

ESRA ÜNAL

Education

UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG, École Doctorale des Sciences Juridiques, Ph.D. in Public International Law (Co-Direction with National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), Strasbourg FR	06/2022
NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS, School of Law, Economics and Political Sciences, M.A. in SEE Studies, Athens GR	02/2014
İSTANBUL BİLGİ UNIVERSITY, School of Law, LL.B. (High Honors) & School of Economics and Administrative Sciences, B.A. in International Relations (Double Major), İstanbul TR	06/2010
UNIVERSITE SAINT-LOUIS, Erasmus Exchange Program, Brussels BE	Fall 2008-2009
HANYANG UNIVERSITY, International Summer School, Soul KR	Summer 2007-2008

Training Courses

Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – British Law Center Diploma in English Law & Commercial Law	Expected 07/2025
Kadir Has International Law of the Sea Summer Academy, İstanbul TR	07/2022
The Hague Academy of International Law (Public International Law), the Hague NL	07/2017
CIArb Certificate Course for Associate Grade (ACI Arb), İstanbul TR	01/2015
Program on Foreigners and International Protection UNHCR, İstanbul TR	04/2014
Governance and Security in Europe and the Mediterranean, Rethymno GR	09/2013
Global Politics Summer School, Rhodes GR	07/2013
Training on Rome I and II Regulations and EC 4/2009, Thessaloniki GR	05/2012

Honorary/Awards

Greek State Scholarship (IKY)	2012 – 2014
Scholarship Recipient for Outstanding Academic Achievement (İstanbul Bilgi University).	2006 – 2007, 2008 – 2009 & 2009 – 2010
German Academic Exchange Scholarship (DAAD) for Intensive German Course in Munich	2009
Model United Nations in New York, Head of the Delegation	2008
Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Member of the Winner Team of National Rounds	2007
Mention Award, Human Rights Essay Competition of Aybay Legal Research Foundation	2006

Experience

EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION , Athens GR	09/2024 – Present
<i>Lecturer at the European Law and Governance School</i>	
<u>Courses Given</u> (The medium of instruction is English) : The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (Spring 2024 – 2025), Law of the European Union (Spring 2024 - 2025), Skills Course (Fall & Spring 2024 – 2025), European and Comparative Commercial Law (Fall 2024 – 2025) (Undergraduate Program); Competition Law (Spring 2024 – 20205), Thesis (Fall & Spring 2024 – 2005) (Postgraduate Program)	
NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS , Athens GR	11/2022 – Present
<i>Post-Doctoral Researcher & Fellow at the Athens Public International Law Center</i>	
Conducting research on various topics of public international law.	
KADİR HAS UNIVERSITY , İstanbul TR	08/2022 – 08/2024
<i>Visiting Lecturer</i>	
<u>Courses Given</u> (The medium of instruction is English) : Public International Law (Fall & Spring 2022 – 2023 & 2023 -2024), Human Rights Law (Spring 2022 – 2023 & 2023 – 2024), Climate Change Policy and Legislation in the European Union (Spring 2023 – 2023), Human Rights Around the World (Spring 2023 – 2024), Thesis (Fall & Spring 2022 – 2023 & 2023 – 2024) (Undergraduate Program); Methods of Interpretation of the European Court of Human Rights (Spring 2023 – 2024) (Postgraduate Program).	
<u>Other Responsibilities</u> : Member of the Organizing Committee of the 2023 and 2024 Kadir Has International Law of the Sea Summer Academy; Vice – Principal of the Human Rights Center at Kadir Has University (2022 – 2024); Member of the Kadir Has Climate Change and Law Laboratory (2023 – present).	
ÜNAL LEGAL LAW FIRM , İstanbul TR	01/2020 – 08/2022
<i>Partner</i>	
Gave consultation and advice in relation to proceedings before the Turkish Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights.	
İSTANBUL KÜLTÜR UNIVERSITY , İstanbul TR	11/2019 – 02/2020
<i>Visiting Lecturer in Public International Law</i>	
<u>Courses Given</u> (The medium of instruction is English) : Public International Law (Fall 2019 – 2020), Introduction to Law (Fall 2019 - 2020) (Undergraduate Program)	
COUNCIL OF EUROPE , Strasbourg FR	05/2015 – 09/2019
<i>Assistant Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights</i>	
Examined and dealt with applications; assisted in the preparation of Chamber cases.	

