This course on U.S. law includes an extensive overview of arbitration. Two daily sessions will cover arbitration-related subjects and major areas of U.S. law, such as Constitutional Law, Evidence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Torts, Contracts/UCC, Antitrust, and Corporate Law and Securities. The course is open to international law students and practitioners from all over the world who want to benefit from expert instruction in arbitration, global business, and U.S. law.

THE PROGRAM

COURSE INTRODUCTION

The introduction to the law of arbitration will focus initially on the basic terms, concepts, and doctrines that apply in any modern law of arbitration. Such basic terms relate to jurisdiction and enforcement, the relationship between the courts and arbitral agreements, proceedings, and awards. The concepts of kompetenz-kompetenz, separability, contract freedom, anational arbitration, and limited judicial supervision will be thoroughly investigated.

SESSION I

This course session addresses the content and evolution of U.S. arbitration law. It is a dynamic field in the U.S. legal system because the U.S Supreme Court takes an active interest in developing arbitration doctrine. In many respects, the U.S. law of arbitration is unique because it has been largely articulated through court decisions. It is thereby instructive to civil law lawyers as it is a trendsetting law. U.S. arbitration law is also important because of the expanse of U.S. economic interests and the role of the U.S. economy in world commerce.

SESSION II

This segment of the course discusses current global regulation of arbitration through the New York Arbitration Convention and the documents created and published by the UNCITRAL, including the Model Law on ICA and the Rules of Arbitration. The class will also study national laws on arbitration, including Belgian, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Russian, and Saudi statutes. Arbitration is a North American-European development that is spreading to different regions of the world in a sometimes sui generis form. It will continue to support global commerce for as long as it remains effective to cure conflicts between legal systems and parochial standards of justice.

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