

8th Basel Arbitration & Crime Conference: *Fraud on the tribunal, ratification, red flags and arbitration in the crypto era*

Thu 8 – Fri 9 January 2026
Basel, Switzerland



The 2026 Conference in Basel will focus on the following pertinent topics in the context of international investment and commercial arbitration and allegations of criminal conduct: fraud on the tribunal, ratification, as well as red flags and other evidence issues. In addition, the 2026 Conference will include a panel on arbitration in the crypto era.

Thursday, 8 January 2026

Time	
19.00	Pre-conference apéro and dinner in Hotel Krafft (Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel)

Friday, 9 January 2026

Each panel starts with a short opening presentation (approx. 10 minutes) followed by a discussion amongst the panellists and with the plenary.

Time	Agenda item	
08.30-09.00	Welcome coffee	
09.00-09.30	Welcome address Keynote	Mark Pieth (Office Pieth) Aloysius Llamzon (King & Spalding LLP)
09.30-10.45	Panel 1: Fraud on the tribunal – <i>The experience of P&ID v. Nigeria</i> – <i>How to recognise fraudulent behaviour by a party to the dispute as an arbitrator?</i> – <i>Fraud on the tribunal from a criminal law perspective</i> – <i>Civil law consequences of fraud on the tribunal</i> – <i>Issues of setting aside and enforcement</i>	Opening presentation: Sir Robin Knowles CBE Chair: Nadia Darwazeh (Clyde & Co) Speakers: • Nicola Bonucci (Attorney, Associate Professor, Université Paris Cité, Member of the Board, Basel Institute on Governance) • Sabine Gless (University of Basel) • José Rosell (Independent Arbitrator)
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-12.30	Panel 2: Ratification (acquiescence, estoppel) – <i>In which situations can ratification (acquiescence, estoppel) occur?</i> – <i>What are the consequences and limits of ratification?</i> – <i>Are damages a possible or necessary consequence of ratification?</i>	Opening presentation: Constantine Partasides KC (Three Crowns LLP) Chair: Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer (Swiss Institute of Comparative Law) Speakers: • Christiana Fountoulakis (University of St. Gallen) • Carolyn Lamm (White & Case LLP) • Ulrich Schroeter (University of Basel)
12.30-13.30	Buffet lunch	

13.30-14.45	Panel 3: Recent ICC Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key findings of the ICC Report on red flags – Impact of the presence of red flags on the arbitration proceedings – Threshold to conduct further investigations if red flags are present – Red flag methodology to establish corruption 	Opening presentation: Hélène van Lith (ICC International Court of Arbitration) Chair: Stéphane Bonifassi (BONIFASSI Avocats) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikos Asimakopoulos (Sigma7 Alaco) • Aloysius Llamzon (King & Spalding LLP) • Lucinda A. Low (Low & Kinnear Dispute Resolution LLC)
14.45-15.00	Short coffee break	
15.00-16.15	Panel 4: Arbitration in the crypto era <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tour d'horizon of typical crypto/block-chain disputes – Need for speed and other special requirements – Introducing the Crypto Valley Arbitration Rules – How is anonymity/pseudonymity compatible with dispute resolution rules? 	Opening presentation: Nino Sievi (Nater Dallafior Rechtsanwälte AG) Chair: Saverio Lembo (Bär & Karrer) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonatan Baier (MME) • Martin Liebi (gunnercooke LLP / CVA) • Petra Rihar (Rihar & Thouvenin Dispute Resolution) • Michaela Schütz (MROS)
16.15-16.40	Conclusion Farewell	Andrea Bjorklund (McGill University) Mark Pieth (Office Pieth)

Practical information

Arriving in Basel

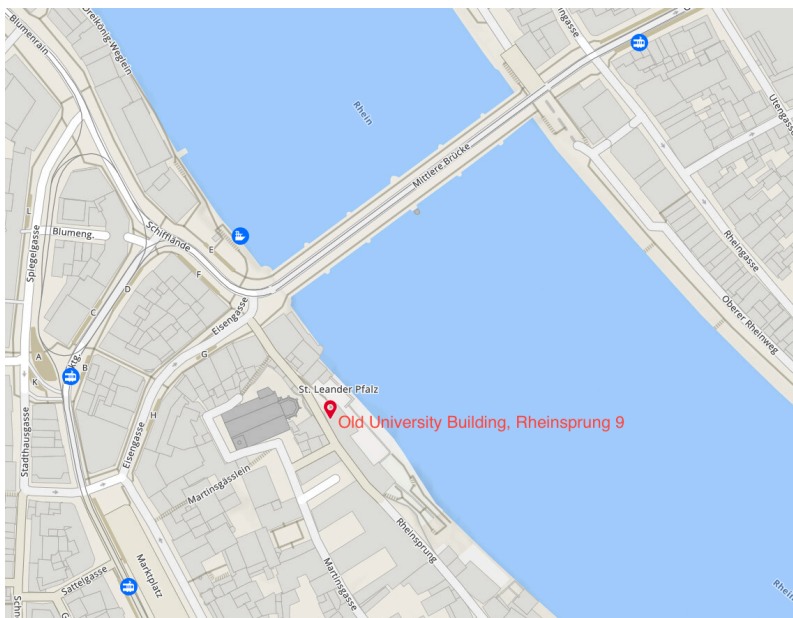
If you arrive via the (binational) EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, take the Swiss exit. Bus 50 takes you directly to the centre (exit at stop "Bahnhof SBB"). The route network of public transport in Basel is available [here](#). Timetables can be checked [here](#).

Pre-conference dinner

You are invited to join us for an informal pre-conference dinner on Thursday, 8 January 2026, at 19.00 in Restaurant Krafft, [Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel](#) (tram stop "Rheingasse", [walk 100 metres](#)).

Conference venue and lunch

The conference takes place at the Old University Building (*Alte Universität*) of Basel University, [Rheinsprung 9, 4051 Basel](#), in Lecture Hall -101 (basement). Take tram number 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16 or 17 to stop "Schifflände" and [walk 120 metres](#). We organise a buffet lunch on the conference day. Event WiFi is available.



Accommodation

Conveniently located hotels in Basel include:

- [Hotel Brasserie Au Violon](#), Im Lohnhof 4, 4051 Basel
- [Hotel Krafft](#), Rheingasse 12, 4058 Basel
- [Motel One Basel](#), Barfüssergasse 16, 4051 Basel

Fees and registration

There is no fee for the conference. Participants are asked to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Please register until **22 December 2025** by writing an e-mail to conference@arbcrime.org. When registering, please indicate whether you will participate **only in the conference**, or also **join us for dinner**, and inform us about any **dietary requirements** (vegetarian, vegan menu etc.).

Conference updates

For the latest agenda, please visit <https://arbcrime.org/conference2026>.