ELBEYOĞLU LAW FIRM , İstanbul TR <i>Associate Attorney</i> Litigated at the trial, appellate court levels, with particular focus on complex expropriation cases.	03/14 – 04/15
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (IDOS) , Athens GR <i>Student Intern</i> Conducted research and assisted drafting reports; prepared presentations on EU and SEE. Assistant to the manager of the 2013 Program of Mediation Beyond Borders.	02/13 – 06/13
GLOBAL RELATIONS FORUM , İstanbul TR <i>Rapporteur of the Task Force on EU - Türkiye Legal Relations</i> Conducted legal research and drafted reports on EU – Türkiye legal relations.	04/11-10/12
İSTANBUL BİLGİ UNIVERSITY , İstanbul TR <i>Assistant at the Research Centre on Competition Law</i> Assisted managing of courses held in the graduate program, in organizing conferences and seminars on EU and Turkish Competition Law. Assistant to the manager of the 2011 WTO Short Regional Trade Policy Course for Central & Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus Countries.	03/11 – 01/12
ELİG GÜRKAYNAK ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW , İstanbul TR <i>Legal Intern</i> Drafted pleadings and prepared legal memoranda regarding cartel investigations; drafted reports on white collar irregularities and customs regulations.	09/10 – 02/11

Languages

Turkish (mother tongue), English (Advanced), Greek (Upper Intermediate: Proficiency Certificate of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), French (Intermediate), German (Intermediate)

Publications

- ÜNAL, E.: “An Assessment on the Treaty of Lausanne in its 100th Year: An Analysis of the Statistical Data Concerning Cases Related to the Treaty of Lausanne Filed Before the Turkish Constitutional Court” (Submitted to be published in the collective volume of the International Conference on “100 Years Since the Treaty of Lausanne: Retrospective, Assessment, Perspective”, held in June 12 – 13, 2023, Athens GR)
- ÜNAL, E.: “Avrupa İnsan Hakları Sözleşmesi’ne Ek 15 Numaralı Protokol’ün Getirdiği Yenilikler / The Changes Introduced by the Protocol No. 15 to the European Convention on Human Rights”, Adalet Bakanlığı İnsan Hakları Dergisi / Journal of Human Rights of the Turkish Ministry of Justice, Vol. 2, January 2019. Available at: <http://inhak.adalet.gov.tr/dergi/sayi2/mobile/index.html>

Presentations

- ÜNAL, E.: “Cultural Heritage and Digitalization”, Academy of European Public Law, September 5, 2024, Athens GR
- ÜNAL, E.: “Restitution of Cultural Objects: Experience of Türkiye”, 21st Annual International Conference on Law of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), 15-18 July 2024, Athens, GR
- ÜNAL, E. / ARSLAN, G. & UYANIK, E.: “İklim, Sürdürülebilirlik ve Hukuk Eğitimi / Climate, Sustainability and Legal Education”, 2023, İstanbul TR
- ÜNAL, E.: “Assessment of the “Lausanne Cases”: Analysis of the Statistical Data Related to the Cases on the Treaty of Lausanne Filed Before the Domestic Courts”, International Conference on “100 Years Since the Treaty of Lausanne: Retrospective, Assessment, Perspective”, June 12 – 13, 2023, Athens GR
- ÜNAL, E.: Seminar on the Current Situation of Türkiye Before the ECtHR, Özyeğin University, May 26, 2023, İstanbul TR (On – Line)
- ÜNAL, E. / KARAKIŞ, Ş.: Seminar on the Right to Property – Article 1 of the Protocol 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights, Certificate Program on Individual Application to the European Court of Human Rights and the Turkish Constitutional Court, November 26, 2022, İstanbul TR
- ÜNAL, E.: Seminar on Religious Minorities in the Mediterranean Region, University of Insubria, October 17, 2022, Varese, IT
- ÜNAL, E. / SERBEST, F.: “Practical Aspects of International Family Mediation in Turkey”, paper presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the French Association of Law and Economics, October 11 – 12, 2018, Nancy FR
- ÜNAL, E. / ASSIMAKOPOULOS, M. / OIKONOMOU, G.: “Aspects of EU Governance and Performance in International Organizations”, paper presented at the EIP GOSEM, September 1 – 14, 2013, Rethymno GR
- ÜNAL, E.: “A Comparative Study of Turkey and Brazil on Social Assistance Policies Grounding on Basic Income”, paper presented at the 13th Basic Income Earth Network Conference, June 30 – July 2, 2010, São Paulo BR. Available at: <http://microlinks.kdid.org/library/comperative-study-turkey-and-brazil-socail-assistance-policies-grounding-basic-income>

Research Projects

- Researcher at the Project on Comparing Adequacy of Türkiye’s Legislation on Urban Transformation Practices in Terms of Combating Climate Change Through the EU Legislation and the Example of France (Researcher) 06/2023 – 06/2024
- Atlas of Religious or Belief Minority Rights Project (Italy) (Researcher) 01/2023 – 06/2023