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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research and Teaching Assistant June 2017 - Present
Kadir Has University Faculty of Law, Department of Private International Law, Istanbul, Turkey

Vice Coordinator October 2021 - Present
Kadir Has University Climate Change and Law Laboratory (CCLLAB)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Private Law September 2019 – May 2025
Istanbul University, Institute of Social Sciences
Thesis Topic - The Applicable Law to Corporate Responsibility Arising out of Environmental Damage and Human Rights Violations (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Günseli Öztekin Gelgel)

LL.M. in International Business Law September 2016- April 2019
İstanbul Bilgi University, Graduate Institute *Thesis Topic - Emergency Arbitrator in Arbitral Proceedings, (Supervisor: Asst. Prof. Dr. Candan Yasan Tepetaş)*

LL.B. September 2011- August 2015
Kadir Has University Faculty of Law

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Researcher October 2023 – November 2023
Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (ISDC), Lausanne Switzerland (supported by the Van Calker Scholarship)

Visiting Researcher April 2023 - June 2023
Heidelberg University Institute for Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws, and International Business Law, Heidelberg Germany (supported by the The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) Scholarship for Doctoral Research Abroad)

Visiting Researcher March 2023
Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law Luxembourg under Max Planck Fellowship Research Group, Luxembourg (supported by the MPI PhD Scholarship)

Visiting Researcher July 2022 – September 2022
Max Planck Institute Hamburg for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg Germany (supported by the MPI Hamburg Scholarship)

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

National Rapporteur for Turkey December 2021 – Present
Columbia University Sabin Center for Climate Change Law Peer Review Network for Global Climate Litigation

Participant 29 July 2024 – 16 August 2024
The Hague Academy of International Law Summer Courses and Directed Studies 2024, supported by the Scholarship of The Curatorium of The Hague Academy of International Law and STIP Foundation

Team Coach October 2016 – Present
Kadir Has University Team for Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

COURSES TAUGHT

OH515 International Trade Law 2025-2026 Academic Year
Fall Term, Graduate, in Turkish, co-teaching with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekin Ömeroğlu

LAW415 Private International Law I and II 2025-2026 Academic Year
Fall and Spring Term, Undergraduate, in Turkish, co-teaching with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekin Ömeroğlu

LW446 Int. Commercial Arbitration 2025-2026 Academic Year, 2022-2023 Academic Year
Fall Term, Undergraduate, in English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arbitral Secretary January 2026 – May 2026
Arbitration arising out of a brokerage agreement under ISTAC Arbitration Rules

Arbitral Secretary April 2023 – May 2024
Arbitration arising out of an aircraft charter agreement under ISTAC Arbitration Rules

Arbitral Secretary November 2022 – November 2023
Arbitration arising out of an electricity sales agreement under ISTAC Arbitration Rules

Attorney at Law October 2016 – June 2017
Çavuş & Coşkunsu Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey

Legal Intern September 2015 – September 2016
Aksan Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey

MEMBERSHIPS

Istanbul Bar Association - Admitted as Attorney at Law since December 2016

European Law Institute (ELI) - Member

European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL) – Member

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native, **English:** Advanced, **French:** Intermediate

LIST OF SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Jurisdiction as a Gatekeeper in Corporate Climate Litigation: Rethinking Traditional Doctrines for Transnational Accountability”, Workshop on Corporate Climate Accountability Litigation: Law, Strategy and Accountability, Columbia Global Center Paris, France – Presentation on 15 June 2026.

“Beyond Borders, Beyond Rules: Rethinking the Applicable Law Governing Corporate Accountability through the Lens of Overriding Mandatory Rules”, 3rd Postgraduate Law Conference of the Centre for Private International Law and Transnational Governance, University of Aberdeen, UK - Online presentation on 6 June 2025.

“Climate Change and Sustainability related disputes under international arbitration: a way to access to justice for victims?”, International Conference on Law and SDGs: Interdisciplinary Contributions to Sustainability, University of Malaga, Spain - Online presentation on 13 September 2024.

“Resolution of Climate Change Disputes through Arbitration” Kadir Has University Climate Conference, Presentation in Turkish on 7 June 2024.

