

ABSTRACT

The aim of this thesis (*The Applicable Law in International Arbitration*) is a general and comprehensive introduction of applicable laws in international arbitration. At first the characteristics of arbitration and its differentiation from litigation and other alternative dispute resolution are introduced as well as theories of arbitration as such. In its second and main part this thesis presents various legal systems, which may acquire the status of the law applicable to a particular phase or aspect of international arbitration. Firstly, the effect of *lex arbitri* on arbitration is discussed. Furthermore, this thesis discusses the effect of *lex loci executionis* on the recognition and enforcement of an arbitral award. The thesis also focuses on *lex causae* and both alternatives of its choice, *i.e.* to the parties choice of *lex cause* and to the absence of its choice. Arbitration agreement, particularly in relation to its separability from the underlying contract, as well as its relation to the arbitrability is explored in following part of this thesis. Last but not least this thesis takes into consideration the possibility of application of non-state normative systems in international arbitration.