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## ***ITA Academic Council Leadership 2024-2027***

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## Accomplishments: ITA Academic Council Members

• **Shahla Ali**, Professor and Associate Dean International), Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong, member ITA Academic Council, has published: [Comparative and Transnational Dispute Resolution](#) (Routledge, 2023), edited, presenting the research and policy insights into the theory and practice of dispute systems reform in diverse jurisdictions, by drawing on selected case studies; [The Seeming Paradox of Prevention: Dispute Mitigation by Multilateral Development Banks](#), 43 C.J.Q Issue 2, 142-168, finding that global multilateral development banks appear to demonstrate a positive consultative “engagement effect” such that with expanded access to consultation and community grievance mechanisms, fewer claims are lodged.

• **Catharine Titi**, Dr iur., FCIArb, research associate professor at the French National Centre for Scientific Research and the CERSA, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, member of the ITA Academic Council, has been appointed Co-chair of the

Academic Forum on ISDS, which contributes to the discussions in UNCITRAL Working Group III on the reform of investor-state dispute settlement.

• **Nneka Emilia Onyema**, Professor in International Commercial Law at SOAS University of London, member ITA Academic Council, has delivered the 2024 Roebuck Lecture of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, with the topic ‘Access to Arbitral Justice for Local Communities: Mitigating the cost of corruption and providing access to justice for local communities’.

• **George A. Bermann**, Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, USA, member ITA Academic Council, was awarded the distinction of *Doctor Honoris Causa* by the University of Bucharest, Romania.

• **Jack Coe**, Professor of Law at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, USA, and **Chris Drahozal**, Professor of Law at University of Kansas, USA, members ITA Academic Council, have published, together with Pro-

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fessor Donald (Trey) Earl Childress (Edward Elgar, 2023).

III and Professor Catherine A. Rogers, the article [Challenging and Enforcing International Arbitral](#)

[Awards in U.S. Federal Courts: An Empirical Study](#), in Virginia Journal of International Law, Vol. 65, 2024.

- **Susan Franck**, Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law, USA, member ITA Academic Council will co-chair the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, with the theme, "[Traditions and Transitions in International Law](#)".

- **Chiara Giorgetti**, Professor of Law, Richmond Law School, and Senior Fellow, International Claims and Reparations Project, Columbia Law School, USA, and **Patrick W.**

**Pearsall**, Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, and Director, International Claims and Reparations Project, Columbia Law School, USA, members ITA Academic Council, together with Hélène Ruiz-Fabri, Professor of Law, Sorbonne Law School, France, published [Research Handbook on International Claims Commissions](#)



**Save the Date! ITA Academic Council Events 2025**

**ITA Academic Winter Meeting and Works-in-Progress Workshop** will take place in person, in Detroit, and online, on **15 February 2025**.

