

ESCL ANNUAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

Naples

26 - 27 September 2025

“ Construction Projects
and the cultural context ”



PROGRAMME

26 September 2025

From 8.30 am to 9.00 am
Registration

From 9.00 am to 10.30 am
Welcome Remarks and Session 1

Moderated by Evelien Bruggeman



Welcome Remarks

Prof. Giovanni Iudica - President of the Italian Society of Construction Law and of ESCL

Prof. Antonio Garofalo - Rector - Parthenope University

Opening Remarks

Avv. Roberto Panetta - Chairman of the ESCL Council

Is there a cultural context to respect?

Paul Varela - Varela, Lee, Metz & Guarino LLP

Law, Aesthetics and Architecture: Half-Serious Remarks

Prof. Marco Ventoruzzo - Bocconi University

The rise of hybrid contracts and construction culture in Australia

Caroline Beaumaris - Society of Construction Law, Australia

When collaboration lies in the heart of the contract but culture poses obstacles

Marilia Xanthouli, Melis Mani - Strabag/CML

10.30 am – 11.00 am
Coffee Break



From 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
Session 2

Moderated by Edouard Vitry

The rights of the weaker contracting party in civil law and common law jurisdictions and how they may affect contract negotiations

Virginie Colaiuta - LMS Studio Legale

Monument protection at the crossroads: climate change and the future of monument protection under German Law

Stephanie Englert Dougherty - Prof Englert & Partner
Rechtsanwälte PartGmbB

The Significance of Cultural Institutions in Territorial Innovation

Prof. Pierpaolo Forte - University of Sannio

Renewable energy plants and cultural context

Prof. Giuseppe La Rosa - San Raffaele University

The FIDIC Carbon Management Guidance recognises cultural and economic differences

Adriana Spassova - Bulgarian Society of Construction Law

Navigating cultural-context risks in construction

Nikitas Hatzimihail - University of Cyprus

Q&A Session

1.00 pm – 2.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 pm – 4.00 pm

Session 3

Moderated by
Sercan Kulaksizogullari

Presentation of the ESCL Conference 2026

Cultural diversity in India and Construction management issues

Rajendra Dangwal – Trilegal

Construction Projects and Cultural Context of NEOM - Saudi Arabia and of Hydropower projects in Ethiopia

Eugenio Zoppis – Civil Engineer

Romania between the restoration of historical monuments and the need to adopt the cultural heritage code

Ovidiu Ioan Dumitru - Bucharest University

Construction and cultural heritage - Challenges and opportunities at the hand of a specific estate case in the Netherlands

Henri van Lidth de Jeude – Attorney at law

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From 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Coffee Break

From 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Session 4 and Concluding Remarks

Moderated by Hubert Stoeckli

Risk management in cultural heritage areas.
Experiences from Hungarian legal order and...not only
Bence Rajkai – Attorney at Law at Cerha Hempel

Q&A Session

Delay as the basis for construction disputes
Why do some cultures so obsess over delay?
Franco Mastrandrea – HKA

The effect of legal culture and tradition on the role of the FIDIC
Engineer in contract administration
Anthony Lavers – International Construction Lawyer

Dispute boards in culturally sensitive cities
Sean Gibbs - Hanscomb Intercontinental

Public works, public interests and the resolution of disputes
Giovanni Di Folco - Techno Engineering & Associates

Dispute Avoidance and Dispute Resolution in the Cultural
Context: Navigating the Quagmire
Prof. Renato Nazzini, Aleksander Godhe - Centre of
Construction Law, Dispute Resolution at King's College and
King's Counsel

Concluding remarks
Prof. Renato Nazzini - Centre of Construction Law, Dispute
Resolution at King's College and King's Counsel

From 8.00 pm

Dinner

27 September 2025

From 9.00 am to 11.00 am

Workshop

Cultural aspects in the use of ADR in construction disputes
Virginie Colaiuta, Giovanni Di Folco, Raeesa Rawal

From 9.30 am to 11.00 am

General Assembly

General Assembly
Presidents of the National Societies

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WORKSHOP

CULTURAL ASPECTS IN THE USE OF ADR IN CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES

This 2-hour workshop will provide participants with practical strategies for resolving disputes in public and private works projects, with a focus on the challenges which arise and collaborative approaches for resolving these issues. It will also explore effective conflict resolution techniques in construction projects involving diverse cultural perspectives. The session will offer real-world examples and interactive discussions to help participants navigate complex issues in the construction industry.

This workshop will cover the following topics:

