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- Since 2025 Of Counsel with **Gantenberg Dispute Experts**
- Since 2025 Adjunct Professor, Université Catholique de Lille, FR
- Since 2024 Adjunct Professor, Hunan University of Science and Technology, CN
- Since 2020 Director Center for the Future of Dispute Resolution, UGhent, Faculty of Law, BE
- Since 2017 Associate Professor of Arbitration Law and ADR, UGhent, Faculty of Law, BE
- Since 2016 Vice-President Belgian Center for Arbitration and Mediation (Cepani), BE
- 2015 – 2020 Director Transnational Law Center, UGhent, Faculty of Law, BE
- 2011 – 2017 Research Professorship Special Research Fund, UGhent, Faculty of Law, DIPB, BE
- 2008 - 2012 Co-President Cepani40
- 2008 - 2011 Postdoctoral Fellowship FWO Flanders, Ghent University, Faculty of Law, DIPL, BE, Promotor: Johan Erauw
- 2007 - 2008 Attorney at Law, Member of the Ghent Bar, BE
- 2006 - 2008 Post-Doctoral Assistant Comparative Law, Ghent University Faculty of Law, DIPB, BE
- 2002 - 2004 Doctoral Fellowship FWO Flanders, Ghent University, Faculty of Law, Department for Private International Law ('DPIL'), Promotor: Johan Erauw
- 2001 - 2002 Research Assistant, University of Miami (FLA), School of Law, USA

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Maud Piers is a recognised authority in arbitration and mediation, with particular expertise in the legal and procedural challenges raised by technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain. With over 20 years of experience in arbitration, she has acted in a variety of capacities—including as arbitrator and legal expert—in both domestic and international proceedings, and is an accredited mediator in business disputes. Her combined academic and practical background makes her a trusted voice in complex, high-stakes disputes involving cutting-edge legal questions.

She is Associate Professor of Arbitration Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution at Ghent University, where she directs the Center for the Future of Dispute Resolution, and also serves as adjunct professor at the Université Catholique de Lille and Hunan University of Science and Technology. Her books *Arbitration in the Digital Age* (Cambridge University Press) and *Transforming Arbitration* (Radboud University Press, 2025) are widely cited reference works in the field.

Maud is a frequent speaker at major international conferences and publishes extensively on dispute resolution and legal tech. Through her academic work and PhD supervision, she actively contributes to shaping arbitration practice in a rapidly evolving global context. She does so not only through her scholarship, but also via her leadership roles in key institutions: she is Vice President of CEPANI, Belgium's centre for arbitration and mediation, and an active contributor to international think tanks such as VIAC's Legal Tech Think Tank, CIArb's Technology in ADR Thought Leadership Group, and the IBA AI Task Force.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Since 2025	International Commercial Arbitration – UCLille, FR
Since 2023	Introduction to ADR – UGhent, BE Mediation Skills – UGhent, BE
Since 2008	International Commercial Arbitration, UGhent, BE Arbitration Skills - Moot Court - UGhent, BE
2015-2017	European Private Law – UGhent, BE
2012-2014	Introduction to Private and Medical Law – UGhent, BE
2007-2011	American Law and the American Legal System – UGhent, IUC with VUB, UA, KULeuven, BE

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (excerpt)

Vice-Chair at the European Law Institute (ELI) Dispute Resolution SIG

Member of the VIAC Legal Think Tank

Member of the CIArb Technology in ADR Thought Leadership Group

Member of the IBA AI Task Force

President of the Vlaams Sport tribunal (Flemish Sports Tribunal) Nomination Committee