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## **CURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

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- April 2023 – Present**                      **Postdoctoral Researcher in International Human Rights Law**  
Hertie School Centre for Fundamental Rights  
Project title: “Deep Impact through Soft Jurisprudence? The Contribution of United Nations Treaty Body Case Law to the Development of International Human Rights Law”
- May 2023 – Present**                      **Associate Editor**  
UN Human Rights Law Module of Oxford Reports on International Law

## **EDUCATION**

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- 2016 – 2022**                      PhD in Public Law, **Koç University**  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Başak Çalı  
Thesis Title: “International Human Rights Law and the Child’s Upbringing: Reconciling Children’s Rights, Parental Control Rights and State Interests”
- 2013 – 2016**                      LLM in Public Law, **Koç University**  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Başak Çalı  
Thesis Title: “Indirect Discrimination in the Practice of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies: Testing Originality and Coherence”
- 2011 – 2013**                      Certificate, **Bilkent University**  
Minor Program for Political Science
- 2008 – 2013**                      Bachelor of Arts in Law, **Bilkent University**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- Feb 2018 – Nov 2022**                      **Teaching and Research Assistant (Full-time)**  
Koç University Law School  
Assisted LAW 221 International Law I & LAW 222 International Law II (undergraduate compulsory courses); LAW 328 International Human Rights Law (undergraduate elective course); LAW 522 European Human Rights Law (compulsory LLM course)  
Co-coached Koç University’s teams for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- Oct 2015 – Dec 2015**                      **Legal Consultant (Part-time)**  
International Commission of Jurists  
Subject: Judicial governance and independence in Turkey
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**June 2014 –  
Dec 2014**                      **Researcher (Part-time)**  
Human Rights Joint Platform (Turkey)  
Subject: Execution of the European Court of Human Rights judgments on  
freedom of assembly (Ataman group cases) in Turkey

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Apr 2021 –  
May 2023**                      **Human Rights Law Case Reporter**  
Hertie School Centre for Fundamental Rights & Oxford University Press

**Apr 2019 –  
Present**                      **Country Correspondent**  
Koç University Centre for Global Public Law & University of Pretoria  
Project title: “The Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the  
Domestic Level”

**Oct 2015 –  
Dec 2017**                      **Researcher**  
Koç University Centre for Global Public Law & Essex University School of  
Law  
British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship Grant  
Project title: “The Effects of International Human Rights Law on Public  
International Law and its Sub-Branched”

**Oct 2015 –  
Oct 2017**                      **Researcher**  
Koç University Law School  
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)  
Grant  
Project title: “The Impact of the Right to Individual Petition on Constitutional  
Interpretation, Interpretation of International Law and the Turkish Judicial  
System: A Comparative Analysis of the Judicial Patterns of the Turkish  
Constitutional Court Case-Law between 2012-2017”

**Apr 2015 –  
June 2017**                      **Human Rights Law Case Reporter**  
Koç University Centre for Global Public Law & Oxford University Press

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conferences and Workshops**

**Sept 2022**                      “Shifting Conceptions: From Natural to Fiduciary Parenthood in International Human  
Rights Law”, ‘The Natural’ in International Law Workshop, co-organized by the Geneva  
Graduate Institute, the Asia School of Business and the Amsterdam Center for  
International Law (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

**Dec 2019**                      “The Under-Theorization of Children’s Rights: The Lessons from a Practice-Oriented  
Approach to International Human Rights Law” 7<sup>th</sup> Children’s Rights Research  
Symposium (Liverpool, United Kingdom)

**Mar 2019**                      “Two paths to Transitional Justice: A Comparison of the European Court of Human  
Rights and the Human Rights Committee’s Approaches to Bosnian Enforced  
Disappearance Cases”, Annual Human Rights Student Conference (Nottingham, United  
Kingdom)

**Oct 2017**                      “Judicial Self-Government as Constitutional Politics: The Case of Turkey”, The Rise of  
Judicial Self-Government in Europe: Changing the Architecture of Separation of Powers  
without an Architect (JUDI-ARCH) Workshop (Prague, Czechia)

- July 2017** “Investment Tribunals’ Turn to International Human Rights Law: A Quest for a Guide to Self-Development?” Human Rights Research Students Conference (Essex, United Kingdom)
- July 2017** “Does the Turkish Constitutional Court Guard Freedom of the Press? An Assessment of the Individual Complaint Case Law”, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) Annual Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- June 2017** “Two paths to Transitional Justice: A Comparison of the European Court of Human Rights and the Human Rights Committee’s Approaches to Bosnian Enforced Disappearance Cases”, Taking Stock of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body Case Law: Trends and Developments 2014-2017 Workshop (Istanbul, Turkey)
- Apr 2017** “Testing the Adequacy of Home-Grown Norms: The Notion of ‘Indirect Discrimination’ before the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies”, The Sixth Annual Conference of the American Society of Comparative Law Younger Comparativists Committee (Istanbul, Turkey)

### **Invited Talks**

- June 2022** “United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms and Turkey: Key Decisions”, Effective Use of UN Human Rights Protection System by Lawyers in Turkey- International Training Workshop, organized by the International Commission of Jurists (online)
- Apr 2022** “Turkey and the Committee on the Rights of the Child: State Reports, Concluding Observations and Individual Applications” (in Turkish), Panel on Children’s Rights, organized by Galatasaray University (Istanbul, Turkey)
- May 2021** “Turkey’s Ambivalent Relationship with the International Human Rights System” with Başak Çalı and İlayda Eskitaşçıoğlu, Panel Series on Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Turkey co-organized by Law & Society Institute and Center for Comparative Research on Democracy, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (online)
- Oct 2019** “The Cases against Turkey before the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies” (in Turkish) Workshop on the Implementation of the United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms in Turkey, organized by the International Commission of Jurists and Human Rights Joint Platform (İzmir, Turkey)
- Mar 2019** “The Prohibition on Discrimination in International Human Rights Law” Bilkent University Faculty of Law Alumni Conferences (Ankara, Turkey)

### **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2022** Certificate of Participation at the 2022 International Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition as a coach of Koç University’s Team (the winner of Turkish National Rounds)
- 2019** Hertie School in Berlin PhD Global fund for visiting PhD students
- 2016 – 2022** Koç University PhD Scholarship
- 2016** Koç University Graduate School of Social Sciences & Humanities Graduate Studies Research Excellence Award
- 2013 – 2016** Koç University Masters Scholarship
- 2008 – 2013** Bilkent University Undergraduate Full Scholarship
- 2008 – 2013** The Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Merits-based Scholarship