

Rules of the Game

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The article looks at developments in international arbitration over the past decade, including greater support from previously hostile regimes in the former Soviet Union, Asia (including China), the Middle East and Latin America; the proliferation of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements including provision for arbitration; the increasing number of multi-party arbitrations; more demand for interim relief; and increased focus on speed, transparency and access, and avoiding conflicts of interest. The responses to such pressures from UNCITRAL, CIETAC (China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission), ICSID, the Swiss Chambers of Commerce and the International Bar Association are described.

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