You are invited to join the inaugural LCIA and LSE co-hosted debate.

Moderated by Paul Klaas, Sir Bernard Eder QC and Professor Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer will explore the different views on the future of international arbitration and commercial law in London.

This debate immediately precedes the annual LSE-LCIA London Vis Pre-Moot, held in preparation for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, which focuses on international commercial arbitration and the international sale of goods.

For further information on the Debate and Pre-Moot, please visit the LCIA website: www.lcia.org

PROGRAMME
17.30 Registration
17.45 Introduction
18.00 Debate starts

Opponents:

The Hon Sir Bernard Eder QC
Essex Court Chambers, UK

Sir Bernard Eder has practised as a barrister for almost 35 years specialising in commercial litigation and international arbitration covering a wide range of commercial disputes including shipping, international trade, banking, construction, commodities and energy law.

Professor Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer
University of Basel, Switzerland

Professor Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer is the editor of Schlechtriem & Schwenzer: Commentary on the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods and a world leading expert on international and uniform sales law. She has published widely in the areas of comparative law, international commercial law, the law of obligations and regularly called upon to act as counsel, expert witness and arbitrator in these fields.

Moderator:

Paul Klaas
North Coast Arbitration Chambers, USA & Maitland Chambers, UK

Paul Klaas is dual-qualified as a barrister of England and Wales and as a member of the Minnesota (US) bar. He has served as arbitrator or advocate in hundreds of international commercial arbitrations and lawsuits over the past 30 years.

17.30-19.30 Open discussion
19.30-21.00 Drinks and Networking

FORMAT
The Debate will explore the following: Will Brexit lead to a revitalization of the English common law as the most important law governing international commercial transactions, if purged from European and civil law influences – or will it make the UK more insular and cause London to degenerate to yet another off-shore center for taking care of dirty laundry? How much cosmopolitanism can and should London keep and promote in the field on international commercial disputes? How much nationalism or even parochialism is inevitable? What is the role and future of international uniform instruments, such as the CISG (not ratified by the UK) or the UNIDROIT Principles, as competitors to – or source of inspiration for – English commercial law in the future development of London as the prime venue for arbitrating international commercial disputes?

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