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## LL.M. International Construction Contracts (I2C)

Specialist legal and practical training for construction professionals working in international markets

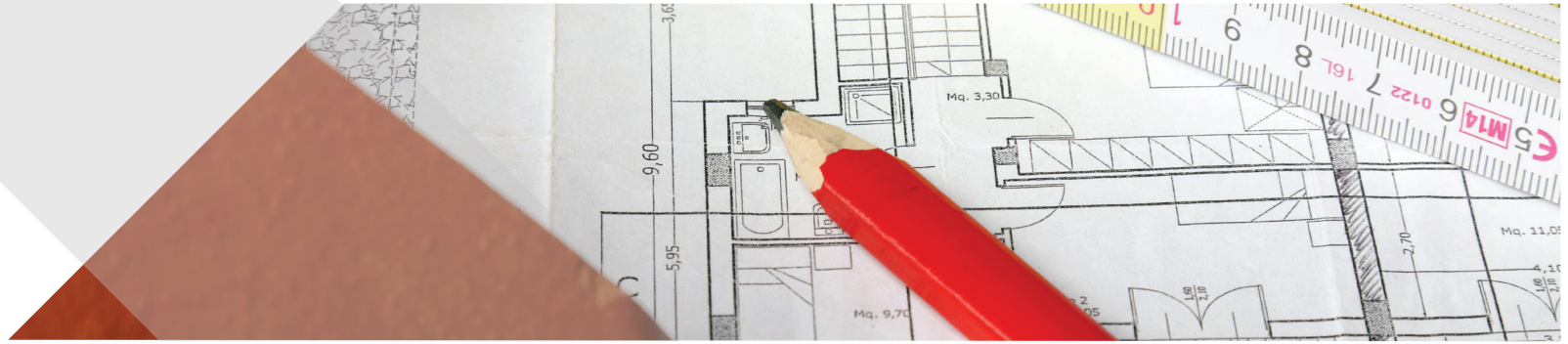
Delivered in Singapore, the most popular arbitration seat in Asia, at INSEAD Asia Campus

A unique LLM aimed at construction professionals seeking knowledge of sound contracts management practices in relation to international construction contracts in both civil law and common law environments.



THE COURSE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ENGLISH BY HIGH PROFILE INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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## A word from the co-founder and Director of Studies of the LLM course



“Our LLM course was created 7 years ago in Paris, and since then some 200 construction professionals from many regions across the world benefited from it, either in face-to-face mode in Paris or online from the comfort of their home or working place. Owing to the ever growing number of applications we receive every

year, we decided to also propose our course in Singapore so as to offer those living in the Asia-Pacific region the chance to have an access to the same programme that we run in Paris but in a more suitable time zone, and with insights into the regional law and practice specificities to be accounted for on their projects. International excellence with a regional touch, and first-class lecturers coming from various angles of the industry, are the driving forces of our new Singapore class: we can’t wait to welcome you aboard!”

**Vincent LELOUP**, Co-founder and Director of Studies of the LLM course, Managing Partner, Exequatur

## A word from the Director



“We are proud to offer in Singapore this LLM course in International Construction Contracts, a course that we have been running successfully for several years in Paris. This course is aimed at providing professionals working internationally with the required combination of legal, management and practical skills to ensure good and efficient contract management on construction projects. What makes this course unique

is its in-depth analysis of construction law from both a common law and a civil law point of view, reflecting the variety of legal systems around the world, including across the APAC region. It is based on an optimal blend of academic and practical knowledge, combining lectures, case studies and tutorials with group work. The course is structured around 6 main modules which follow the life cycle of major construction projects from their inception to their completion, including (i) contracting strategy and allocation of risks; (ii) preparation, drafting and negotiation of construction contracts; (ii) contract administration; and (iii) management of claims and disputes. Expect a course that bridges the gap between practice and theory.”

