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List of Abbreviations

AAA	American Arbitration Association
CAC	Commercial Arbitration Centre (Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
CIArb	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
CPR	International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICCA	International Council for Commercial Arbitration
ICDR	International Centre for Dispute Resolution
ICSID	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
ISO	International Standards Organization
LCIA	London Court of International Arbitration
NYC Bar	New York City Bar Association
ODR	Online Dispute Resolution
PAL	Portuguese Arbitration Law
ROA	Revista da Ordem dos Advogados
SCC	Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
ZPO	<i>Zivilprozeßordnung</i> (German Code of Civil Procedure)

Introduction

One of the lines of research pursued by the Private Law Research Centre at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon concerns *Private Law in the Digital Age*.

This topic includes online dispute resolution, a practice which, after growing slowly but surely over several years, has been taken up much more widely as from mid-2020, due to the constraints on in-person proceedings imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the impossibility of participants appearing safely in person for proceedings before state courts and arbitral tribunals, the response to this problem has been to use online forms of communication. Unprecedented use has thus been made of digital platforms, making it possible to maintain a reasonable pace in proceedings.

However, the shift to online means of communication in the conduct of dispute settlement mechanisms has posed a plethora of challenges, relating, *inter alia*, to questions of procedure before state courts and arbitral tribunals. This was the cue for holding a webinar on *Online dispute resolution: new challenges*, which took place on 29 June 2021 and was organised jointly by the Private Law Research Centre at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon and by the Portuguese Arbitration Association.

As central topics for exploration at this event we chose “Due process guarantees and online dispute resolution”, “Online trial hearings – in particular, evidence” and “Confidentiality, privacy and security”.

In order to provide differing points of view and stimulating debate, we invited a judge, an arbitrator, a lawyer and the representative of an arbitration centre to share their knowledge and experience on each of the topics. As a result, the webinar featured illuminating contributions from António Abrantes Geraldes, Catarina Monteiro Pires, Diego P. Fernández Arroyo, Joana Soares Correia, Juan Serrada Hierro, Luís Filipe Pires de Sousa, Marc Henry, Nuno Lousa, Paula Costa e Silva, Pilar Peralles Viscasillas, Rui Vouga, and Sofia Ribeiro Mendes, who subsequently submitted their articles, which are published here.

To all contributors, whose biographies can be found below in this book, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for their collaboration. Our thanks are also due to Nomos, which promptly agreed to publish this work.

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