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# INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACTS

Many contract disputes are resolved by reference to the terms of the contract that has been concluded between the parties. Given that many contract disputes turn on the proper interpretation of the terms of the contract, the approach taken by the courts to the interpretation of contracts is a matter of considerable significance both in terms of commercial practice and legal theory. In this lecture consideration will be given to the approach which the English courts take towards the interpretation of contracts, the range of materials upon which the courts can draw when seeking to interpret a contract (for example, the exclusion of pre-contractual negotiations), the difference between interpretation and implication and brief consideration will also be given to the approach taken by the courts to two terms commonly found in modern commercial contracts governed by English law, namely entire agreement clauses and force majeure clauses

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