Thursday 22 February

0830 – 1300 Registration

0900 – 0910 Welcome remarks
Emilio Bettoni  ArbLit, Milan

0910 – 0930 Keynote speech
Daryl Chew  Three Crowns, Singapore

0930 – 1030 Session one
Arbitration in the era of social media
Social media has undoubtedly influenced the landscape of international arbitration. Recent studies have noted the increased use of arbitration clauses by social media platforms and websites. The personal and professional connections established on social media have also led to challenges against arbitrators. Courts and arbitral institutions have imposed a ‘duty of curiosity’ on counsel to scrutinise the potential non-disclosure of public information by arbitrators. This panel will examine these issues and offer guidance to young practitioners and arbitrators on effectively using social media to advance their careers while avoiding uncomfortable situations.

Moderator
Ashley Chandler  Michael Pryles Arbitration and Mediation, Melbourne, Victoria

Speakers
Hyunyang Koo  Lee & Ko, Seoul
Murphy Mok  Herbert Smith Freehills, Hong Kong SAR
David Isidore Tan  Rajah & Tann, Singapore
Nhu Hoang Tran Thang  Independent arbitrator, Lausanne

1030 – 1045 Coffee break

1045 – 1230 Session two
Current challenges in international arbitration: environmental concerns and seat selection
Certain states and non-governmental organisations have voiced concerns about the use of international arbitration to resolve disputes involving complex environmental issues. Among the criticisms of investor–state arbitration is that arbitrators often fail to consider a state’s domestic and international obligations to safeguard the environment, sometimes even at the expense of the investors’ rights. Additionally, some jurisdictions in Asia have established arbitration-friendly legal frameworks, bolstering confidence for both Asian and non-Asian parties in selecting an arbitration seat. This Oxford-style panel will delve into these two issues. The house will provide some motions. One panellist will defend the motion and the other will rebut it.

First motion: this house believes that the international arbitration legal framework is well-equipped to handle cases involving complex environmental issues.

Second motion: ‘The Battle of Seats’ – this house believes that Asia-based seats will continue to increase in popularity in the coming decade.

Moderator
Adam Tahsin  White & Case, London

Speakers
Jack Biggs  Baker Botts (UK), London
Joel Quek  WongPartnership, Singapore
Priyanka Shetty  AZB & Partners, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Huili (Vicky) Zhao  JunHe, Beijing

1230 – 1240 Closing remarks
Emilio Bettoni  ArbLit, Milan

1240 – 1400 Networking lunch

1830 – 2030 25th Annual IBA Arbitration Day Welcome Reception
Monti at 1-Pavilion, 82 Collyer Quay, Singapore

The reception is open to all registered delegates.