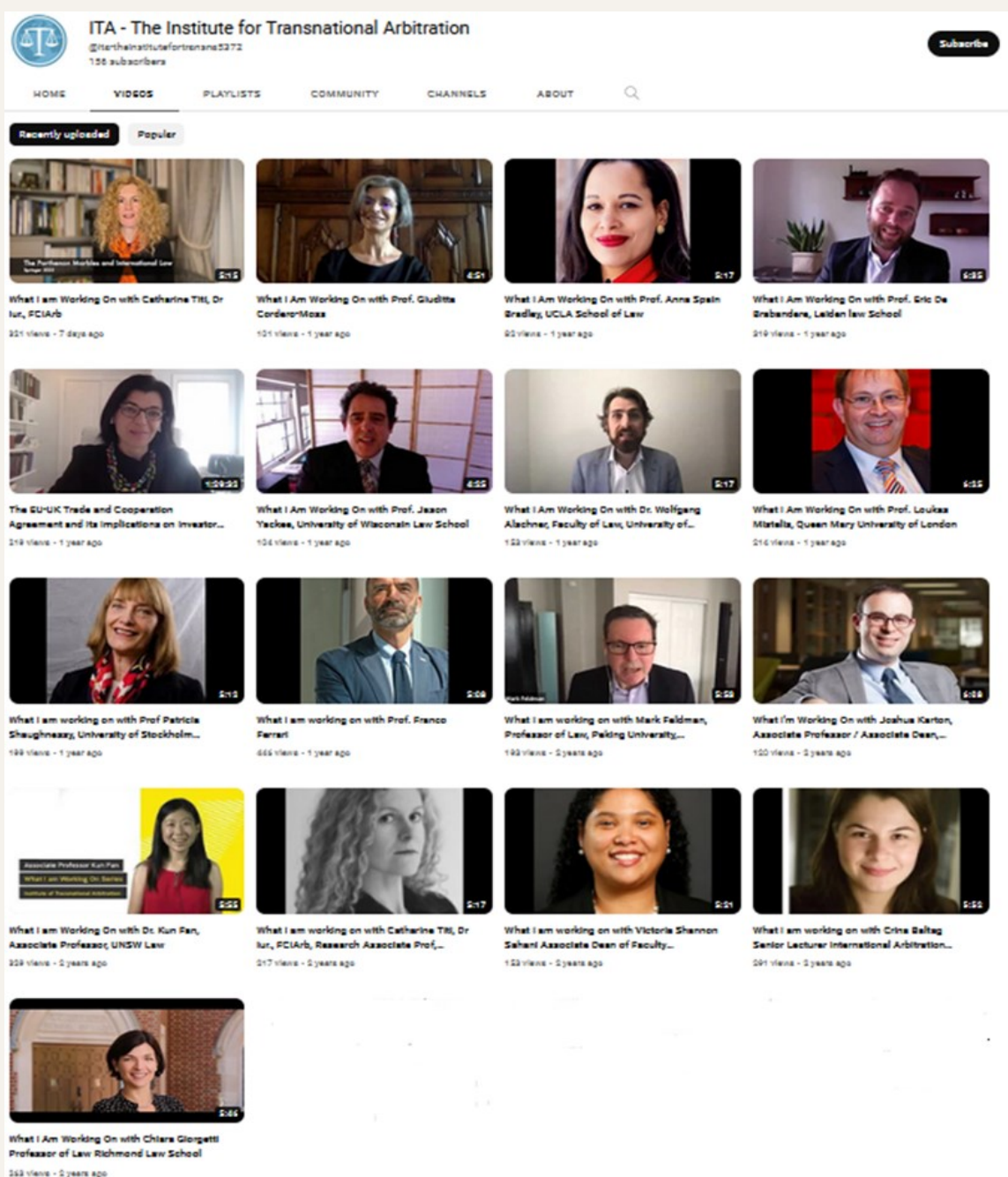
**22nd ITA-ASIL Conference** will take place in person in Washington D.C., on **16 April 2025**, and it will be chaired by **Christina L. Beharry**, Partner with Foley Hoag, and **Charles T. Kotuby, Jr.**, Professor of Practice and the Executive Director of the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and Of Counsel with Three Crowns



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## Small States and Climate Change

Petra Butler (Institute of Small and Micro States) / March 12, 2024 / [Leave a comment](#)  
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In light of COP 28 UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai last year, the Prime Minister of Samoa and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Honourable Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, observed: **"Our islands are being pushed to the brink by the climate crisis and we need a strong plan of action for survival, right now [↗](#)."**

This post discusses climate change redress from the perspective of small island states. It firstly sets out the role of climate change dispute resolution regarding the redress of climate change related challenges. It then asks the question how climate justice can be best achieved for small island states, ie whether claiming redress is the most effective remedy for small island states before offering some concluding remarks.

<https://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2024/03/12/small-states-and-climate-change/>



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### ACADEMIC COUNCIL— The ITA Academic Council Oral History Project: Perspectives on International Arbitration



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## A Conversation with Doak Bishop

Interviewed by Tomasz J. Sikora

An oral history interview presented by the ITA Academic Council  
Recorded at the 12th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration in Houston



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## ITA Academic Council Events in 2024



Dean Susan Karamanian, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, College of Law, Doha, QATAR, and Prof. Jason Yackee, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, USA, members of the ITA Academic Council, co-chaired the [21st ITA-ASIL Conference](#), on April 3, 2024, in Washington D.C., with the theme *Courts, Arbitral Tribunals,*

*and the Challenge of Building a Constructive Relationship.*

The ITA Academic Winter Meeting and Works-in-Progress Workshop took place in person, in Houston, and online, on 20 January 2024, in conjunction with the [12th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration - Houston](#). Participants had the opportunity to discuss two papers submitted by Professors Catherine Rogers, on *Challenging and Enforcing International Arbitral Awards in U.S. Federal Courts: An Empirical Study*, and by Joshua Karton, on *Taking Arbitration-Agreements-As-Contracts Seriously*, and to discuss, in the “lighting round”, Guillermo Garcia Sanchez’ proposal on *Reshaping Global Energy Governance: Reconciling Security, Sustainability, and Justice in International Economic Agreements*.



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