



CADR - RGNUL, PUNJAB

PRESENTS

**JOINT
COLLOQUIUM**

ON

**INSTITUTIONAL
ADR**

FROM

27th - 28th November, 2021



In association with



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) is a National Law University located in Patiala, Punjab, India. It was established in 2006 by the Punjab Government as a university dedicated to the field of Legal Education.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) at RGNUL, has been established to promote students' and researchers' interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution constituting dispute resolution methods like Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation and Conciliation and it aims to promote and develop ADR as a vehicle for socio-economic and political justice. The ultimate objective of the Centre is to strengthen the ADR mechanism in the country by emerging as a platform for students to further their interest in the field. A strong team of teachers and students is working towards achieving this end.

ABOUT THE JOINT COLLOQUIUM

CADR, in association with the aforementioned organizations and individual panelists, is organizing a **Joint Colloquium on Institutional ADR** from the **27th to the 28th of November 2021**. The Colloquium is being scheduled with the main aim of providing an insight into the practicalities of institutional ADR, suited for all members of the ADR community from undergraduate students, to experienced scholars who may gain from this discussion.

The event aims to invite all stakeholders and institutions that advance the advent of institutional ADR in the domestic and international regimes. The event would be organized in the form of a panel discussion, where various representatives from invited institutions shall discuss topics of concern in institutional dispute resolution mechanisms, and their propagation in India.

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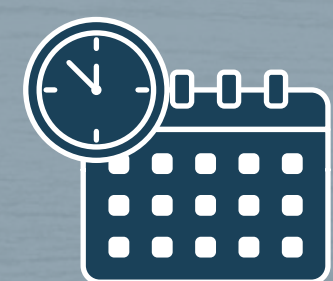


FORMAT & THEMES

The Colloquium will consist of two discussions held over the course of two days, 27th and 28th November, 2021, from 11am - 2pm IST.

Both discussions will be on different themes and include different panelists, along with a moderator.

DISCUSSION 1

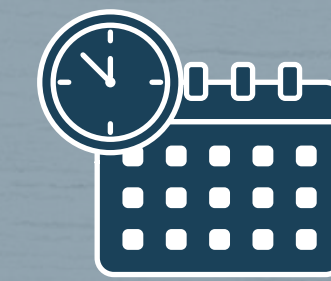


27th November (11am - 2pm IST)

- **The Singapore Convention on Mediation and its potential role in the rise of Institutional Mediation in India;**
- **Is it beneficial for institutions to diversify into offering multiple centralized ADR mechanisms?**

(Alongwith any other issues that flow throughout the discussion.)

DISCUSSION 2



28th November (11am - 2pm IST)

- **Setbacks faced by international institutions in the Indian ADR setup;**
- **Hybridization of the UNCITRAL rules into practical institutional models and the road ahead.**

(Along with any other issues that flow throughout the discussion.)

DISCUSSION -1

27TH NOVEMBER, 2021

PANELISTS



Mr. Gauhar Mirza

(Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.)

Mr. Mirza is an experienced Advocate with a demonstrated history of working in the legal services industry. He focuses on international and domestic commercial arbitration and corporate litigation.



Ms. Smrithi Ramesh

(Director, International Centre for Dispute Resolution, ICDR)

Ms. Ramesh is the Director of the Asia Case Management Centre of the American Arbitration Association- International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA-ICDR) in Singapore. She has a diverse background in alternative dispute resolution services and institutions in the region.



Ms. Ekta Bahl

(Partner, Samvad Partners and Empanelled Arbitrator at Centre for Mediation and Conciliation, Bombay)

Ms. Bahl is an experienced corporate commercial lawyer who has significant experience in corporate restructuring, insolvency, private equity and M&A.



Dr. Rajesh Sharma

(Professor, RMIT University, Melbourne and an Empanelled Arbitrator at Korean Commercial Arbitration Board)

Dr. Sharma is a Senior Lecturer, Legal and Dispute Studies, Criminology and Justice, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia and Adjunct Professor at Academy of International Dispute Resolution and Professional Negotiation (AIDRN).



Mr. Pranav Budihal

(Associate Counsel, Singapore International Arbitration Centre [SIAC])

Mr. Budihal has worked on domestic ad hoc and institutional arbitrations in the construction, services and cotton industries and also has trial experience in India. He currently practices as an Associate Counsel at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.