**Frédéric Gillion**, Director of the LLM course - Singapore Programme, Partner - Pinent Masons MPillay LLP



## What is the objective of the Course?

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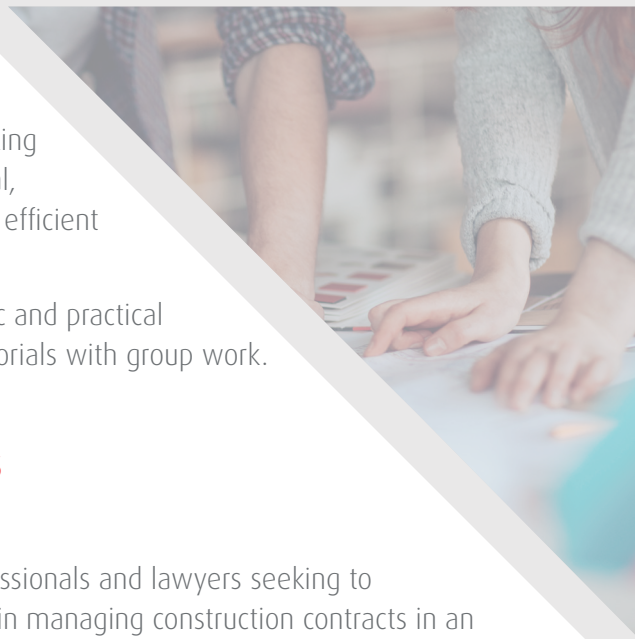
## What are the entry requirements and the main selection criteria?

The course is open to experienced construction professionals and lawyers seeking to increase their knowledge and strengthen their skills in managing construction contracts in an international environment.

Candidates will be expected to:

- Demonstrate significant experience at executive positions on construction projects or in dealing with international construction contracts, claims or disputes.
- Submit a letter of motivation together with a CV, evidence of qualifications and references.

A limited number of places is available in order to maximise the opportunities for group exchanges and discussion.



## Who will benefit from this Course?

Whether professional engineers, QS, project managers, lawyers, architects, procurement officers, admin & finance personnel, or from other disciplines, all participants will benefit from the experience of highly recognized international practitioners from a range of positions within the construction team, and with diversified and complementary roles (project managers, professional engineers, in-house counsels, lawyers).

The course is specifically tailored for professionals willing to become efficient Contract Managers on international construction operations, and requiring skills in:

- Preparation, drafting and negotiation of construction contracts
- Construction contracts administration and management
- Claim management and dispute resolution

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## Programme

Module/ Session ID	PROGRAMME
<b>1</b>	<b>MODULE 1 : GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT</b>
1.1	The construction team – roles & responsibilities - Impact of project financing
1.2	Main jurisdictions across the world
1.3	Private law and international private law
1.4	Specificities of public / administrative law
1.5	Introduction to the main international forms of construction contracts
<b>2</b>	<b>MODULE 2 : LAW OF OBLIGATIONS</b>
2.1	– Liability in Construction Contracts (1) – Liability in Construction Contracts (2) – Liability in Construction Contracts - Workshop (1)
<b>3</b>	<b>MODULE 3 : PROJECT FEASIBILITY &amp; CONTRACT FORMATION</b>
3.1	Project feasibility, development and design stages
3.2	– Contracting strategy (3.2a) – Alliancing and Collaborative Contracting (3.2b)
3.3	Procurement and tendering in construction
3.4	Contract formation and risk allocation
3.5	Contract drafting & negotiations – Key clauses
3.6	Bonds, warranties and insurances

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<b>4</b>	<b>MODULE 4 : PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, CONTRACT EXECUTION</b>
4.1	JV and subcontracting
4.2	Mitigating the unexpected - Project information, site Data / physical conditions
4.3	Mitigating the unexpected - Access to and possession of the site (inc. Site visit if possible)
4.4	– Interface issues in construction projects (4.4a) – Negotiations in skills inter-cultural environment - Workshop (4.4b)
4.5	Works programme and time for completion
4.6	Works quality and defects
4.7	Health, Safety, Environment / ESG
4.8	Change and Variation
4.9	Right to payment, payment procedure and remedies for non-payment
<b>5</b>	<b>MODULE 5 : PROJECT &amp; CONTRACT CLOSURE, LIABILITIES</b>
5.1	Excuses for non-performance and early discharge of contract (frustration, force majeure and termination)
5.2	Taking-over and post-completion liabilities (defects, delay penalties)
5.3	Insurances - types & operation
<b>6</b>	<b>MODULE 6 : CLAIM MANAGEMENT &amp; DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b>
6.1	Contract administration, claims management and procedures (including notices and early warnings)
6.2	Claims for extension of time and delay analysis techniques
6.3	Claims for prolongation, disruption and acceleration costs
6.4	Dispute resolution procedures – ADR (mediation, adjudication and arbitration) & judiciary, statutory adjudication & dispute boards
6.5	Construction Arbitration



## The Faculty members include:



**Julien Bergerat**  
General Counsel & Company Secretary - PRefChem

Julien Bergerat is the General Counsel and Company Secretary of PRefChem, a joint venture formed by Petronas and Saudi Aramco to build and operate the biggest refinery of Malaysia. Dually qualified (English solicitor and French attorney), he has become an expert in working within diverse and multicultural environments, having been based over the past 18 years in France, Switzerland, Australia, Qatar, Kuwait, Vietnam and now Malaysia. He has during that time advised on Projects related matters such as setting up joint ventures, negotiating Project Finance documentations or EPC contracts or contract management.



