

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*. After that I was lucky to secure my traineeship at PLMJ, where I now work with the Arbitration team.

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? The decision in *Sulamérica v Enesa Engenharia* is one I highlight for the useful guidance provided in the specific case. Conflict of laws is one of my passions.

Who is your favourite arbitrator? Any one that observes due process without becoming paranoid.

Who is your mentor? I was lucky and honored 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? Transfer of knowledge and sharing experiences is key to enhance young professionals worldwide. I hope to aid in doing just that by contributing to promote Young ICCA Skills Training Workshops.