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EDUCATION

Istanbul University Institute of Social Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey

PhD in Private Law, 2024

Thesis: Evaluation of Legal Rights in Data

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Halûk Nami Nomer

Harvard Law School Cambridge, MA

LL.M., 2018 (Fulbright Scholar)

Thesis: Copyright Implications of Artificial Intelligence-Generated Music

Supervisor: Prof. Christopher T. Bavitz

Galatasaray University Istanbul, Turkey

LL.B., 2017 (Turkish Education Foundation (TEV) Outstanding Success Scholar)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Boğaziçi University Faculty of Law, September 2025 – ongoing

- courses being taught in 2025-2026 academic year: Law of Obligations, Private Law and Technology.

Lecturer, Istanbul Bilgi University, November 2024 – August 2025

- courses taught in 2024-2025 academic year: Law of Obligations, Family Law, Innominate Contracts and Copyright Law (CopyrightX Certificate Programme).

Research Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, November 2019 – August 2025

- assisted professors of Civil Law department and conducts weekly practice sessions for students on LL.B. courses including Civil Law, Family Law, Law of Obligations (General and Special Provisions including Contracts and Torts), Property Law, Inheritance Law, Consumer Protection Law, International Sales Law (CISG).

ACADEMIC RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CopyrightX Affiliate Course, 2024 – ongoing

- launched the first affiliate course of CopyrightX in Turkey. The curriculum is focused on US copyright law with additional comparisons to Turkish copyright law.

CopyrightX, February 2018 - 2023

- taught as a Teaching Fellow under the supervision of Prof. William Fisher of Harvard Law School for the online twelve-week spring-term course on U.S. Copyright Law offered under the auspices of Harvard Law School and Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society. Details may be found [here](#).

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, August - September 2023

- conducted research for PhD thesis as a visiting researcher under the supervision of Dr. Begoña Gonzalez Otero.

Harvard Law School Visiting Researcher Program, February - June 2023

- conducted research for PhD thesis under the supervision of Professor Ruth L. Okediji.

UNIDROIT Scholarship Programme, August - September 2022

- conducted research on Data Ownership and Data Transactions; prepared draft work for UNIDROIT's Model Law on Factoring under mentorship of William Brydie-Watson; attended the Working Group meeting on

Digital Assets and Private Law. Contributions to the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring may be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence, February – December 2021

- worked as part of the Turkish delegation at the Council of Europe under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Leyla Keser Berber on the drafting of a legal framework for the development, design and application of artificial intelligence.

Research Clinic on Cities, Digitization and Ethics, October 2021

- took part in the four-week-long research clinic hosted by the Digital Asia Hub as part of the Ethics of Digitalization initiative, in collaboration with the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and the Global Network of Internet & Society Centers. Details may be found [here](#).

International Summer School on AI on the Trail of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, August-September 2021

- served as part of the Organizer Team of the International Summer School on AI organized by Bilgi IT Law Institute & KUIS AI in collaboration with the Global Network of Internet & Society Centers where more than 50 speakers from legal and engineering backgrounds talked about artificial intelligence and human rights. Details may be found [here](#).

Internship Program of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, January – February 2017

- participated in the Internship Program for Law Students; assisted PhD candidate (now Dr.) Elif Aşkın with her research on economic and social rights.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“The Need for Emphasis on “Fair Terms” in Data Contracts on a Global Level”, **Comparative Data Law - The Munich Global Data Law Conference**, (ed. Klaus Wiedemann/ Moritz Hennemann/ Josef Drexler/ Patricia Boshe), Springer, 2025 (*in English*)

“Copyright and Streaming in Turkey” with Gul Okutan Nilsson/ Eda Çataklar, in: **Copyright Law and Streaming**, (ed. Séverine Dusollier), Brill, 2025 (*in English*)

“Assignment of Receivables as Security”, **Securities Law** (ed. Bilgehan Çetiner/ Abdullah Furkan Korkmaz), Seçkin Publishing, 2023, pp. 661-692, ISBN: 9789750285240 (*in Turkish*)

“Copyright License Agreements on Digital Platforms: A Review of Instagram Subscription Agreements and Creative Commons Agreements”, **Bilkent University Faculty of Law II. Young Legal Researchers Symposium** (ed. M. Emir Göka/ Uğur Orhan/ Hüseyin Can Aksoy), On İki Levha Publishing, 2022, pp. 201-225, ISBN: 9786254322105 (*in Turkish*)

“Mediation Arbitration (MedArb) and ISTAC Rules”, **School of Arbitration Conference Series Vol. 2**, (ed. Mustafa Erkan/ Candan Yasan Tepetaş), On İki Levha Publishing, 2021, pp. 215-253, ISBN: 9786254320132 (*in Turkish*)

Articles

“Attribution Problem of Generative AI: A View from US Copyright Law”, **Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice**, Volume 18, Issue 11, November 2023, Pages 796–807, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jiplp/jpad076> (*in English*)

“Statutory Damages: An Explanation from the Perspective of Copyright Law”, **Journal of Galatasaray University Faculty of Law**, 2021/2, pp. 2101-2126, available: <https://dosya.gsu.edu.tr/docs/hukukfakultesi/tr/fakultedergisi/fhd-2021-2.pdf> (*in Turkish*)