**Diana Bowman**  
Senior Legal Counsel - Bouygues Construction Australia

Diana Bowman is a Senior Legal Counsel at Bouygues Construction in Australia. Prior to joining the Bouygues group, Diana worked in-house at Vinci Energies and before that as an Associate in the International Arbitration Department at White & Case LLP in Paris, where she gained extensive experience in commercial arbitration and construction law.

Diana holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (French major) from the University of Melbourne (Australia), along with an LLM in French & European Law from the Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne. She is a dual Australian-French citizen and is qualified as a lawyer in both jurisdictions.



**Yong Neng Chan**  
Partner – MPillay LLP

Yong Neng Chan is a construction advisory and disputes resolution specialist. He has advised on and acted in disputes across a wide range of infrastructure projects locally and internationally, including coal fired power stations, petrochemical refineries, process plants, rail lines and stations, tunnel boring projects, airport terminals and residential developments. His experience includes the resolution of costs and time claims arising from variations, unforeseen physical conditions, acceleration and prolongation of works, defects, non-compliance with contractual specifications and the termination of contracts. Yong Neng regularly acts in international commercial arbitrations and proceedings in the Singapore Supreme Court. He currently serves as a tutor / facilitator for the Singapore Bar Exams, teaching civil litigation to future lawyers.



**Sophie Deis-Beauquesne**  
General Counsel - Vinci Energies

Sophie Deis-Beauquesne is General Counsel of Vinci Energies, a world leader in the concessions and construction businesses.

Sophie's work is predominantly international, with construction projects for Vinci Energies across the world. Her practice focuses mainly on construction projects and international arbitration, and she is also experienced in acquisitions of construction companies.

Prior to joining Vinci, Sophie worked for law firms in France and Asia. She holds a PhD in private law.



**Frédéric Gillion**  
Partner and Director of Studies (Singapore)  
Pinsent Masons Law Firm

Frédéric Gillion is a partner in the Paris office of Pinsent Masons where he heads its Construction Advisory & Disputes department. He advises on all aspects of construction projects, from initial tendering and project support to dispute resolution (including Dispute Board and arbitration) in a wide range of sectors (transport infrastructure, water and wastewater, and energy).

Dual-qualified (English/French law), he has particular experience of the FIDIC forms of contract and their use in civil law jurisdictions. He is listed in Who's Who Legal as a leading construction lawyer in France and is on the French list of FIDIC adjudicators.



**Benjamin Highfield**  
Quantum & Delay specialist, Partner & CEO of the Asia Pacific Region – HKA

Based in Dubai, UAE, Benjamin Highfield has more than 20 years' major project experience in the construction industry, spanning buildings, transport infrastructure, oil and gas, power and water markets.

Additionally, he regularly advises clients on commercial and contractual matters, as well as claims management and dispute resolution. Ben is an experienced delay and quantum analyst and has prepared multiple claims for extension of time, disruption, prolongation and acceleration. He has drafted detailed contractual arguments for disputed variations, termination, suspension and arbitration amongst others.

He is a chartered civil engineer, a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



## The Faculty members include:



**Professor Doug Jones AO**  
International Arbitrator & International Judge of  
Singapore International Commercial Court

Professor Doug Jones AO is highly regarded as an international arbitrator, particularly in construction disputes. In 2023, Chambers Asia-Pacific recognized him as “one of the top three construction arbitrators in the world”.

Doug is also an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court. Doug has published and presented extensively in the field of construction law and construction arbitration. He is co-Editor in Chief of the International Construction Law Review and holds professorial appointments at Queen Mary College, University of London and Melbourne University Law School.



**Dr. Kourosh Kayvani**  
Partner & Head of Forensic Technical Services, Asia  
Pacific - HKA

Dr Kayvani has built a career spanning 30 years as a practising engineer, expert witness, and academic. He is the Head of HKA's Forensic Technical Services for the Asia Pacific region.

