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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **IMO-International Maritime Law Institute**, Malta, Europe, May 2020.
Research Topic: “**Legal Liability for Oceanic Oil Pollution in the Arctic Region (from Ships to Offshore Installations)**”, Supervised by [Prof. Frank L. Wiswall](#) and [Prof. Lawson Brigham](#), University of Alaska, Fairbanks (External) <https://imli.org/students/basaran-ilker-kadri-2/>
Examiners: Prof. David Attard, Prof. Patrick J.S. Griggs, and Prof. Don Greig Fassa
- M. Jur.** **IMO-International Maritime Law Institute**, Malta, Europe, April 2013.
Research Topic: “**Oil Pollution Act of the United States & the Case Study of the Deepwater Horizon (BP) Oil Spill**”, Supervised by Prof. Frank L. Wiswall. <https://imli.org/students/basaran-ilker-kadri/>
- M.S.** **State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College** (Fort Schuyler), NY, USA, September 2011.
International (Marine) Transportation Management and Logistics.
- LL.M.** **Temple University School of Law**, PA, USA, May 2007.
- LL.B.** **Istanbul Bilgi University School of Law**, Istanbul, Turkey, October 2003.

EXPERIENCE

- Texas A&M University Galveston (TAMUG)**, TX, September 2021 – Present
Postdoctoral Research Associate and a co-lecturer with Prof. Elizabeth Nyman for Maritime Foreign Policy, handling course topics related to Arctic marine governance and international maritime law.
- Bahcesehir University**, Istanbul, Turkey. January 2017- Present
Lecturer in Law School
Classes: International Maritime Law and Sustainability, Maritime Economics, and Marine Insurance Law (graduate level) (teaching language is English).
- Legal Expert at Maritime Court**, Istanbul, Turkey, March 2019 - August 2021
I have written 86 expert reports for maritime court cases including container damages, marine environmental pollution cases, marine insurance claims, charter party and contract of carriage disputes.
- University of Texas School of Law at Austin**, TX, USA, May 2012 - June 2014.
Long-term visiting research scholar for BP and Arctic Oil Spill Research.
- Tulane University (Maritime Law Center)**, New Orleans, LA, USA, February 2012 - May 2012.
Short-term visiting research scholar for BP Oil Spill Research.
- EKS International LLC**. Scarsdale, New York, USA, October 2009 - December 2010.
Dry cargo and tanker ship brokering.

Market analysis, negotiations, reviewing and revisiting charterparty agreements.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Man Overboard, Analyzing the Risk of Harm to Human Life in Antarctic Tourism**, Ilker K. Basaran (Lead Author), Elizabeth Nyman, Jenna Lamphere, and Hope McFarlin, 16th Volume of the Yearbook of Polar Law, Brill Publishing (Under Peer Review Process)
- **Is There a Legal Ground to Ban Further Oil and Gas Drilling in the Arctic Ocean?** Polar Record (Under Peer Review Process).
- **Redefining Arctic Boundaries in a Changing Climate: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Governance Strategies**, Nani et al., Polar Geography, (an Interdisciplinary Research Paper, Under Peer Review Process). I am one of the lead authors.
- **How to Address Regulatory Gap for Transboundary Oil Pollution from Offshore Installation in the Arctic Ocean**, Ilker K. Basaran (Lead Author) & Elizabeth Nyman, 15th Volume of the Yearbook of Polar Law, Brill Publishing (Peer Reviewed & accepted for publication).
- **Arctic Law in 1000 Words**, a textbook project by UArctic Chair in Arctic Research and Education, September 2023. I have contributed to the following two sections: **Learning from the Svalbard Island Case** and **Polar Code and the Arctic** (Peer Reviewed).
- **30.000 Euros Poir Voir Fondre l'Arctique, Reporterre** April 2021 (a news article, that helped author, Clément Nicolas, to write the story) <https://reporterre.net/30-000-euros-pour-voir-fondre-l-Arctique>
- **Marginal Ice Zone: Profit vs. Protection**, with my student H.C.Cakioglu, **Arctic** Yearbook 2020
- **A Lot more is possible with Libya** (regarding the Turkish-Libya Maritime Accord), Koster Dergisi, Vol.16, January 2020 (Turkish).
- **Arctic Ocean and New Shipping Routes**, Koster Dergisi, Vol.15, November 2019 (Turkish).
- **What a Shipyard Can Tell Us About Arctic Safety?** *Arctic Yearbook, November 2019.*
- **The Northwest Passage and the U.S. - Canada Dispute on Its Legal Status**, Benedict's Maritime Bulletin, August 2019
- **Cruising the Marginal Ice Zone: Climate Change and Arctic Tourism**, Palma et al., an Interdisciplinary Research Paper, Polar Geography, 2019 (an Interdisciplinary Research Paper, Peer Reviewed). I was one of the lead authors to this paper.
- **Is the Arctic Way Forward for the Norwegian Oil Industry?** Current Developments in Arctic Law, Vol. 6, December 2018.
- **The EU's Role in Arctic Marine Governance**, The Journal of Ocean Technology, Polar Water Operations: Mitigating Risks, Volume 13, 2018.
- **Can the Civil Liability Convention for Oil Pollution Withstand the Pressure of a Major Oil Spill in the Arctic Ocean?** Arctic Yearbook, November 2018. (Peer Reviewed)
- **Reporting from on Top of the World: We Have to Talk About Indigenous Peoples in Arctic Shipping**, Benedict's Maritime Bulletin, Vol. 16, January 2018.
- **Legal Aspect of Navigation in the Arctic Marginal Ice Zones**, (as part of an interdisciplinary research project prepared for the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research) December 2017.

