

## Early Career Group Event

16th May 2018 at 6.30 pm

Godfrey Mitchell Theatre, ICE, One Great George Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3AA

## Construction Disputes & “Adult Tantrums”

**Matina-Christina Sougle** and **David Coyne**  
(Senior Geotechnical Engineer, Vattenfall) (Managing Consultant, Blackrock Expert Services)

Disputes are common in the construction industry, with each dispute being unique and usually entailing high financial risks. This talk will provide a practical explanation of what a construction dispute is, what can cause a project to go into dispute, the legal process, and the “science” behind its resolution.

This event will be an opportunity to extend one’s knowledge of standard forms of contract and how they approach adverse ground conditions. In terms of the science behind a dispute, the event will explain project delay analysis carried out by engineers, and its place in the dispute resolution spectrum.



Calvin&Hobbes by Bill Watterson

By the end, attendees will be able to further understand how to avoid disputes or their potential roles in dispute resolution. The talk will also provide an insight into how two young design geotechnical engineers gained experience in expert witness work and dispute resolution consultancy work.

**Matina-Christina Sougle:** Matina is a chartered geotechnical engineer with 7 years’ experience in geotechnical design and project management. After gaining an MSc in Soil Mechanics and Environmental Geotechnics from Imperial College London Matina joined the geotechnical consultancy ByrneLooby where she acquired design and site experience in infrastructure and building projects as a geotechnical engineer. While undertaking her Masters in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, at King’s College London, Matina took a position with Blackrock Expert Services where she gained experience in Project Management. Matina has recently joined Vattenfall Wind Power.

**David Coyne.** David is a chartered geotechnical engineer who now works as a delay analyst for construction disputes. David graduated with an MSc in Soil Mechanics from Imperial College London and spent five years working for Atkins and Petrofac as an offshore geotechnical design engineer. David then transferred to work as a construction management consultant for Blackrock Expert Services where he carries out expert delay analysis on construction projects. David is currently pursuing his Masters in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution and a further Arbitration award at Kings College London.

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