

IŞIL ARAL

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Oct 2019 - present **Assistant Professor, Koç University**
Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in public international law
- 2016 - 2019 **Teaching Assistant, University of Manchester**
Taught EU law seminars to undergraduates and various lectures to postgraduates
- 2017 - 2018 **Associate Lecturer, Manchester Metropolitan University**
Taught public international law and EU law seminars to undergraduates
- Jan 2018 -
June 2018 **Teaching Assistant, University of Salford**
Taught public international law seminars to undergraduates

EDUCATION

- 2015 - 2019 **PhD in Public International Law, University of Manchester**
Thesis Title: Construction of Narratives in International Law: A Study of Democratic Governance Discourses
- 2010 - 2011 **LLM in Human Rights Law, London School of Economics**
Dissertation title: Conscientious Objection to Military Service and the Case of Turkey
- 2005 - 2010 **LLB, Galatasaray University**

PUBLICATIONS

- Işıl Aral, Jean d'Aspremont, *Sources-Based Expansionism in International Human Rights Law* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- Işıl Aral, Jean d'Aspremont, Iain Scobbie (eds), *International Law and Universality* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- Işıl Aral, 'The Myth of the Cold War: Is 1991 Really a Turning Point for the Neutrality of International Law Regarding Democratic Governance?', in ESIL SSRN Conference Paper Series, available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3045240
- Jean d'Aspremont, Işıl Aral, 'Recognition in International Law' in Oxford Bibliographies in International Law, Anthony Carty (ed), New York: Oxford University Press
- Işıl Aral, 'Turkey: Optional Religion Courses, Exemption from Compulsory Religion Education and the Student Oath' in *Religious and Ideological Rights in Education*, Pablo Meix Cereceda, Jan de Groof (eds) (Wolf Legal Publishers 2017)

Işıl Aral, 'Resignation of Mugabe: A Military Coup or a Legitimate Expression of the People's Will?', *EJIL: Talk!*, 5 December 2017, www.ejiltalk.org/resignation-of-mugabe-a-military-coup-or-a-legitimate-expression-of-the-peoples-will/

Online Database Publications

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), Resolution (69) 51 on Greece, 12th December 1969 (Res (69) 51), 16 May 2017, OXIO 153

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), Communiqué of the Decision on the Situation in the Arab Republic of Egypt, 17th June 2014 (PSC/PR/COMM.2 (CDXLII)), 19 October 2016, OXIO 116

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), Communiqué on the Suspension of the Membership of Egypt by the African Union, 5th July 2013 (PSC/PR/COMM.(CCCLXXXIV)), 18 October 2016, OXIO 115

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), United Nations Security Council Resolution 940 (1994) on authorization to form a multinational force under unified command and control to restore the legitimately elected President and authorities of the Government of Haiti and extension of the mandate of the UN Mission in Haiti, 31st July 1994 (UN Doc S/RES/940(1994)), 28 September 2016, OXIO 114

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2625 (XXV): Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 24th October 1970 (UN Doc A/RES/2625(XXV)), 26 September 2016, OXIO 7

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1541 (XV) on principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for under Article 73e of the Charter, 15th December 1960 (UN Doc A/RES/1541(XV)), 15 January 2016, OXIO 6

Işıl Aral, Oxford International Organizations (OXIO), United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (United Nations General Assembly [UNGA]), 14th December 1960 (UN Doc A/RES/1514(XV)), 15 January 2016, OXIO 5

Publications in Turkish Law Journals

Işıl Aral, 'Uluslararası Kamu Hukuku Açısından İran'la Yapılan Ortak Hareket Planı' (An Overview of the Joint Action Plan Concluded with Iran), *Güncel Hukuk*, January 2016, 38

Işıl Aral, 'Incognito; Ben Gerçekten Ben Miyim?' (Am I Really Who I Am?), *Güncel Hukuk*, June 2015, 35

Işıl Aral, Gülşah Ekiz, 'Adliyelere Girişte Güvenlik Sorunu' (Security Problems at the Court House), *Güncel Hukuk*, May 2015, 11

Işıl Aral, 'El-Beşir'in Güney Afrika Ziyareti' (The Visit of Al Bashir to South Africa), *Güncel Hukuk*, July 2015, 10

Işıl Aral, 'Hükümlünün Oy Kullanma Hakkı' (Prisoners' Right to Vote), *Istanbul Bar Association Periodical*, May-June 2014, 380

Işıl Aral, 'Kovuşturmanın Ertelenmesi Kararına Karşı Başvurulacak Kanun Yolu' (The Right to Appeal Against the Adjournment Decision of the Prosecution), *Istanbul Bar Association Periodical*, September-October 2013, 74

Işıl Aral, 'Temsil Sorunu' (Representation Problem), *Güncel Hukuk*, October 2013, 38

Işıl Aral, 'Ölüme Götüren Yazılar' (Writings that Led to Death), *Güncel Hukuk*, March 2013, 63

EDITORSHIP

- Sept 2018 **Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal**
Appointed by the Editor as a guest reviewer for an article on democratic governance and international sanctions
- 2016 - 2017 **The Manchester Review of Law, Crime and Ethics Annual Journal**
Member of the editorial board

