

ISDS Academic Forum – Steering Committee Election

Maria Chiara Malaguti - Statement of intention

Dear all,

I accepted to be nominated for next term because I think the Academic Forum has worked extremely well and has obtained an outstanding reputation, in particular (but not only) within the context of WG III, and that now we need not only to keep the bar straight but also consolidate that reputation. What I can offer is my insight from the WGIII as well as the other fora where these matters are discussed. I am not the only one, of course, although I am possibly one of the few sitting at all these negotiation tables, and since long. Although having such direct involvement might be a handicap when we must write contributions, it might instead be an advantage when we must take overall strategy decisions and organize the works of the Forum. I see the Forum concretely showing that academia can play a role in the actual formation of principles of law in dialogue with Governments and consider we should strongly build upon it, since such a function requires commitment and self-awareness of that specific role. It is not an easy task, because this must be reached while simultaneously guaranteeing diversity and inclusiveness, and maintaining our truly academic essence, but it is a fascinating challenge that should reinforce the identity of the Forum against other academic fora.