

Proust Questionnaire



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How did you get involved in international arbitration? A classmate of mine suggested I participate in the Vis East, I applied (not knowing what I was getting myself into) and I made the team... and *voilà*.

What is your favourite virtue? Respect.

What are your favourite qualities in another person? Integrity, perseverance, and kindness.

What is your chief characteristic? Empathy.

What is your main fault? Overthinking.

What is your favourite occupation? Besides developing my abilities as a young practitioner, I am always eager to pursue opportunities to teach and engage in research. In addition, I like to travel and read about history.

What is your idea of happiness? Summer holidays in Portugal (of course).

What is your idea of misery? The absence of organization...

If not yourself, who would you be? Probably a cultural events planner.

Where would you like to live? I am always torn between Europe and Asia, but I am currently very happy in Lisbon.

Who is your favourite prose author? Jane Austen.

Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction? Wonder Woman.

Who is your hero in real life? António Guterres, current UN Secretary General.

What historical person do you most dislike? António Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister between 1932 and 1968, responsible for the *Estado Novo*, a corporatist authoritarian and anti-parliamentarian government (characterized by censorship, strong use of force with secret police, conservative Catholic morality, and war in the former colonies). This regime was only overruled with the Carnation Revolution in 1974.

What is your favourite name? Laurinda (my mom's).

What do you hate the most? Prejudice and bigotry.

What is your natural talent? Singing (only in a choir though!).

What is your favourite arbitration-related decision? There are a couple, but I highlight here the most recent decision in *GE Energy Power Conversion France SAS v. Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC*, by the US Supreme Court, discussing whether the New York Convention permits a non-signatory to an arbitration agreement to compel arbitration based on the doctrine of equitable estoppel.

Who is your favourite arbitrator? The arbitrator that is fair, reasoned, consistent and disciplined in her reasoning.

Who is your mentor? I was lucky and honoured to have Prof. van den Berg as a mentor in the Young ICCA 2017-2018 Mentoring Program cycle.

What is your motto? *"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."* – Laozi

What do you hope to contribute to Young ICCA as co-chair? In these times of distress, I will strive to work with the co-chairs to maintain and strengthen the current standard of transfer of knowledge and sharing of experiences that Young ICCA already realizes near its members.

I had the pleasure of witnessing this first as a mentee, then as a Steering committee member, and for the past 2 years as an Events Coordinator, and it is my belief that this is a key component of enhancing young professionals' path to success worldwide.

Besides consolidating the existing pillars of action of Young ICCA (which include scholarships and the mentoring programme), and aiding in the organization's adaptation to the challenges of today, I want also to promote initiatives:

- (i) in the field of arbitration, conciliation and other forms of dispute resolution, considering the increasing practical relevance of these forms of ADR worldwide, and
- (ii) that include Portuguese-speaking practitioners in all continents, considering that Portuguese is the 6th most spoken language in the world, and commerce and investment (and thus arbitral disputes) related to Brazil, Goa, Angola, Mozambique, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé e Príncipe, Macau (China) and East-Timor are rising.