

Academic Year 2026/2027

Winter Academy on INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Academic Regulations

DIRECTOR: Prof. Dr. Zachary Douglas KC

- With regards to the Independent Statutes of Luiss – Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli issued by Rectoral Decree No. 7 of 19 July 2011, published in Official Gazette of the Italian Republic (General Series) No. 179 of 3 August 2011 and its subsequent modifications;
- With regards to art. 9 of the University Academic Regulations of Luiss Guido Carli;
- With regards to the decisions by the Academic Senate and the Executive Committee of Luiss Guido Carli;
- With regards to Rectoral Degree n. 217 of 7 May 2026
- With regards to art. 16 of D.P.R. n. 382 of 11 July 1980;
- With regards to art. 1, 16 e 17 of D.P.R. n. 162 of 10 March 1982;
- With regards to art. 6 of Law n. 341 of 19 November 1990;
- With regards to D.M. n. 270 of 22 October 2004

The Second edition of the “Winter Academy on “International Arbitration” has been established for the academic year 2026/2027 (Corso di Perfezionamento).

1 – Description of the Course

The Winter Academy is managed by the School of Law – Luiss Guido Carli – located at Viale Pola 12, 00198 - Rome.

The Director of the course is Prof. Dr. Zachary Douglas KC.

The Winter Academy on "International Arbitration", organized by Luiss School of Law in conjunction with the Centre for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS) in Geneva, provides advanced instruction on key issues in international commercial and investment arbitration by some of the leading practitioners in the world as well as important insights on careers in this sector and focused networking opportunities.

2 – Academic Structure

The Winter Academy requires a comprehensive academic effort that includes 40 teaching hours, for a total effort of 5 ECTS.

Classes will be delivered in person and will take place from 25 to 29 January 2027.

Academic tutors will assist the students throughout their academic activities of the Winter Academy and respond to their specific learning needs.

Attendance to the Winter Academy’s activities is mandatory. If students miss more than 20% of the required teaching hours, they will not complete the Winter Academy and, therefore, will not receive the final title and the ECTS. Should a student miss teaching hours, fail to submit or pass the final thesis or be responsible of academic and professional misconduct, the Director can decide, at his unquestionable judgement, his/her suspension or exclusion. In both cases, tuition fees will not be returned.

Having completed their mandatory teaching hours, students will work on a final paper based on a topic selected among those examined during the lectures of the Winter Academy. The final paper will be evaluated by the Professors of the Winter Academy, supervised by the Director.

3 – Number of participants and academic calendar

The Winter Academy is limited to 100 participants. The minimum number required to activate the Course is of 10 students.

Classes are normally held as follows:

Monday to Friday: 9:00AM-1:00 PM and 2:00-6:00PM.

4 – Admission Criteria

Admission to the Winter Academy is dependent upon the positive evaluation of the *curriculum vitae et studiorum*.

In order to take part to the admission procedures, the applicant is required to have a Bachelor, or a Master's degree, or an equivalent degree from a foreign university.

Students enrolled in one of the above-mentioned academic paths but not yet having obtained the academic title, can take part in the Winter Academy provided that there are places available in relation to the maximum number of 100 participants. These students will receive a certificate of attendance, but they will not obtain any ECTS credits.

The evaluation of the applications will be carried out at various dates in relation to the order of arrival of the online applications.

The applicant will receive an invitation through an email sent to the address specified in the online admission form.

The admission procedure ends when the maximum number of participants is reached.

Applications are submitted online through the Luiss official website at this link:

jsa.luiss.it/LGCScuole/?CDS=ARBI

Applicants are required to upload the following documents:

1. Copy of an identity document (passport or National ID Card where applicable);
2. Photocopy of university degree with details of exams, grades and academic credits or self-certification as per D.P.R. 445/2000; or academic transcripts if the student has not yet obtained an academic title;
3. Curriculum vitae et studiorum (CV) as per D.P.R. 445/2000;
4. Additional documents to be evaluated for the admission as per D.P.R. 445/2000.

Upon uploading these documents, students receive an email confirming that the application has been successfully submitted.