“Law Applicable to Cross-Border Human Rights Abuses and Environmental Harm under Turkish Private International Law”, Rencontres Informelles de l’institut Suisse de droit compare, Presentation on 23 November 2023.

“The Role of Private International Law in Climate Change Litigation”, Advanced Issues in Private and Commercial Law Summer School of Kadir Has University, Panel: Climate Change and Law, Online lecture on 29 June 2022.

"Binding Nature and Enforceability of Emergency Arbitrator Decisions”, Arbitration School of Marmara University and Istanbul Arbitration Center - Panel 16: Emergency Arbitrator, Online presentation in Turkish on 13 May 2020.

LIST OF SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tahkim Yargılamasında Acil Durum Hakemi (*Emergency Arbitrator in Arbitral Proceedings*), Seçkin, Ankara 2020.

Peer Reviewed Article

Türk Vatandaşlığının Yetkili Makam Kararıyla Kazanılmasında İdarenin Takdir Yetkisi ve Yargısal Denetimi (*Discretionary Power of Administration as to The Acquisition of Turkish Citizenship by Naturalization and Its Judicial Review*), Journal of Kadir Has University Faculty of Law, V. 9, No. 2, December 2021, p. 493-522.

Edited Books

İklim Hukuku (*Climate Change Law*), On İki Levha Yayıncılık, İstanbul, 2025. (Co-editor with Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal, Dr. Aslıhan Erbaş Açikel, Dr. Gizem Arslan, Kaan Can Yıldırım)

KHAS Hukuk Bülteni 2022-2024 Akademik Yılı Derlemesi (*KHAS Law Bulletin 2022-2024 Academic Year Compilation*), On İki Levha, İstanbul, 2025. (Co-editor with Prof. Dr. Ozan Erözden, Dr. Doğukan Bingöl, Dr. Baran Kızılırmak)

Uluslararası Yatırım Tahkimi ve Üçüncü Kişi Finansmanı (*International Investment Arbitration and Third Party Funding*), Seçkin, Ankara, 2018. (Co-editor with Assoc Prof. Dr. Ceyda Süral and Asst. Prof. Dr. Ekin Ömeroğlu)

Chapters in Books

Law Applicable to Non-Contractual Obligations Arising Out of Privacy and Personality Rights in Turkey, Codazzi/ Eichmüller/ Pasqua (ed.), The Law Applicable to Privacy and Personality Rights Violations: Potential for Harmonisation Under the Revised Rome II Regulation, European Association of Private International Law Series, Edward Elgar Publishing (Co-author with Esra Tekin) (*forthcoming December 2026*)

İklim Krizinin Tahkim Hukuku Alanına Yansımaları (*Reflections of the Climate Crisis on the Field of Arbitration Law*), Baysal/Erbaş Açikel/Arslan/Uyanık/Yıldırım (ed.), İklim Hukuku, On İki Levha, İstanbul, 2025.

2021 ICC Tahkim Kuralları ile Getirilen Başlıca Değişikliklerin İncelenmesi (*Analysis of Key Amendments on ICC Arbitration Rules in 2021*), Erkan/ Yasan Tepetaş (ed.), Tahkim Anlaşması-Tahkim Okulu Paneller Serisi Cilt-3, On İki Levha, İstanbul, 2023, s. 279-298.

Acil Durum Hakemi Kararlarının Özellikleri ve Bu Kararların İcra Edilebilirliği (*Features and Enforceability of Emergency Arbitrator Decisions*), Erkan/ Yasan Tepetaş (ed.), Tahkim Anlaşması-Tahkim Okulu Paneller Serisi Cilt-2, On İki Levha, İstanbul 2021, p. 319-342.

Elektronik Ticaret Hakkında UNCITRAL Model Kanun (*UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce*), Özkan/ Süral Efeçinar/ Kavlak (ed.), Yeni Lex Mercatoria ve Kaynakları, On İki Levha, İstanbul 2021, p. 51-62.

Bulut Depolama Sözleşmelerine Uygulanacak Hukuk (*Applicable Law to Cloud Storage Agreements*), Özel/ Pürselim Arning (ed.), Atipik Sözleşmelere Uygulanacak Hukuk, On İki Levha, İstanbul 2020, p. 499-538.