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 11-12 June 2019 **The Gimo IV: Critical Research in International Law, Intensive Doctoral Retreat, University of Oxford**
Paper Title: International Lawyers as Hope Mongers: The Fabulous Virtues of Democratic Governance Discourses
- 10 June 2019 **The European University Institute Doctoral Forum on International Law, Florence, Italy**
Paper Title: International Lawyers as Hope Mongers: The Fabulous Virtues of Democratic Governance Discourses
- 12 Dec 2018 **'International Law in 1923: A Snapshot Workshop' at Sciences Po, Paris, France**
One-day Workshop where participants discussed International Law materials published in 1923 in a roundtable format and examined sensibilities and foci of international legal debates held at the time
- 20 Sept 2018 **The SOAS-Durham Postgraduate Colloquium in Critical International Law at SOAS**
Paper Title: Knowledge and Power Production Through Democratic Governance Scholarship
- 10 Nov 2017 **The European Society of International Law Symposium 'Non-UN Sanctions and International Law' at the University of Nottingham**
Paper Title: Effectiveness of Non-UN Sanctions in Furthering Democracy: The Case of the African Union
- 20 Oct 2017 **The University of Strathclyde Postgraduate Research Conference**
Paper title: Different Approaches to Revolution in International Law
- 31 March 2017 **The European Society of International Law Research Forum at the University of Granada, Spain**
Paper title: The Myth of the Cold War: Is 1991 Really a Turning Point for the Neutrality of International Law Regarding Democratic Governance?

GRANTS

University of Manchester, School of Law

Grant to fund the Women in International Law Network Lecture with Dr. Kamala Dawar 'Trade Agreements and Gender: How far can and do they go?' as part of the Law and Social Responsibility event series, 20 March 2019, University of Manchester (£400).

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Grant to fund the Manchester International Law Centre Workshop 'Democratic Governance and International Law 25 Years Later', 3 November 2017, University of Manchester (£872).

Manchester Economic and Social Research Council Festival of Social Science 2017

Grant to fund the Manchester International Law Centre Workshop 'Democratic Governance and International Law 25 Years Later', 3 November 2017, University of Manchester (£950).

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Yearly grant since 2016 to support the Women in International Law Network (£500).

University of Manchester, School of Law

Yearly grant since 2016 to support the Women in International Law Network (£600).

EVENTS ORGANISED

25 June 2019	Convener of the Manchester International Law Centre Emerging Scholars Workshop, University of Manchester
20 March 2019	Co-convener of the Women in International Law Network (WILNET) Lecture with Dr. Kamala Dawar, University of Manchester
13 Sept 2018	Co-convener of the Women in International Law Network (WILNET) and the European Society of International Law Interest Group on Feminism in International Law Joint Event, University of Manchester
13-15 Sept 2018	Member of the Organising Committee of the European Society of International Law (ESIL) Annual Conference 2018, University of Manchester
3 Nov 2017	Co-convener of the Manchester International Law Centre Workshop 'Democratic Governance and International Law: 25 Years Later', University of Manchester
8 March 2017	Co-convener of the Inaugural Gillian White Lecture organised by the Manchester International Law Centre, University of Manchester
26-27 Jan 2017	Member of the Organising Committee of the 2-day Manchester International Law Centre Workshop 'The Role of International Organisations and Non-State Actors in the Formation of Customary International Law', University of Manchester

AWARDS

Suna & İnan Kırac Foundation Scholarship for the PhD degree (2015-2019)

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of personal achievement in education. It covered the tuition fee and the maintenance expenses.

Jean Monnet Scholarship of the European Union for the LLM degree (2010-2011)

The scholarship is awarded by the European Commission on the basis of personal achievement in education, and the success in written and oral examination. It covered the tuition fee and the maintenance expenses.

LEADERSHIP

The Women in International Law Network (WILNET): Founding Member and former executive director. Co-founded WILNET together with the female researchers of the Manchester International Law Centre in February 2016 and aim to provide a professional community for women international lawyers at any stage of their career to discuss both their experiences in- and pathways into- the field. Works include: Blog posts on the contribution of women lawyers to International Law, video interviews with prominent women international lawyers and posts by women postgraduate students discussing their research in order to raise women's voice in international law. Website: www.wilnet.manchester.ac.uk, YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCBUfZcyYaIyZrjIC-iiu7fg.

LAW PRACTICE

Sept 2011 -
Dec 2014

Bayraktar Law Firm, Istanbul

Worked as a lawyer on criminal law cases and was in charge of representing clients in every stage of criminal investigation and prosecution. Prepared case files, attended trials, organised client meetings, advised private persons and corporations on criminal law issues and prepared applications to the European Court of Human Rights.

VOLUNTARY WORK

Jan 2018 -
June 2018

Bar Human Rights Committee, UK

Researched human rights issues related to the events following the 2016 military coup attempt in Turkey and prepared blog posts examining specific human rights violations in a project led by Pete Weatherby QC and Dr. Shavana Musa.

Nov 2016 -
June 2017

British Red Cross, Manchester

Worked at the Manchester Refugee Admin Office, assisted with the Family Reunion Project and made the necessary administrative and logistic arrangements for refugees who wanted to bring their dependent family members to the UK.

Dec 2016 -
June 2017

Refugee Action, Manchester

Worked for the Increasing Justice Project in Manchester and gave legal advice to asylum seekers for their application to the Home Office and the appeal process. Organised meetings, prepared legal briefs and liaised with legal aid lawyers.

MEMBERSHIPS

Feb 2019 - Present **Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK**

Jan 2017 - Present **European Society of International Law**

Dec 2012 - Present **Istanbul Bar Association**

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native

English: Advanced

French: Advanced