5 – Selections and Admission

The result of the selection procedure (admission, exclusion, reserve), with the ranking list of those admitted and, if any, the reserve list, will be communicated to the applicant through an e-mail sent to the address specified in the online admission form.

6 – Admission of foreign students or students with a degree by a foreign university

Upon their admission, students with a foreign university degree need to contact the Italian Consulate or Embassy close to their residency in order to comply with the requirements set by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (Ministero dell'Istruzione, Università e Ricerca).

Academic titles of foreign universities need to be legally translated in Italian and accompanied by a Statement of Equivalent Value (Dichiarazione di Valore in loco) issued by the local Italian Consulate or Embassy. The Statement of Equivalent Value should show the full number of school years and certify the official accreditation of the foreign university issuing the academic degree presented with the application.

As an alternative to the Statement of Equivalent Value, in line with the Lisbon Convention, students need to submit all documentation to Luiss that is deemed necessary for evaluating the academic degree presented with the application. These documents may include, inter alia, certificates with exams and credits and, if adopted, diploma supplements.

7 – Enrolment

The tuition fee to be enrolled in the Winter Academy is set at EUR 2.000.

Enrolment will be considered finalized upon uploading the enrolment form on [Luiss Web Self-Service platform](#) and upon paying the tuition fee. Guidelines on uploading and payment will be sent with the admission e-mail.

The tuition fee is non-refundable unless the Winter Academy is not activated due to insufficient number of enrolled students; Luiss's administration will reimburse all funds paid until that moment.

Luiss Guido Carli will issue an invoice to the name of the participants for each payment of the tuition fee.

8 – Withdrawal

Admitted students that intend to withdraw from the Winter Academy should communicate their intention to do so in writing the Director of the Winter Academy, so that the places will be offered to the candidates in the reserve list.

Admitted students can withdraw from the Winter Academy only before the official start of the course. Any request for withdrawal after the start date of the course does not exonerate from the payment of the entire amount of the tuition fee.

9 – Awarding of the title

The admission to the Winter Academy's final evaluation (see Point 2) is subject to the attendance of at least 80% of teaching hours, to the payment of the tuition fee and to the submission of all the necessary documentation required to complete the registration to the Winter Academy.

The final examination contributes, proportionally, to achieving the 5 ECTS foreseen.

10 – Data Protection in accordance with Article 13 of the Italian Decree No. 196/2003

As mandated by Article 13 of Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 no. 196, personal data provided by candidates will be processed by Luiss Guido Carli - exclusively for the purposes of managing the admission procedures, enrolment, the consequent management of the same relationship and Luiss communication activities, in compliance with the principles of fairness, lawfulness and transparency and protection of confidentiality.

11 – Students' obligations

1. All those enrolled at the University are required to fulfil the educational commitments undertaken at the moment of the enrolment. They are also required to behave in a manner that respects the profitable performance of teaching activities and the regular performance of profit tests, personal integrity, the dignity of others and the integrity of the decorum of the places where teaching and university life in general takes place. The violation of the aforementioned behavioural duties entails the student's disciplinary responsibility without prejudice to any further sanctions provided for by law.
 2. Attendance at courses is compulsory, with strict adherence to class schedules.
 3. The student is obliged to be available for verification of attendance in accordance with the established modalities.
 4. In order to be admitted to the final examination, it is necessary:
 - being in order with the documents to be submitted and the payment of the registration fee;
 - having attended at least 80% of the teaching hours envisaged in the course programme.
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For more information:

<http://isl.luiss.it/>

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TEACHING PROGRAM

MODULE – Title	Content	Academic Discipline	Code
Winter Academy on International Dispute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The New York Convention: Current Issues- Climate Change and Dispute Resolution- Effective Advocacy in International Arbitration- Interim Relief: Current Issues- Dealing with Allegations of Corruption in International Arbitration- An Introduction to the Quantification of Damages- Introduction to Construction Arbitration- International Arbitration involving States and State Entities: Current Issues- Reform of Investment Treaty Arbitration- The Scope of Investment Protection: Current Issues	International Law	GIUR-09/A
Final Paper			