Dr Kayvani is a Chartered Professional Engineer and a Fellow of Engineers Australia. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE), Adjunct Professor at the Engineering, Design and Built Environment, Western Sydney University, Board Director at Engineers Australia and Australian Steel Institute (ASI), and a member of the Senate for FIDIC Academy. Kourosh was named amongst the Top 100 most influential engineers by Engineers Australia in 2009 for his Engineering Expertise.



**Ian Laing**  
Partner & Global Head of Infrastructure Sector – Pinsent  
Masons MPillay LLP

Ian Laing is independently recognised as a leading infrastructure lawyer with 25 years' experience (including 15 years in Asia) who has particular expertise in advising the public and private sector (both sponsors

and lenders) in relation to transportation, water and accommodation projects.

Drawing on the experience of over 60 PPP projects, Ian contributes to the development of the “PPP Toolkit” for emerging markets being prepared by the United Nations (UNECE). Ian is also a member of the “PPP Taskforce” for the Chinese International Contractors Association (CHINCA) and is a regular lecturer to Chinese companies wishing to consider infrastructure investment opportunities.



**Rob Morson**  
Partner – Pinsent Masons LLP

Rob Morson specialises in the delivery of energy, natural resource/mining and infrastructure projects. Rob is Africa focused with extensive experience in construction advisory and global supply chain project execution mandates, including many across the continent.

Over 25 years in practice, Rob has acted for employers, contractors and consultants on some of the largest Energy and Infrastructure (including large commercial and industrial property) projects and disputes and has advised across the full spectrum of construction/infrastructure procurement, from turnkey/EPC to multi-package/multi-disciplinary EPCM in the various forms of this wide ranging model. Rob is also a Visiting Senior Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, School of Construction Economics and Management, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment.



**Charles Nairac**  
Partner – White & Case law firm

Charles Nairac is a Partner in the International Arbitration Practice of White & Case, based in the firm's Paris office.

Charles is recognized in leading legal directories such as Chambers, Legal 500, the International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers and Global Arbitration Review 100. He teaches international arbitration at Université de Paris I, Université de Paris II and Sciences-Po Paris, and is a faculty member of the International Construction Contracts LLM course at Université de Paris II. He also served as a member of “Task Group 10”, a joint working group of FIDIC and the International Tunneling Association, responsible for the drafting of the FIDIC contract for underground works (the “Emerald Book”). Charles graduated from University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and King's College, London. Prior to joining White & Case in 2001, Charles worked as in-house legal adviser for a French bank in Singapore.



**Shamila Neelakandan**  
Partner & Head of Construction Claims and Expert  
Services, Asia Pacific – HKA

Shamila Neelakandan is a dual qualified Lawyer (Malaysia and UK) with 27 years of legal, contracts and commercial experience in the power generation and water desalination, oil & gas, and rail & infrastructure sectors throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Shamila is an expert in managing complex claims.

Shamila's wider experience include tender negotiations, procurement, commercial strategy and dispute management. She continues to undertake advocacy work in consulting services through presentations and case management services in dispute resolution proceedings. Shamila previously headed HKA's Malaysian and Singapore operations and now heads their Construction Claims and Expert Services for the Asia Pacific region.



## The Faculty members include:



### Sir Vivian Ramsey KC

International Arbitrator & International Judge of Singapore International Commercial Court

Vivian Ramsey KC acts as an arbitrator, mediator, expert and dispute board member on major construction projects around the world. He is also an International Judge of the Singapore International

Commercial Court. He originally qualified and worked as a chartered civil engineer, before qualifying and practicing as a barrister. He became head of Keating Chambers in London in 1992, was appointed a High Court judge in 2005 and became judge in charge of the Technology and Construction Court in London from 2007 to 2010. He is the co-editor of Keating on Construction Contracts, now in its 10th edition, and is also a Visiting Professor at the Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College, London.



### Dr Matthew Secomb

Partner & Head of International Arbitration, Asia Pacific - White & Case

Dr Matthew Secomb is a partner in White & Case's International Arbitration Group in Singapore. Matthew specializes in international commercial arbitration with a focus on construction and energy-related disputes. Before moving to Singapore in 2015, he was based in White & Case's Paris office for nearly ten years. Prior to joining White & Case in 2006, Matthew was counsel to the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. Matthew has a B.Com. and an LL.M. from the University of Melbourne, an LL.B. (hons) from Deakin University, and a Doctorat en droit (summa cum laude) from the Université de Fribourg (Switzerland). He is qualified as an avocat at the Paris bar, a solicitor-advocate in England & Wales, and a barrister and solicitor in Victoria, Australia.



