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**How arbitrators honour the rules of commercial and investment treaty arbitrations will be one of the themes of a lecture given next month by Loukas Mistelis.**



**Loukas Mistelis**

Mistelis is a professor of transnational commercial law and arbitration at Queen Mary University of London.

In “International arbitrators and the law,” Mistelis will discuss whether and how public international law regulates arbitrators, comparing this with the issues of contract and the party submissions that increasingly decide straightforward commercial cases.

Mistelis will examine the extent to which arbitrators are creatures of the parties that appointed them. He will also ask whether they are bound by the law of the seat of arbitration, or by the law governing the underlying contract.

Mistelis will make his comments in the light of commercial cases where he says arbitrators have interpreted the law expansively - such as the Lesotho Katse Dam arbitration, Peterson Farms v C&M, and the Amir Weiss Fish case.

Inspiration for the lecture comes from the increasing criticism of arbitrators by NGOs and other parties concerned that arbitrators are becoming too powerful, says Mistelis.

Greek-born Mistelis is one of *Global Arbitration Review* '45 under 45', and appears in this year's Who's Who of International Commercial Arbitration. He has acted as counsel and arbitrator, under ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SCC and Moscow rules.

The lecture will take place in London on 7 November.

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