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PROFILE

Gonzalo Flores is an international arbitrator and recognized authority in international investment law and investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS), based in Washington, D.C. A Chilean national with extensive experience across civil law and common law jurisdictions, Gonzalo holds law degrees from the University of Chile and Cornell University.

From 2016 to 2025, Gonzalo served as Deputy Secretary-General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the world's leading institution for the resolution of international investment disputes. Elected by ICSID member States for two consecutive six-year terms, he repeatedly acted as Secretary-General.

Gonzalo joined ICSID in 1998. Through his 28-year tenure, he supervised hundreds of international investment arbitrations and conciliation proceedings conducted under the ICSID Convention, the ICSID Additional Facility Rules and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. His experience encompasses landmark cases that shaped international investment law and spans disputes arising under investment laws, international treaties and contracts, across a wide range of economic sectors.

As Deputy Secretary-General, he led the Centre's operational management, overseeing a Secretariat of more than 75 professionals, while helping define ICSID's strategic direction. He spearheaded major institutional initiatives, most notably the 2022 revision of the ICSID Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Disputes, developed jointly with UNCITRAL.

Gonzalo is a sought-after speaker at conferences on international investment law and procedure worldwide. He has lectured at leading universities across the Americas, Asia, and Europe, and has delivered training programs for government officials and private-sector practitioners around the globe.

He is fluent in English and Spanish, with working knowledge of French, and reading capacity in Italian and Portuguese.



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Independent International Arbitrator - Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Arbitrator

March 2026 – present

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Leading expert in international investment law and investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS). Extensive experience in complex international arbitration and conciliation proceedings under the ICSID Convention, investment treaties, investment laws, and contracts.

Scquire Patton Boggs Distinguished Visiting Fellow

May– June 2026

[SciencesPo Law School — LLM in Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement \(TADS LLM\)](#) | Paris, France

Comprehensive introduction to the role and functioning of ICSID, its institutional foundations, procedural framework, evolution and contemporary practice.

Deputy Secretary-General

October 2016 – November 2025

[International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes \(ICSID\) The World Bank Group](#) | Washington, D.C.

Elected by ICSID member States to two six-year terms, beginning in October 2016 and re-elected in October 2022. Repeatedly acted as Secretary-General in the absence, inability to act, or recusal of the incumbent.

Supervised more than 600 ICSID arbitration and conciliation proceedings under the ICSID Convention, Additional Facility Rules, and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Oversaw the Centre's operational management and represented ICSID at the highest levels before governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations. Led cross-institutional engagement with the World Bank and other international organizations on matters of international investment law, ISDS reform, institutional governance, and development policy.

Progressive Roles at ICSID

1998 – 2016

Chief Counsel (May–Oct 2016) | **Team Leader** (Mar 2007–Apr 2016) | **Senior Counsel** (Jul 2003–Feb 2007) | **Counsel** (Feb 2000–Jun 2003) | **Junior Counsel** (Jun 1998–Jan 2000)

Served as Secretary of Tribunals and Annulment Committees in over 70 arbitration proceedings, across all regions of the world, including emblematic ICSID cases such as:

Maffezini v. Spain (ARB/97/7), *Occidental v. Ecuador* (ARB/06/11), *Abaclat v. Argentina* (ARB/07/5), *ConocoPhillips v. Venezuela* (ARB/07/30), *Suez/Vivendi v. Argentina* (ARB/03/17), *Repsol v. Argentina* (ARB/12/38), *Tethyan Copper v. Pakistan* (ARB/12/1), and *TC Energy v. United States* (ARB/21/63).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate

July 2001 – August 2002

[Grasty, Quintana, Majlis & Cía.](#) | Santiago, Chile

Advised clients on corporate and financial matters — asset securitization, debt instrument issuance, secured transactions, and corporate restructuring — and on international arbitration proceedings.

Adjunct Professor

March – December 2001

[University of Chile Law School LL.M. Program \(Magíster en Derecho\)](#) | Santiago, Chile

Lectured on international investment law and investor-State dispute settlement mechanisms.

Associate

December 1994 – August 1997

[Estudio Carvallo S.A.](#) | Santiago, Chile

Advised insurers, reinsurers, and brokers on civil liability policy coverage and related disputes.



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Researcher

December 1994 – December 1995

Chilean Ministry of Finance | Santiago, Chile

Reviewed the compatibility of NAFTA Chapters XII and XVI with Chilean law.

Counsel

February – December 1994

Banco del Desarrollo S.A. | Santiago, Chile

Drafted contracts and reviewed legal documentation for secured transactions.

