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2026 UNIDROIT ATLC SUMMER SCHOOL (Second Edition)

I. INSTRUCTIVE LEARNING FOR LEGAL TALENTS

1. The 2026 UNIDROIT ATLC Summer School is jointly hosted by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) based on their collaborations on training talents in foreign-related rule of law. The summer school is set to have a wide-reaching social impact and offers a unique learning experience for young talents.
2. The summer school is designed for students from law schools across the world. We expect to welcome around 100 students from approximately 20 different countries. It targets young individuals who aspire to contribute to the unification and harmonization of private law across different countries and regions, as well as those interested in pursuing careers in international organizations.
3. The programme will be held in Shanghai, China, from June 22nd - July 3rd, 2026. It combines lectures by renowned experts, practical learning activities, and visits to local institutions, providing a comprehensive learning environment for participants to deepen their understanding of private law.
4. Language: English

II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES



5. The main objectives of the summer school include:
- (i) Enhancing UNIDROIT's Profile: promote UNIDROIT's legal instruments developed through both current and past projects among students, young researchers, and legal practitioners worldwide;
 - (ii) Supporting collaboration: support the cooperation between the two parties in cultivating foreign-related legal talents;
 - (iii) Promoting international exchanges: facilitate communication between UNIDROIT and legal research and practice institutes across Asia through teaching, internships, and collaborative research in private international law;
 - (iv) Cultivating legal talents: develop professionals capable of effectively participating in and leading the formulation of uniform rules of private law, while contributing to the advancement of the global governance system.

III. COURSE SYLLABUS

6. The course syllabus encompasses a comprehensive range of topics essential for understanding the role of uniform private law rules in development. The main courses are as follows (subject to changes):

Transnational Private Law and Legal Harmonisation

UNIDROIT Instruments and International Commercial Law

Access to Credit and Secured Transactions Law

International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution

Sustainable Development and Emerging Legal Frameworks

7. A complete and detailed course syllabus will be sent to successful applicants.

IV. KEY REASONS TO APPLY FOR 2026 UNIDROIT ATLC SUMMER SCHOOL

8. Participants can expect the following:
- (i) Expert-led learning: Learn from leading international experts in the field of private law;
 - (ii) Practical experience: Gain experience through group work assignments and visits to local institutions, such as Shanghai Museum, Law firms or Courts;
 - (iii) Networking opportunities: Connect with peers from diverse countries and build an international network in the legal field;
 - (iv) Internship prospects: Outstanding trainees will have the opportunity to be recommended for internships at UNIDROIT;

- (v) Recognition: Receive a certificate upon successful completion of the programme, which can enhance participants' professional profiles.

V. ELIGIBILITY

9. The 2026 UNIDROIT ATLC Summer School is open to global law students who are interested in private law especially commercial law and aspire to work in legal affairs in international organizations. We strongly encourage students from law backgrounds to apply and explore more possibilities in further law development together.

10. To apply for 2026 UNIDROIT ATLC Summer School, applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- (i) Aged over 18 years old;
- (ii) Current undergraduates, master students and doctoral students enrolled in law programme at universities and colleges around the world;
- (iii) Proficient in English and able to adapt to all-English curriculum;
- (iv) Have knowledge in private law or have a certain amount of practice experience in private law; and
- (v) Meet the Visa requirements of the host country (China) and attend the entire programme **in person**.

VI. APPLICATION PROCESS

11. Please complete the Application Form, name the file as "2026-UNIDROIT ATLC Summer School – [Your name]", and submit it to atlc@unidroit.org and gjsf2026@163.com.

Key Dates:

- (i) Application open: **March 20, 2026**
- (ii) Application deadline: **April 20, 2026**
- (iii) Admission results: **April 30, 2026**

VII. FEES AND SUPPORT

12. There are no tuition fees for students. ECUPL will provide meal subsidies and, in principle, offer free accommodation to participants who do not have a fixed residence in Shanghai. Students in need of accommodation are requested to fill in the required column in their application forms for further confirmation and arrangement.

VIII. COURSE CERTIFICATE

13. To obtain the course certificate, participants are required to attend the scheduled classes, actively participate in group work, and complete all assignments.

IX. FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT

14. Upon completion of the programme, participants can stay connected through the network established during the summer school. There may also be opportunities for further collaboration with UNIDROIT and ECUPL in future research or practical projects. For any inquiries and further information, please send an email to gjsf2026@163.com. We look forward to receiving your applications and welcoming you to the 2026 UNIDROIT Summer School in China!

Annex I

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1. The colour scanned home page of the passport;
2. Registration photo. The applicant should upload a colourful 2-inch (3.5*5.3cm) identification photo with white background and no border, size 100 – 500 KB, format JPG;
3. Recommendation letter from current university (written in Chinese or English);
4. Enrollment Certificate.