**Congreso internacional**

**Estrategias actuales en materia de Mediación y Arbitraje comercial**

**24 de abril de 2018**

**Facultad de Derecho - Universidad de Alcalá**

**CALL OF PAPERS**

**I. Object**

**- General overview:**

The arbitration procedure provides a mechanism that has many advantages and multiple possibilities to satisfactorily resolving a dispute. The characteristics of arbitration tend to be based on a series of common places that include notions such as freedom, decentralization or absence of formalities. The ADR are often added supposed comparative advantages against the state jurisdiction: celerity, confidentiality, specialization, economy of material and human resources, less degree of confrontation between the parties, flexibility, greater participation of the parties in the process, and immediacy between these and the arbitrator. These characteristics and comparative advantages lead to the assertion that arbitration is a system that can offer a more efficient option than the procedure before the state jurisdiction. For this reason, arbitration and mediation are the essential instruments of dispute resolution in the business world and its teaching is essential both from a theoretical and, preferably, practical perspective.

The objective of the Conference is to bring the academic, legal and business world closer to the field of extrajudicial dispute resolution mechanisms, assessing their impact on the activity of operators and future prospects. In addition, it will approach the phenomenon trying to provide basic tools to help understand and analyze the different dimensions involved.

**- Thematic areas of the Conference:**

Taking as a starting point the common thread of the Congress, different thematic areas are established, whose common denominator is to evaluate the current strategies in terms of mediation and commercial arbitration.

- Mediation in the EU

1. Challenges and trends of conflict resolution systems. Mediation as a means of conflict resolution. Present and future of commercial mediation. Alternative systems for conflict resolution and justice: negotiation

- Commercial arbitration

2. International regulation of arbitration: institutional problems and legislative techniques.

3. The Arbitration Agreement Arbitration procedure. Organization of arbitration proceedings and hearings.

4. Arbitral award. Law applied by the arbitrators to the dispute. Arbitrability and public order. Relations between judges and arbitrators. Judicial control of arbitration. Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in the European Union.

**II. SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS**

**- Formal requirements:**

The following documents must be submitted in Word format:

-1. A document with the following information only: title of the proposal; name of the candidate; home university; academic position.

-2. Summary of the proposal (without indication of the name of the candidate, but only the title, contents and 3-5 keywords), of 1000-1500 words.

**- Substantive content and selection:**

The Scientific Committee will select the papers to be presented on the Conference on April 24th according to the following criteria:

-1. Relevance of the topic;

-2. Quality of the approach;

-3. Originality.

**- Deadline, address for submissions and confirmation of acceptance:**

Proposals may be submitted before April 1, 2018.

They should be sent to: a.fernandezperez@uah.es.

Initially, formal confirmation of receipt will be given.

Before April 10, 2018, the rejection or acceptance of the proposal will be communicated.

**III. PUBLICATION**

The papers and communications accepted and presented within the framework of this Conference will be published in the Journal "Arbitraje: Revista de Arbitraje Comercial y de Inversiones". The final text of accepted communications must be sent before May 30, 2018.

**IV. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

The Scientific Committee in charge of the selection process and the subsequent quality assessment for publication is comprised of the following members:

* Prof. Dr. Bertrand Ancel (Catedrático de la Universidad París II- ASSAS)
* Prof. Dr. José Mª Espinar Vicente (Catedrático de la Universidad de Alcalá de Henares)
* Prof. Dr. José Carlos Fernández Rozas (Catedrático de Derecho internacional privado de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
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