Ms. Apoorva Vishnoi

(Research Fellow, Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), New Delhi)

Ms. Vishnoi is an experienced writer, researcher and editor with a strong interest in Trade Law, Technology Law, Investment Arbitration, Capital Markets, Real Estate Law, Contract Law and Policy Making. She is currently a Research Fellow at CTIL, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.



Mr. Sravan Unnam

(Head, Hyderabad Arbitration Centre [HAC])

Mr. Unnam is a qualified Lawyer enrolled with the State of Telangana, Hyderabad. He specializes in Commercial Arbitration and Mediation. Other areas of practice include Commercial Litigation, Real Estate & Corporate Advisory.



Ms. Laura Jiménez Jáimez

(Associate, Ashurst Law Firm, UAE)

Ms. Jáimez is an experienced professional in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. She has provided legal assistance at various institutions and served as the Deputy Head of Legal Services for Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration. Along with this, she has also contributed to various articles and research papers on ADR.



Mr. Anubhab Sarkar

(Moderator)

(Partner & Co-Founder, Triumvir Law)

Mr. Sarkar works extensively in practice areas of Corporate Commercial and Foreign Investment Laws. He has also been involved in corporate transactions focused on the technology industry including cross-border Mergers & Acquisitions law.

DISCUSSION -2

28TH NOVEMBER, 2021

PANELISTS



Mr. Tejas Karia

(Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.)

Mr. Karia is a Partner with the Dispute Resolution Practice at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and also heads the Firm's Arbitration Practice.

His expertise spans across international and domestic commercial arbitrations, corporate & securities litigations, general corporate advisory and diverse aspects under the information technology law including data privacy and confidentiality.



Ms. Shweta Bidhuri

(Head (South Asia), Singapore International Arbitration Centre)

Ms. Bidhuri is the Head of South Asia at Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). She has worked in the dispute resolution practice of a leading law firm in New Delhi for nearly a decade on commercial litigation cases as well as investment treaty arbitrations. She has also worked on many leading cases which have contributed to the development of law affecting global companies.



Mr. Ibrahim Shehata

(Partner, Shehata & Partners, Egypt)

Mr. Shehata has accumulated a decade of experience in the Egyptian market. Shehata has assisted clients in navigating success in various high profile arbitral disputes, in particular with cases of construction arbitration.

He has also contributed immensely to international literature, and is currently in the process of writing the first ever English language treatise on Egyptian arbitration with the prestigious publisher, Kluwer Law International.



Mr. Rajdeep Choudhary

(Empanelled Arbitrator, Hyderabad Arbitration Centre)

Being a Civil Litigation and Arbitration Lawyer, Mr. Choudhary appears in the Supreme Court, various High Courts, statutory tribunals such as the National Company Law Tribunal, and in arbitrations governed by the (Indian) Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and all the main arbitral rules, including those of the SIAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, and UNCITRAL.



Mr. A.J. Jawad

(Empaneled Arbitrator, Centre for Mediation and Conciliation, Bombay)

Mr. Jawad has conducted innumerable mediation training programs under the Supreme Court of India's Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee training lawyers and judges in mediation all over India. He has undergone ToT with ADR ODR International and has worked in AOI's University training programs as associate trainer.



Ms. Iram Majid

(Director, Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation)

Ms. Majid is the Co-founder and Secretary General of the International Federation of Mediators in France and a faculty of IIAM. She has won BIAMAC top 10 mediators in Asia-Pacific Awards 2019. She is a Member of CIARB UK, Thailand Arbitration Centre, International Federation of Mediators, and HKIAC. She is also the Ambassador of International Brazil Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IBRAMAC).



Mr. Satwik Shekhar

(Consultant (Legal), CTIL, New Delhi)

Mr. Shekhar is presently working as a Legal Consultant (Assistant Professor) at the Centre for Trade and Investment Law. In his capacity, Satwik provides legal assistance to the Govt. of India on international trade law and policy. Satwik's current areas of focus include WTO law, trade regulation, electronic commerce and international investment law.



Mr. Simon Weber

(Junior at Quinn Emanuel / Ph.D. Candidate King's College London)

Mr. Weber has experience in international dispute resolution in London and Paris. He has clerked for arbitrators in investment and commercial disputes, and performed counsel work in international arbitrations. His research focuses on the procedural and institutional evolution of investor-State dispute resolution and its compliance with international rule of law considerations and the right to a fair trial.



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We look forward to an enthralling discussion in the hope of promoting the movement towards institutionalizing ADR in India.

THANK YOU!

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