Editorship

Jurisprudence Symposium – I: Property Law, (ed. Ece Bař Szel; Yaman Grsel; Zeynep lk Kahveci), On İki Levha Yayıncılıkı 2021, ISBN: 978-625-7598-95-8, available: <http://www.onikilevha.com.tr/yayin/2123/yargi-kararlari-sempozyumu-i-esya-hukuku> (*in Turkish*)

Online Posts

“Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA): Senate Passes Bill Making Online Platforms Liable for Third-Party Content Enabling Illegal Sex-Trafficking”, **Harvard Journal of Law & Technology**, April 2018, <https://jolt.law.harvard.edu/digest/allow-states-and-victims-to-fight-online-sex-trafficking-act-fosta-senate-passes-bill-making-online-platforms-liable-for-third-party-content-enabling-illegal-sex-trafficking> (*in English*)

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

IPX Summit (Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA), June 2025

presentation entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Copyright from the Perspective of IP Theories” (*in English*)

Young Property Lawyers’ Forum (University of Antwerp, Belgium), June 2025

presentation entitled “Re-examining the Subject-Matter of the Most Conspicuous Dimension of Property: Possession”

Istanbul Bar Association Intellectual Property Rights Commission Meeting, April 2025

presentation entitled “AI Age of Copyright Law” (*in Turkish*)

Civil Law Symposium (Istanbul Aydın University) April 2025

presentation entitled “Problem of Illegality in Torts Involving Data” (*in Turkish*)

Istanbul Global E-Export Summit, September 2024

presentation entitled “Data Security and IT Law” (*in Turkish*)

From Connected Vehicles to Autonomous Vehicles: III. Smart Transport Systems Workshop (Marmara University), May 2024

presentation entitled “Legal Aspects of Autonomous Vehicles and Systems” (*in Turkish*)

Global Data Law Conference Series: Comparative Data Law (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, University of Passau, University of Freiburg - Munich, Germany), December 2023

presentation entitled “The Need for Emphasis on “Fair Terms” in Data Contracts on a Global Level” (*in English*)

Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property (Istanbul Bilgi University), October 2023

presentation entitled “Creating a Liability Rule for Text and Data Mining” (*in Turkish*)

CopyrightX Summit (Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA), June 2023

presentation entitled “Finding the Middleway for a Global TDM Law: Creating a Compensatory Liability Regime” (*in English*)

Harvard Law School Visiting Researchers / Visiting Scholars Colloquium (Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA), April 2023

presentation entitled “Ownership of Crypto Assets” (*in English*)

From Connected Vehicles to Autonomous Vehicles: II. Smart Transport Systems Workshop (Marmara University), December 2022

presentation entitled “Legal Aspects of Autonomous Vehicles and Systems” (*in Turkish*)

L'Association Henri Capitant - Journées colombiennes – Les Plateformes, October 2022

presentation entitled “Rapport Nationale de la Turquie sur la thème des plateformes » *(in French)*

UNIDROIT Scholarship Programme, September 2022

presentation entitled “Data Transfer Contracts” *(in English)*

Geneva Digital Law Research Colloquium (Digital Law Center, University of Geneva) June 2022

presentation entitled “The Challenges of Compensating Owners of Copyright to Works in Artificial Intelligence’s (“AI”) Training Data” *(in English)*

4th Istanbul Privacy Symposium (IT Law Center, Istanbul Bilgi University) December 2021

presentation entitled “Protecting Privacy in Ethical (Smart?) Cities” with Ayça Atabey *(in English)*

II. Genç Hukukçu Araştırmacılar Sempozyumu (Bilkent University) November 2021

presentation entitled “Copyright License Agreements on Digital Platforms” *(in Turkish)*

Transnational Conference on the Future of Legal Education, the Practice of Law, and the Judiciary (Bahçeşehir University) February 2021

group presentation entitled “The Future of Legal Education Through the Lenses of Law Students” upon the invitation of Prof. Feridun Yenisey of Bahçeşehir University *(in English)*

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) Conference on 2021 ICC Rules (ICC YAF) December 2020

presentation on Article 21 (Applicable Rules of Law) of the ICC 2021 Arbitration Rules *(in Turkish)*

Istanbul Arbitration Center – Marmara University Tahkim Okulu (School of Arbitration) Conference Series 2020 (Marmara University) February 2020

presentation entitled “Mediation-Arbitration” introducing and examining Istanbul Arbitration Center’s Med-Arb rules at the panel moderated by Prof. Ziya Akıncı *(in Turkish)*

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Young ISTAC (Istanbul Arbitration Center), September 2021- 2025

- organized events for young professionals (40 years and under) of the arbitration and mediation community in Turkey.

Legal Trainee, White & Case LLP, October 2018-October 2019

- worked as part of the mergers & acquisitions team; completed the mandatory one-year training for registration to Istanbul Bar Association.

Mediator, Harvard Mediation Program, January-July 2018

- worked as a certified mediator in the Greater Boston Area; mediated cases at the Quincy Small Claims Court.

LANGUAGES

English (TOEFL: 114); French (DALF C1); German (intermediate); Turkish (native).