Junior Counsel

November 1992 – May 1993

Estudio Carvallo Marítimo S.A. | Santiago, Chile

Assisted partners and associates in insurance-related disputes in domestic courts and arbitration proceedings.

EDUCATION

Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, NY

1998

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Universidad de Chile Law School, Santiago, Chile

1995

Licenciado en Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales (LL.B.)

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) — ranked Thought Leader in Arbitration since 2013

Diario Financiero Chile — Leading Lawyers (2020) Mejores Abogados Chilenos en el Extranjero

BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Admissions

Admitted to the Chilean Bar, Supreme Court of Justice (1995)

Memberships

International Bar Association (IBA)

American Society of International Law (ASIL)

Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (ALARB)

Portuguese Arbitration Association (APA)

Indian Review of International Arbitration — Editorial Board (2021 – present)

Libertades Públicas A.G., Santiago, Chile (Founding Member, 1997 – present)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native) **English** (fluent) **French** (working knowledge) **Portuguese** (reading) **Italian** (reading)



ANNEX A — PUBLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

Selected publications since 2016 | Full list available upon request.

Publications

El Arbitraje CIADI según las Nuevas Reglas de 2022 (with Francisco Grob Duhalde), in *CAM Santiago: 30 Años de Desarrollo Institucional del Arbitraje y de la Mediación* (November 2022)

At the Forefront of International Investment Law: Modernizing the Rules and Regulations of the ICSID, *Manchester Journal of International Economic Law*, Vol. 16, Issue 1 (April 2019)

International Investment Law and the Modernization of the Rules and Regulations of the ICSID, *Asia Business Law Journal* (November 2018)

[Comments to Keynote Remarks: The Math: Caution + Habit + Bias](#), *ITA in Review*, Vol. 1, Issue 1 — 15th Annual ITA-ASIL Conference on Diversity and Inclusion in International Arbitration (April 2018)

Interviews

Young ICSID Profiles – Special Interview with Gonzalo Flores ([Video](#)) (available, with transcripts, in English, Spanish and French) (October 2025)

[Diez Preguntas con Gonzalo Flores](#), Observatorio de Arbitraje Internacional y Derecho de las Inversiones Extranjeras, Universidad de Buenos Aires (August 2021)

Conversation with ICSID Deputy Secretaries-General — Young ICSID Arbitration Stories: Episode One ([Podcast](#)) (December 1, 2020)

[CIADI alista cambios a reglamento para tener arbitrajes más efectivos en tiempo y costos](#), Diario Financiero (September 30, 2018)

ANNEX B — SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Selected speaking engagements since 2016 | Full list available upon request.

2026

Sciences Po Law School and Squire Patton Boggs — (Keynote Speaker) Roundtable Discussion: Checks and Balances in the ICSID System | *Paris, France* | June 4, 2026

IV Comillas Arbitration Day (Keynote Speaker): El papel de Hispanoamérica en el desarrollo del arbitraje de inversiones. Universidad Pontificia Comillas | *Madrid, Spain* | June 3, 2026

XX Congreso Internacional del Club Español Iberoamericano del Arbitraje. Visión LATAM 360: Economía Estratégica del Arbitraje Latinoamericano. Arbitraje Internacional y Valor Económico: de la Estrategia Financiera a la Ejecución Efectiva | *Madrid, Spain* | June 1-2, 2026

Presiding Arbitrator, Final Round, XIII Competencia de Arbitraje Internacional de Inversión (CAII) [13th edition of the Investment Arbitration Moot Competition]. American University, Washington College of Law • Universidad Externado de Colombia | *Washington, D.C.* | March 23–27, 2026

¿Debe Haber una Inversión para Obtener la Protección de Inversiones? Perspectivas de la Práctica. Opening Conference XIII Competencia de Arbitraje Internacional de Inversión (CAII) • American University, Washington College of Law • Universidad Externado de Colombia | *Washington, D.C.* | March 23, 2026



ROAP Americas 2025/6 Finals — Arbitrator. Delos Dispute Resolution | *Online* | *March 19, 2026*

Member of the tribunal adjudicating the Finals of Delos's Remote Oral Advocacy Programme (ROAP) Americas — advanced training program in oral advocacy and cross-examination for international arbitration practitioners across North and Latin America.

