

A JUDICIAL STUDIES PROGRAMME (JSP) LUNCHTIME SEMINAR

Cheese, Chocolate and Arbitration: Does Swiss Arbitration Need Sweet Change?

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Switzerland is one of the most popular venues for arbitration. Its legal system is (amongst other matters) a reason for its success as an arbitration centre. To increase Switzerland's pre-eminence in arbitration, the Swiss Federal Council recently proposed amendments to Switzerland's arbitration law. These proposals are now subject to a consultation which will continue until 31 May 2017. The proposed revisions include the codification of the case law, the reinforcement of party autonomy, and clarification of the existing legal text.

This talk will assess whether the proposed changes are necessary and whether better proposals could have been made. It will also solutions that have been adopted by other successful arbitration centres when dealing with similar problems.



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The seminar is open to all without charge. Light refreshment will be served.

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