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Summary

Thought leader and changemaker with 14 years of experience working across 4 continents, in research, training and programming in global governance. Strives to leave none behind as she actively promotes gender equality and gender mainstreaming in law through her work as an educator and an expert. Passionate about translating her experience and expertise into justice and care-driven actionable insights for organizations and individuals.

Work Experience

Expert-Consultant for UNITAR

since 2020

Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit (MDPU), Geneva, Switzerland

- Develops and teaches interactive online workshops on human rights (Rule of Law, Human Rights Council).
- Used to a multi-cultural and multi-stakeholder audience (youth, professionals, activists, diplomats).
- Ranked several times the expert with the highest satisfaction rate in audience feedback's surveys.

Assistant Professor of Law & Director of the Gender Law Clinic

since 2019

Bahçeşehir University (BAU), Istanbul, Turkey

- Develops teaching material, evaluate, and mentor and coach youth engaged in legal higher education.
- Courses convened: 'Women's Rights'; 'Gender, Sustainable Development and Law'; 'Legal English' with a focus on gender issues (violence against women, sexual and reproductive rights, LGBTQIA rights), Indigenous People's rights, environmental law.
- Co-manages academic projects on gender in EN and FR (high-level publications; public events).
- Co-created and directs the first and only law clinic in Turkey with a focus on gender/women's rights.

Co-Director of OLYMPE Network

since 2017

With Prof. Emmanuelle Tourme Jouannet (Sciences Po Paris)

Réseau OLYMPE for Francophone feminist approaches to international law

- Have developed a strategy for the network, maintained the network's membership list, monitored opportunities for knowledge production and knowledge exchange (publications; public events).
- Have assisted in the edition of a collective volume on gender and law and have individually edited a collective volume on queer theory and law (the first one in FR).

Drafting-Secretary

2017-2021

International Law Institute (IIL-IDI)

- Tasked with synthesizing (in EN and FR) Institute's members collective agreements around contentious issues in international law for inclusion in future reports.

- Worked at the 2017 Hyderabad, 2019 The Hague, and 2021 Beijing Sessions.

SNSF Postdoctoral Researcher

2015-2017

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK
 Université du Québec à Montréal (UQÀM), Montréal, Canada

- Developed and taught punctual seminar on gender/queer theory and law.
- Co-managed academic projects on gender in EN and FR (high-level publications; public events).
- Contributed to the foundation or starting phase of 4 multistakeholder networks around gender and law (OLYMPE network; Gender, Law and Sexualities Network; ESIL's interest group on Feminism and International Law; Feminist International Judgments Project).

Research & Teaching Assistant

Apr-Aug 2015

Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant

2009-2014

Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

Junior Legal Officer

2012-2013

Administrative Tribunal of the International Labor Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Education

Diploma in Public International Law (The Hague Academy – Netherlands, 2015)

Ph.D. in International Law (Graduate Institute, Geneva – Switzerland, 2015)

Masters in international law (Graduate Institute, Geneva – Switzerland, (2008)

Bachelor in European and International Law (France/Sweden, 2006)

Grant and Prizes

Early Postdoc Mobility Grant n°P2GEP1_161784 (SNSF; 2015 –2017)

Merit Scholarship Bonnefous (The Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands; July 2015)

Mariano Garcia Rubio Prize for the best master's thesis in international law (Graduate Institute; 2008)

Merit Scholarships (Graduate Institute; 2006-2007 and 2007-2008)

Language and Technical Skills

Languages

French (native)
 English (fluent)
 Spanish (good)
 Turkish (basic)

Presentation Skills (written, oral)

Collaboration Skills (DEIB)
 Project Management
 People Management

Programme Design

Data Analysis
 Technical Writing
 Translation

Affiliations and memberships

Law & Society Association (LSA)

Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP; Harvard)

Transnational Law Summer Institute (TLSI; Kings College)

Selected Publications

Books

La fiction juridique et le juge. Contribution à une nouvelle herméneutique de la Cour internationale de justice (“Legal fictions and the judge. A new hermeneutics of the International Court of Justice”) Bruylant, coll. Jus Gentium, 2018.

Journal articles

(co-authored with Güley Bor, Esin Bozovalı, Çiğdem Çımrın, İlayda Eskitaşçıoğlu, Ezel Buse Sönmezocak, Ahu Morali & Ayşe Özge Erceiş), “Imaginer une clinique en droit et genre en Turquie : Un manifeste d’intention polyphonique”, *Cliniques juridiques*, vol 5, 2021

“Relancer le cercle de l’herméneutique: une épistémologie féministe post/décoloniale de l’interprétation en droit (international)” (“Rekindling the Hermeneutical Circle: A Post/Decolonial Feminist Epistemology of (International) Legal Interpretation”), *Revue de Recherche Juridique*, July 2019 (2018 - afl. 4).

“(Se) Raconter les approches féministes francophones du droit international (“The (Us-)Story of Francophone Feminist Approaches to International Law”, *Sciences Po Law Review*, volume 15, 2018.

Book chapters

“Article 20”, *Commentaire de la Convention européenne des droits de l’homme*, Mouloud Bemghar (ed.), forthcoming 2024.

“The ‘Indigenous Women’ Behind the ‘Other’ Beijing Declaration”, *Portraits of Women in International Law*, Immi Tallgren (ed.), OUP, 2023

“Interstellar Justice Now: Back to the Future of International Law”, in *International Law and Time* (Proceedings of the IHEID Conference, 12-14 June 2015), Luca Pasquet, León Castellanos Jankiewicz, Klara van der Ploeg (ed.), Springer, 2022.

“State Jurisdictional Immunities (Germany v. Italy), ICJ 2012”, avec Dr. Zoi Aliozi et Dr. Ekaterina Yahyaoui, in *Feminist Judgments: Rewriting International Law*, T. Lavers et L. Hodson (ed.), Hart 2019.

“General principles of law”, co-authored with Prof. Marcelo G. Kohen, *Oxford Bibliographies Online Series*, ed. 2018.

“Le droit international, mythique anarchie ? L’héritage hobbesien en question.” (“Is International Law a mythical anarchy? Questioning the hobbesian legacy.”) in *Droit et Anarchie*, Paris: L’Harmattan, 2013. Actes de la Journée d’Études des jeunes chercheurs de l’Institut d’Études de Droit Public (IEDP), Université Paris-Sud XI, Sceaux, France.

Scientific Posts

“The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control”, *Oxford International Organizations Database*, 2018.

“De la crise française du burkini et du droit (international): comment s’en sortir (vraiment)?” (“On the French crisis about the burkini and (international) law: how do we (really) solve it?”), *Blog de la Société italienne de droit international – SIDIBlog*, 9 September 2016 ; <http://www.sidiblog.org/2016/09/09/de-la-crise-francaise-du-burkini-et-du-droit-international-comment-sen-sortir-vraiment/>.

“The enchantment of (judicial) reason revisited. A rejoinder to Jean d’Aspremont’s EJIL Reflection”, *Methonormativity Paper* 1, 26 November 2016; <https://methonormativity.wordpress.com/publications/>.

Current projects

“DEI at the UN” – a research investigating the origins (and pioneering nature) of diversity thinking and practices at the UN and compiling current frameworks. *Draft article for submission to a peer-review journal*.

“SDG5: Gender Equality or a Turkish Her-story” – a research investigating the crucial input of Turkish feminist activists behind the inclusion of Gender Equality in the SDGs. *Draft article for submission to a peer-review journal*.