The Adaptation of Investment Arbitration: Geopolitics and Sector Synergies — Arbitration Channel | HardTalk Alliance | *Washington, D.C.* | *February 20, 2026*

2025

Present and Future of Foreign Investment Dispute Resolution —69th Congress of the International Association of Lawyers (UIA), (*Online*) *Guadalajara, Mexico* | *October 30, 2025*

Tendencias en el Arbitraje de Inversiones y el Rol de Latinoamérica en el CIADI (Keynote Speaker) — XV Conferencia Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (CLA), *Asunción, Paraguay* | *September 24-26, 2025*

Contractual and Conventional Tools for the Protection of Foreign Investors and State's Regulatory Power — Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), (*Online*) *Cairo, Egypt* | *May 28, 2025*

60th Anniversary of the ICSID Convention — Opening Remarks — *Washington, D.C.* | *March 25, 2025*

2024

Introduction to ICSID Procedure — Singapore International Arbitration Academy | Centre for International Law (CIL) at the National University of Singapore (NUS) | *Singapore* | *November 25, 2024*

Damages and Reparation in Investment Arbitration: ICSID's Perspective — 5th Annual Conference of the African Arbitration Association | *Douala (Cameroon)* | *October 11, 2024*

Opening Remarks — 5th Annual Conference of the African Arbitration Association *Douala (Cameroon)* | *October 9, 2024*

Introduction to ICSID — Cameroon Arbitration Week, 3rd Annual Edition, *Douala (Cameroon)* | *October 8, 2024*

2023

Looking Through a Prism: Perspectives on Contemporary Issues in Energy Disputes — CIArb & Ankara Energy Disputes Arbitration Center *Washington, D.C.* | *September 12, 2023*

Tendencias en el Arbitraje de Inversión en Latinoamérica: Actualidad y Desafíos — CAM Santiago & ALARB *Santiago, Chile* | *August 30, 2023*

The Impact of Third-Party Funding on Investment Arbitration — 24th Annual IBA Arbitration Day *Lisbon, Portugal* | *April 14, 2023*

The New ICSID Rules and Regulations 2022 — Associação Portuguesa de Arbitragem (APA) *Lisbon, Portugal* | *April 13, 2023*

2022

El Nuevo Reglamento CIADI 2022 — Keynote Speaker — Universidad del CEMA ([Video](#)) — V Jornada de Arbitraje Internacional *Buenos Aires, Argentina* | *November 17, 2022*

The 2022 Amended ICSID Rules — Investment Arbitration Committee of the Mexican Chapter of ICC *Mexico City* | *November 11, 2022*

The Evolving ISDS Landscape — ACICA & CIArb Australia International Arbitration Conference *Melbourne, Australia* (*Online*) | *November 7, 2022*

The ICSID Rules 2022, an Introduction— 1st MIAS LATAM Investor-State Arbitration Conference – **Keynote Speaker** ([Video](#)) *Miami, Florida* | *October 30, 2022*

World Arbitration Update — ICSID Rules Amendments — Washington Arbitration Week (WAW) ([Video](#)) *Washington, D.C.* | *September 30, 2022*



Enmiendas 2022 a las Reglas del CIADI: Principales novedades — ICSID and Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (ALARB) ([Video](#)) (*Online*) | *August 25, 2022*

Un nuevo marco para la solución de controversias entre Estados e inversores: ¿reforma o revolución? — XIII Latin American Arbitration Conference (CLA) *Montevideo, Uruguay* | *June 2-3, 2022*

Ethically Challenged? A Commentary ([Video](#)) — 10th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration *Houston, Texas* (*Online*) | *January 21, 2022*

2021

Proceso de enmiendas a las reglas y reglamento del CIADI: ¿Dónde estamos y hacia dónde vamos? — Fide Fundación - Foro Arbitraje y Litigación Internacional *Madrid, Spain* (*Online*) | *November 30, 2021*

A Adesão de Angola à Convenção de Washington Sobre Arbitragem de Investimentos ([Video](#)) – X Conferencia Internacional de Arbitragem de Luanda – Dez anos de Arbitragem Angolana. Balanço e Perspectivas *Luanda, Angola* (*Online*) | *November 25, 2021*

Building Arbitrator Diversity in International Law – Opening Remarks ([Video](#)) — Law, Justice, and Development Week 2021 – Law, Racial Equity and Development – The World Bank *Washington, D.C.* (*Online*) | *November 9, 2021*

Introduction to ICSID Arbitration — Legal Associate Program Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) *Beijing, China* (*Online*) | *October 19, 2021*

Investment treaties and disputes: What’s the forecast for CIS-related disputes? ([Video](#)) — ABA International Law Section and Russian Arbitration Association; 13th Annual Conference on the Resolution of CIS-Related Business Disputes *Moscow, Russian Federation* (*Online*) | *September 22, 2021*

Mediación en materia de infraestructura y de Inversión ([Video](#)) — CIArb, CAM Santiago & CPA - Mediación & Arbitraje Internacional (*Online*) | *August 18–19, 2021*

