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EDUCATION

- 2012 – 2017 **PhD in International Economic Law**
Center for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law & Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee, UK

(Supervisors: Professor Peter D. Cameron, Professor Pieter Bekker. External Examiner: Professor Catherine Rogers)

Dissertation: Judicial Behaviour in Investment Treaty Arbitration: Politics of the Minimum Standard of Treatment under the North American Free Trade Agreement

Completed trainings: Production Sharing Contracts and Implementing Agreements (June 2014)
- 2010 – 2011 **LL.M in Commercial Law (with Distinction)**
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Dissertation: Restructuring in the Turkish Electricity Market: How to Construct an Investment Friendly Legal Framework

18th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition participant
- 2003 – 2008 **LL.B (Upper second-class honours degree)**
Ankara University, Faculty of Law, Ankara, Turkey

TEACHING and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – **Module Organizer and Part Time Lecturer**
TOBB ETÜ University, Faculty of Law, Ankara, Turkey
Energy Law & Policy, Undergraduate Module
International Investment Law & Arbitration, Undergraduate Module
- 2018 – **Module Organizer and Part Time Lecturer**
Hacettepe University, School of Law, Ankara, Turkey
Global Energy Governance and Investment Disputes, Postgraduate Module
- 2015 – 2016 **CIMO Research Fellow**
Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights (ECI), Helsinki, Finland
(Supervisor: Academy Professor Martti Koskenniemi)
- 2014 **Research Fellow**
Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium
Reviewed *Hulley/Yukos/Veteran v. the Russian Federation* cases and prepared an analysis of the awards; conducted a review of the taxation carve-out provision in the ECT; and wrote a research paper on taxation of foreign investments under public international law and Article 21 of the ECT
- 2013 – 2015 **Research Assistant**
Professor Peter D. Cameron, Dundee, UK
Provided research assistance on oil & gas law, gas sale & purchase contracts, production sharing agreements (PSAs), stabilisation and taxation clauses, investment treaty arbitration in the mining and energy industries, valuation of damages in investment treaty arbitration related to the energy industry

2012

**Trainee
Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium**

Supported the Directorate for Energy Efficiency and Investment; conducted research on project entitled ‘The Assessment of the ECT Provisions with regard to Low Carbon Investment’ and ‘Analysis of Mutual Exchanges of the Business Assets within Investment Activities in the Energy Sector’; conducted research and prepared a report related to Article 6 on Competition of the ECT

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2015 –

**Counsel
AACNI UK Limited, International Arbitration Practice, London, UK**

Currently acting as Counsel in a 190 million Euro investment treaty claim of a Turkish investor arising from its construction projects in the State of Libya at the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) under the Libya-Turkey BIT

2009 – 2012

**Associate Lawyer
Çınar & Çınar Law Office, Ankara, Turkey**

Advised an Italian Infrastructure Company in its potential denial of justice claim under the ECT and Turkey-Italy BIT; provided legal assistance to an Italian Energy Company in preparing contractual background of a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant; litigated before local commercial and employment courts in Ankara, Izmir and Adana as counsel of US Contractors and multinational corporations; acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings under the rules of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS

2015

Finnish Government Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) Scholarship: Scholarship awarded to fund research at the ECI as a Research Fellow

2014

Energy Charter Secretariat Research Fellowship: Fellowship awarded to undertake a review of investment and taxation provisions of the ECT, and *Hulley/Yukos/Veteran v. the Russian Federation* cases in the context of the modernization of the ECT in Brussels, Belgium

2012 – 2015

CEPMLP Research Scholarship: Full scholarship covering tuition fees and living expenses during PhD studies at CEPMLP

2010 – 2011

Scholarship from the Turkish Ministry of Education: Full scholarship covering tuition fees and living expenses during LL.M studies at the University of Edinburgh

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Turkish (fluent), Spanish (working ability)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Ankara Bar and the Union of Turkish Bars Association (2009)

Founding member of the Dundee International Law Society (DILS) (<http://dilsblog.wordpress.com>)

Member of LCIA’s Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2016 A Note on Charrane and Construction v Spain: A Return to Cautious Interpretation of Legitimate Expectations, *International Arbitration Law Review (IALR: Sweet & Maxwell, Vol: 19 Issue 2, 2016)*
- 2014 In Search of Fairness and Consistency in Investor-State Arbitration: An ‘Institutional’ Approach to Interpreting the Doctrine of Legitimate Expectations, *Transnational Dispute Management (TDM) Journal – Special Issue on Investor-State Dispute Settlement System, ed. Jean Kalicki & Anna Joubin-Bret, (Vol:1, January 2014)*, available at: <http://www.transnational-dispute-management.com/article.asp?key=2049>
- 2012 Analyses on the Proposal Recasting of Brussels I Regulation: A New Era in EU Cross Border Litigation, *International Commerce and Arbitration Law Review (UTTDER, Vol 1:2, 2012)*, p. 183.
- 2008 A Research on the Last Amendments Made to the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration with Regard to the Form of an Arbitration Agreement, *Mecmua (Ankara University Publications, 2008)*, p. 563.

Other Publications

- 2015 Taxation of Foreign Investments under International Law: Article 21 of the Energy Charter Treaty in Context, (*Energy Charter Secretariat Publications, May 2015*), available at: http://www.energycharter.org/fileadmin/DocumentsMedia/Thematic/Taxation_of_Foreign_Investments_2015_en.pdf
- 2012 Review of ECT Implementation in Selected Areas: Analyses on Issues Related to Competition under the ECT, (*Energy Charter Secretariat Publications, November 2012*), available at: http://www.energycharter.org/fileadmin/DocumentsMedia/Thematic/Competition_study_2012_en.pdf

In Progress

- 2020 Book: Judicial Behaviour in Investment Treaty Arbitration: From the North American Free Trade Agreement to Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, Politics of the Minimum Standard of Treatment
- 2020 Journal Article: Judicialization of Politics in International Investment Protection
- 2019 Journal Article: An Analysis of Renewable Energy Policies in Turkey in light of the Feed-in Tariff Investor-State Disputes (*in Turkish*)

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 CETA’s Investment Chapter and Judicialization of Politics: New Institutional Inquiries against the Investment Court System, (*Paper presented at “Investment Courts: Challenges and Perspectives at the Faculty of Law” at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 1st and 2nd February 2018*)
- 2015 Judicial Behaviour and Politics in Investment Treaty Arbitration, (*Paper presented at the Sociological Inquiries into International Law II workshop at the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs on 9-10 October 2015*)
- 2015 Taxation of Foreign Investments under International Law: Article 21 of the Energy Charter Treaty in Context, (*Paper presented at Investment Group Meeting, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium on 21 April 2015*)
- 2014 Review of *Hulley/Yukos/Veteran v. The Russian Federation* (Presented at Investment Group Meeting, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium on 14 October 2014)

- 2014 Institutional Fundamentals of International Investment Law: Political Constraints on Investment Treaty Arbitration, *(Paper presented at the International Law Association British Branch Spring 2014 conference, King's College London on 24 May 2014)*
- 2014 Current Issues in the Investor-State Dispute Settlement System, *(Presented at Dundee International Law Society, Carnegie Lecture Theatre, CEPMLP, Dundee on 18 February 2014)*
- 2012 Analyses on Issues Related to Competition under the ECT, *(Report presented at Investment Group Meeting, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium on 25 September 2012)*