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## International Law Talk Podcast and Arbitration: In Conversation with Professor Joshua Karton

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Welcome to the second post in the series of **International Law Talk**. During a series of podcasts, Wolters Kluwer will bring you the latest news and industry insights from thought leaders and experts in the field of International Arbitration, IP Law, International Tax Law and Competition Law. Here at Kluwer Arbitration Blog, we will highlight the podcasts focused on international arbitration.

In the second podcast of the series, Dr Maria Fanou, Assistant Editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog, interviews **Joshua Karton**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean at Queen's University. Professor Karton is the General Editor of the **Kluwer Arbitration Practical Insights**, a new online research service for international arbitration practitioners (launched this year), and also the co-founder and the Managing Editor of the **Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration**.

Professor Karton generously offered his invaluable insights on his rich experience and on various relevant topics pertaining to international arbitration, including the following:

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- His experience about his early years in law and his path towards becoming an international arbitration lawyer and scholar, emphasizing the role of the **Vis Moot** as a formative experience which contributed to his discovering the magical world of arbitration.
- His experience as an editor, including in particular as one of the three General Editors (along with Simon Greenberg and Fan Yang) of the **Kluwer Arbitration Practical Insights**, a tool that is part of Kluwer Practice Plus set of resources. As Professor Karton explains, **Kluwer Arbitration Practical Insights** is like a treatise or a handbook but reimagined for the online environment.
- The role of comparative law as a constituent (and not simply a set of techniques) of international arbitration, as inspired by his article '**International Arbitration as Comparative Law in Action**'.
- Drawing on his significant work on diversity (see also [here](#)) Professor Karton builds on a **popular post of his**, and discusses the benefits that diversity brings in arbitration.

As a **final thought** answering a question that we will pose to all interviewees in this podcast series, Joshua Karton predicts that we will see more fragmentation of the international arbitration field as it grows and, hopefully diversifies, as well as more specialization, more regionalization and more arbitral institutions focusing on specific industries. He further foreshadows that international arbitration will continue to reflect the pluralism of its users.

Listen to the podcast ‘Comparative Law in Action in Arbitration’ with Joshua Karton.

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