Chile ante el CIADI: Hermanos Ríos contra la República de Chile ([Video](#)) — ICSID-CAM Santiago Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony *Santiago, Chile* (*Online*) | *August 11, 2021*

Procedural and Substantive Issues in Investment Treaty Arbitration - ICSID History, Procedure and Upcoming Reforms — Singapore International Arbitration Academy 2021, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore *Singapore* (*Online*) | *June 22, 2021*

Tendencias y últimas novedades en arbitraje de Inversión desde la óptica del CIADI, UNCTAD y situación en México — Comité Arbitraje de Inversión ICC México *Mexico City* (*Online*) | *May 18, 2021*

Addressing The Key Challenges Facing International Arbitration After The COVID-19 Pandemic — Arbitration Round Table: Identifying and solving key challenges due to the disruption of the Pandemic (*Online*) | *May 11, 2021*

Procedimiento de Arbitraje de Inversiones bajo CIADI — Cámara de Comercio de Medellín – Diplomado Online de Arbitraje Comercial Internacional (*Online*) | *May 2021*

ICSID-SIMC Cooperation Agreement Signing Ceremony – Opening Remarks ([Video](#)) – Singapore International Mediation Centre and ICSID (*Online*) | *May 26, 2021*

2020

The Rise of Technology in International Arbitration — Inaugural Washington Arbitration Week (WAW) (*Online*) | *December 3, 2020*

COVID-19 and International Arbitration — Washington Arbitration Week (WAW) (*Online*) | *November 30, 2020*

Angola and ICSID: An introduction to investor-State dispute resolution at ICSID — (Angola e o ICSID: Introdução à resolução de disputas entre investidores e Estados no ICSID). *Luanda, Angola* (*Online*) | *November 24, 2020*

Practical Implications of Economic & Political Sanctions on Law Arbitration — International Bar Association (IBA) 2020 (*Online*) | *November 11, 2020*

Law of the Energy Transition — 2nd OPEC – ECS – OPEC Fund Annual Legal Workshop: Law of the Energy Transition. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) (*Online*) | *October 13, 2020*

Arbitraje y Derecho Societario - Arbitraje Domestico e Internacional en Derecho Societario ([Video](#)) — Centro de Conciliación y Arbitraje de la Superintendencia de Sociedades de Colombia (*Online*) | *September 24, 2020*



Latin American International Arbitration Course (LAIAC) — Geneva University Law School and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (*Online*) | July 20-31, 2020

Executive Training on Investment Treaties and Arbitration for Government Officials — Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI) (*Online*) | July 13-24, 2020

ICSID Rules Reform / Arbitration Reform II: Modernising Institutional Rules and Practices — Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) (*Online*) | July 9–10, 2020

Virtual Arbitration Proceedings Amidst COVID- 19: Efficacy and checklist for best practices — Kenya branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. *Nairobi, Kenya (Online)* | May 29, 2020

2019

Las enmiendas del CIADI y la iniciativa de mediación — Investment Arbitration Committee of the Mexican Chapter of ICC *Mexico City* | December 3, 2019.

Enhancing International Peace, Cooperation, and Sustainability through Dispute Settlement — Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) Forum 2019 – **Keynote Speaker** *Singapore* | November 20, 2019

Arbitraje de Inversión: Chile y el CIADI. Hacia la próxima década — Arbitration Center of Santiago's Chamber of Commerce (CAM-Santiago) – **Keynote Speaker** *Santiago, Chile* | September 25, 2019

Innovations and Current Perspectives of Leading Arbitral Institutions — 7th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Institute for Energy Law of The Center for American and International Law, and ICC International Court of Arbitration *Singapore* | September 18-19, 2019

Effective and reliable dispute resolution for foreign investment — Chile Day – London Conference Invest Chile – Chilean Investment Promotion Agency *London, UK* | September 10-11, 2019

Is it Really Possible to Annul an ICSID Award? — XI Conferencia Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (CLA) CEDEP (Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Economía y Política) *Asunción, Paraguay* | May 30, 2019

2nd Inter-Sessional Regional Meeting on Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform — Exploring the Reform Agenda – Ongoing Reforms - Amendments to procedural rules used in ISDS UNCITRAL and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic | February 13-14, 2019

2018

Briefings on the Proposed Amendments to the ICSID Rules — ICSID Secretariat - Series of twelve presentations explaining and discussing proposed amendments to the ICSID Rules and Regulations with experts at specialized law firms in various locations | October – December 2018