### Christophe Sergeant

Head of legal unit - EDF S.A

Christophe Sergeant is currently head of legal unit within EDF S.A, a major utility developing innovative solutions throughout the world with a view to producing clean energy and guaranteeing access to electricity for all.

Christophe's works is predominantly international with a focus on aspects of construction and operation and maintenance for power generation and transmission projects across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South America and Asia-Pacific. Prior to this position, Christophe acted as deputy general counsel - Asia within EDF S.A, based in Asia for nearly 15 years with significant involvement in major nuclear, hydro and conventional power projects in China, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam. Christophe is a visiting lecturer at the University of Paris Panthéon-Assas and the University of Stuttgart where he teaches on risk allocation for construction projects.



### Dr Dinesh Raj Shiwakoti

Project Administration Unit Head - Asian Development Bank - FIDIC Certified Adjudicator and member of FIDIC President's List

After having worked as Senior Procurement Specialist for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a number of years, Dr Dinesh Shiwakoti is now Unit

Head for ADB. Dr Dinesh has over 26 years' professional experience in infrastructure development projects across Asia, including on project administration, procurement planning, procurement transaction, construction supervision, contract administration, and dispute resolution.

He has a doctorate in engineering and a LL.M in construction law, arbitration and adjudication, and is also a fellow of the chartered institute of arbitrators, member of the FIDIC President's list of certified adjudicators, and accredited on procurement skills by the ADB.



### Chen Han Toh

Partner - Pinsent Masons MPillay LLP

Past Chair of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore), Chen Han Toh focuses on the resolution of construction, engineering and commercial disputes. He has acted on major infrastructure and energy projects in South East Asia, and numerous

large-scale projects in Singapore.

Chen Han is one of the two Contributing Editors of Singapore's leading construction law textbook, Law and Practice of Construction Contracts (Chow Kok Fong, 2018), co-authored the SICC Handbook - A Guide to the Rules and Procedures of the Singapore International Commercial Court (Sweet & Maxwell, 2016) and is a Contributing Editor for the Singapore Journal of Construction Law. He also teaches on the SIArb International Entry Course (IEC) and Fellowship Assessment Course (FAC) and delivers annual construction law lectures at the Society of Construction Law.



### Ryan Woodhall

Regional Commercial Manager - Asia Pacific - Soletanche Bachy

Ryan Woodhall is the Regional Commercial Director - Asia Pacific for Soletanche Bachy (VINCI Group), a world leader in foundations and soil technologies. The businesses within the region operate over several

jurisdictions and deliver a variety of projects in different capacities. Ryan has extensive experience in complex front-end negotiations, contract management, contentious claims, and dispute resolution. Having started his career in project management roles, Ryan has a strong understanding of the site and operational practicalities that are often overlooked. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Construction Management & Quantity Surveying, a Master of Construction Law from the University of Melbourne, and is currently completing his final MBA subject.



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## What is the programme structure?

The programme will be carried out over 1 year, from January to December, for a total of 161 study hours.

Teaching days will be held in Singapore over 3 consecutive days per month.

Exams will be held remotely in May and November.

The first 2 modules will be wholly dedicated to the fundamental legal principles which govern construction contracts in the main jurisdictions across the globe. Thereafter, the modules will follow the contract life cycle in a very hands-on/practical manner, from the project preparation and procurement phases through the execution phase to close-out. Under each module current international trends will be addressed. Extensive reference to international forms of contracts, such as FIDIC, a complete picture of the best world-wide practice.



## Online Distance Learning

In case you cannot attend our courses in Singapore, our supported distance learning mode of delivery allows you to study online from any location and is designed to fit in around your work commitments.

Our virtual learning environment offers students flexibility of where and when they can study, offering full and open access to tutors and other class members. The online campus provides students with lectures and materials. Students can access video recorded lectures in case their time zone makes them unable to attend a live lecture. Those attending live lectures can easily interact with the class and the tutors through their computer.

Distant students can either sit the exams in Singapore or entirely remotely from any location.

## Where can I get more information & register?

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