter Klein** graduated from the University of Vienna and is partner at PETSCH FROSCH KLEIN ARTURO with offices in Vienna and Milan. Peter is fluent in German English and Italian and has been working for more than 20 years in both jurisdictions specializing in cross border transactions and arbitration both as Counsel and arbitrator.

**DDr. Werner Melis** is the President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC). He is also active as an international arbitrator worldwide. He is the author of numerous publications on international arbitration and on international trade law and he lectures on international arbitration at the University of Vienna.

**DDr. Alexander Petsche, MAES (Bruegge)** is a partner at Baker & McKenzie. He specializes in international contract law, international disputes before arbitral tribunals and state courts as well as compliance matters. Alexander Petsche is VIAC Board member and member of the Board of the Austrian Arbitration Association.

**Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz** is founding partner and head of dispute resolution at Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna. He has 25 years of experience in international arbitration, particularly in the CEE region. He acted as party representative in the largest ever pending Austrian arbitration. Nikolaus is VIAC Board member and panel member of several arbitration institutions including HKIAC, CIETAC, KLRCA and SIAC.

**Dr. Gerold Zeiler** is a partner of Schoenherr Rechtsanwälte, a Central and Eastern European law firm with its head offices in Vienna. Gerold practices mainly in international arbitration work and heads Schoenherr's arbitration practice.