Current issues and potential for reforms 5th International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration — UNCITRAL, OECD and Spain's Ministry of Justice *Madrid, Spain* | November 19–20, 2018

Contemporary and Emerging Issues on the Law of Damages and Valuation in International Investment Arbitration —Young ICSID Book Launch Series *Washington, D.C.* | October 25, 2018

ICSID Rule Amendments Process — International Arbitration Committee (ABA Section of International Law) *Washington, D.C.* | October 9, 2018

Proposed Amendments to the ICSID Rules: Disqualification, Incapacity and Resignation of Arbitrators (Video) | October 9, 2018

Seminario web sobre Propuesta de Enmiendas a las Reglas del CIADI — Webinar, in Spanish, with an overview of the proposed amendments to ICSID Rules and Regulations ([Video](#)) | October 9, 2018

First Inter-sessional Regional Meeting on ISDS Reform – Duration of ICSID Proceedings 2018 Trade Law Forum — UNCITRAL and the Government of South Korea *Incheon, Korea* | September 10, 2018

Regional Economic Integration, Trade Disputes, and the Construction of the Rule of Law — Tsinghua University Law School – 1st World Forum on the Rule of Law *Beijing, China* | September 9, 2018

Introduction to ICSID and Overview of the Proposed ICSID Rules Amendments — Tsinghua University Law School Master of Law Program in International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement (IADS) *Beijing, China* | September 8, 2018



International Organizations and the Promotion of Effective Dispute Resolution — 2018 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Legal Conference *Beijing, China* | *September 5–6, 2018*

Introduction to ICSID — CIArb 3rd Arbitration Conference Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Caribbean Branch *Georgetown, Guyana* | *April 26–27, 2018*

CIADI: Su procedimiento desde la perspectiva de la jurisprudencia más reciente y las enmiendas al Reglamento de Arbitraje. España y sus casos de energías renovables — CIAMEN *Madrid, Spain* | *April 12–13, 2018*

Diversity and Inclusion in International Arbitration — 15th Annual ITA-ASIL Conference. Commentator to Keynote Remarks *Washington, D.C.* | *April 4, 2018*

A conversation with Mr. Gonzalo Flores — University of the District of Columbia Speakers Series *Washington, D.C.* | *February 21, 2018*

Women in Arbitration — American Society of International Law –Tillar House ([Video](#)) *Washington, D.C.* | *January 10, 2018.*

2017

As actividades do ICSID e os seus mais recentes desenvolvimento — Conferência Internacional Sobre Arbitragem e Protecção Do Investimento – **Keynote Speaker.** Associação Portuguesa de Arbitragem (APA) *Lisbon, Portugal* | *December 5, 2017*

Current Issues in Investor-State Dispute Settlement — MOJ-Seoul IDRC Workshop on Investor-State Dispute Settlement – **Keynote Speaker.** Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center (Seoul -IDRC), KCAB International Investment Arbitration Center and Korean Council for International Arbitration *Seoul, Korea* | *November 13, 2017*

Joint Workshop on Investor-State Dispute Settlement — Seoul ADR Festival - Ministry of Justice/SIDRC *Seoul, Korea* | *November 10, 2017*

Mechanics of Arbitration: A Practical Guide Through an Arbitral Proceeding – A Demonstration Exercise APEC Workshop on ISDS Prevention and Management *Washington, D.C.* | *October 3, 2017*

Investor-State Dispute Settlement — International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) Training Workshop – **Keynote Speaker** and Panelist *Bangkok, Thailand* | *April 3–5, 2017*

ICSID and its Role in Investor-State Dispute Settlement — Training for Government Officers of Myanmar *Naypyidaw, Myanmar* | *April 1, 2017*

2016

Taller – Introducción al CIADI para funcionarios de Gobierno — Workshop for officers at Guatemala’s Ministry of Economy and Procuraduría General de la República *Guatemala City* | *December 14–15, 2016*

Restatement of the Law, The U.S. Law of International Commercial Arbitration — Advisers and Members Consultative Group Meeting – American Law Institute (ALI) *Philadelphia, PA* | *October 26, 2016*

The 2016 International Institutional Arbitration Reports and Important Case Updates — 5th ICDR & Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá (CCB) International Arbitration & Mediation Conference - The Future of International Commercial Arbitration *Bogota, Colombia* | *October 18, 2016*

International Monetary Fund Seminar: Argentina Litigation & Settlement: Roundtable Discussion IMF HQ2, *Washington, D.C.* | *May 9, 2016*

Introduction to ICSID and ICSID Arbitral Practice for Member State Officials — Ministry of Financial Services and Investments of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas *Nassau, The Bahamas* | *March 30– 31, 2016*