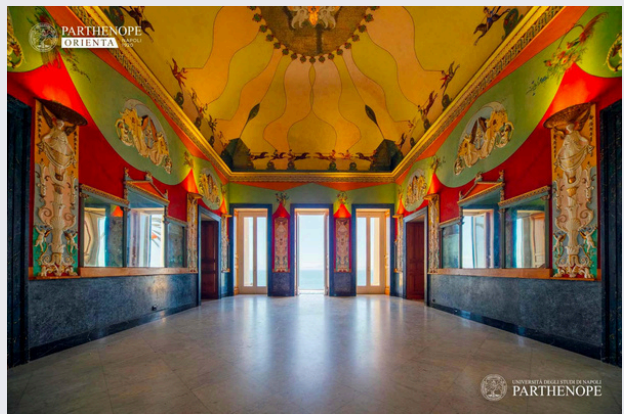
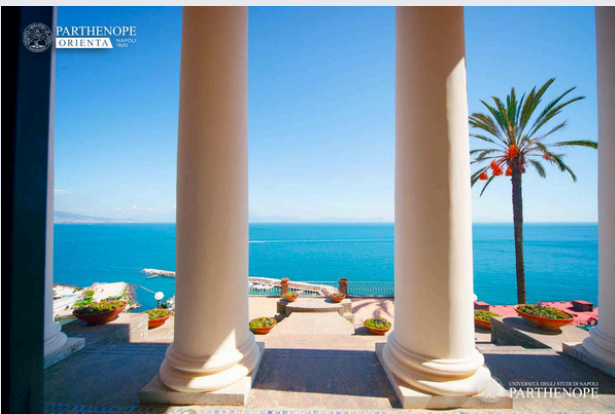
1. How to Resolve Disputes within the Realm of Public Works;
2. Conflict Resolution in Culturally Diverse Construction Projects;
3. Different litigating strategies for subcontractors, main contractors and employers.

Speakers: Virginie Colaiuta, Giovanni Di Folco, Raeesa Rawal

When: 27 September 2025 from 9.00 to 11.00 am

Where: Hotel Royal Continental, Via Partenope no. 38/44, Naples

CONFERENCE VENUE



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ACCOMODATION & ADDRESSES

There are several possibilities for accomodation in Naples. However, we recommend to consider staying at:

Grand Hotel Santa Lucia, Via Partenope no. 46, Naples

Accommodation at the hotel can be booked at a favorable rate set out below.
To book your room, contact directly (reception@santalucia.it) referencing SISP 3/6 SETTEMBRE 2025

Double classic room (single use): Euro 270,00 per night

Double classic room: Euro 300,00 per night

Double room: Euro 320,00 per night

Superior double room (sea view): Euro 420,00 per night

All prices include VAT and breakfast.

Hotel Royal Continental, Via Partenope no. 38/44, Naples

Accommodation at the hotel can be booked contacting directly (book@royalcontinental.it) referencing ESCL Conference.

Rex Lifestyle Hotel, Via Palepoli no. 12, Naples

Accommodation at the hotel can be booked at a favorable rate.

To book your room online, please visit the hotel website www.hotel-rex.it and click "PRENOTA ONLINE". Don't forget to use the discount code **ESCL2025** during check-out.

Please consider the hotels listed as suggestions and choose the one that best suits your needs.

CONFERENCE

The ESCL Annual Conference 2025 dedicated to "**Construction Projects and Cultural Context**" will be held at **University Parthenope**, Villa Doria d'Angri, Via Petrarca no. 80, Naples.

Price: Euro 150,00 per person (VAT incl.)

This includes cultural guided walk in Naples' city centre, bus transfer from/to Hotel Royal Continental, lunch.

CULTURAL WALKS AND VISITS

Thursday 25 September 2025

3.00 pm - Guided City Tour across the Naples's city centre (from Hotel Royal Continental)

This is included in the Conference price.

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Friday 26 September 2025

9.30 am - Naples Archaeological Museum Visit (for companions) (from Hotel Royal Continental)

Price: Euro 30,00 (VAT incl.)

DINNERS

Thursday 25 September 2025

8.00 pm - To start off well, let's eat a Neapolitan pizza and not only at **Ristorante Pino**, Vico II Alabardieri no. 4, Naples. Discover more at: <https://pinonapoli.it/>

Price: Euro 40,00 per person (VAT incl.) - available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Friday 26 September 2025

8.00 pm - To continue, let's savor exquisite Neapolitan cuisine while admiring the breathtaking views of the Gulf of Naples and Castel dell'Ovo and listening local music.

Ristorante Transatlantico, Via Luculliana no. 15, Naples. Discover more at: <https://www.transatlanticonapoli.com/>

Price: Euro 70,00 per person (VAT incl.) - available on a first-come, first-served basis.

WORKSHOP

Saturday 27 September 2025

9.00 am - The ESCL Workshop will be dedicated to "**Cultural aspects in the use of ADR in construction disputes**".

It will be held at the Hotel Royal Continental for approximately 2 hours.

Price: Euro 70,00 per person (VAT incl.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday 27 September 2025

9.30 am - The Annual Meeting of the Presidents of the National Societies part of the ESCL will be held at the Hotel Royal Continental.

GETTING TO CAPRI OR POMPEI

On Saturday morning, after the workshop is completed, we will move to Capri or Pompei. According to your personal interest, you can join the group traveling to Capri for a lunch and a day tour, or to Pompei for an exceptional cultural walk in the archaeological site.

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Registration Form

Full name _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Company _____

Company Address _____

VAT number _____

Jobtitle _____

- Dinner Thursday 25 September 2025 - Euro 40,00 (VAT incl.)
- Conference Friday 26 September 2025 - Euro 150,00 (VAT incl.)
- Naples Archaeological Museum Visit Friday 26 September 2025 - Euro 30,00 (VAT incl.)
- Dinner Friday 26 September 2025 - Euro 70,00 (VAT incl.)
- Workshop Saturday 27 September 2025 - Euro 70,00 (VAT incl.)

Registration form shall be submitted by email to info@iscl.it
Upon registration participants will receive a receipt via email.
Registration is binding when the receipt has been paid.

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Complementary Programme Registration Details of the person following the complementary programme

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