- **Missing the “Obvious” in Arctic Shipping Regulations: A Maritime Lawyers’ Observation from Svalbard**, Arctic Yearbook, October 2017.
- **The Future Arctic Navigation: Cooperation Between the Arctic Council and International Maritime Organization (IMO)**, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Vol 48, January 2017. (**Peer Reviewed**)
- **Arctic Council’s Impact on Arctic Shipping**, Arctic Yearbook 2016.
- **The Evolution of International Maritime Organization’s Role in Shipping**, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Vol 47, January 2016. (**Peer Reviewed**)
- **IMO Polar Code: History, Content, and Shortcomings**, The Arctic Summer College, website <http://arcticsummercollege.org>, August 2015.
- **The IMO Polar Code: A Historical Achievement for the Future of Arctic Shipping**, Benedict’s Maritime Bulletin, Vol. 13, 2015 (**Peer Reviewed**)
- **The Lomonosov Ridge and the Overlapping Outer Continental Shelf Claim to the North Pole**, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Vol.46, January 2015. (**Peer Reviewed**)
- **The Northern Sea Route and Misleading Concept of “Ice-Free Arctic”**, Benedict’s Maritime Bulletin, Vol.12, 2014.
- **A New Chapter in Defining Clean Water Act Jurisdiction in the U.S**, Benedict’s Maritime Bulletin, Vol.12, Second Quarter, 2014.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Ship Broker Certificate (Association of Ship Brokers and Agents USA (ASBA)) 2009.
- Licensed attorney in Istanbul, Turkey, and Qualified for the New York and Texas State Bars.

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

- **Comité Maritime International Gothenburg Colloquium, Sweden**, May 2024 (I will participate and chair a session for polar shipping)
- **Comité Maritime International Montreal Colloquium, Canada**, June 14, 2023. Participated (virtually) in the Polar Shipping International Working Group Meeting.
- **Comité Maritime International Conference, Antwerp, Belgium** (at different venues in Antwerp), October 18-21, 2022. Participated in the Polar Shipping and Offshore Activities Working Group (WG) Sessions and made a presentation at the Offshore Activities WG session to support the pure ecologic damage clause in the draft oil and gas convention (with my help, the WG members decided to include this clause into the draft convention).
- **Polar Law Symposium, Reykjavik, Iceland** (at the University of Iceland Campus), October 12-14, 2022. Presentation on “the Lack of Legal Framework for Transboundary Oil Pollution from Offshore Installations in the Arctic Ocean”.
- **SPRINT FAPESP Project Workshop, Houston, Texas, USA** (at TAMUG), September 22-25, 2022. This is a joint project between TAMUG and the University of São Paulo that compares and investigates the environmental governance systems of the US and Brazilian governments in the case of offshore oil pollution in the Gulf of Mexico and the Santos Basin. (I helped organize this workshop).

- **The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research, Svalbard, Norway** (Summer School Workshop at the University Centre Svalbard (UNIS)), June 17 - 27, 2022. Presentation topic: "Recent Developments in Arctic Shipping and the work undertaken by Comité Maritime International". The theme of the summer school was "Global Arctic". I was the only participant invited twice.
- **Texas A&M Energy Conference, Houston, Texas, USA** (at the Texas A&M College Station Campus), December 3, 2021. Presentation topic: "Climate Change, Net Zero Targets of Energy Companies, and Oil and Gas Bans in the Arctic Region".
- **Underwater Cultural Heritage and Marine Science Workshop**, Maritime Law Application and Research Center (DEHUKAM), October 4-5, 2018. (Grant for Attendance), Bodrum, Turkey.
- **SciBAR Installations (Arctic Energy Installations) Workshop**, Nottingham, UK (at the Nottingham Trent University Campus), March 3-7, 2018. Grant for attendance and publication in the Arctic Yearbook.
- **Human Rights and the Law of the Sea Workshop, Msida, Malta** (at the IMO-IMLI Campus), February 13- 4, 2018. This was a joint workshop organized by IMO-IMLI and the Naval War College.
- **Ocean Governance for Sustainability: Seabed Management Training Workshop**, Liverpool, UK (at the University of Liverpool Campus), December 6-8, 2017. (Grant for Attendance).
- **The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research, Summer School Fellowship, Svalbard, Norway** (at the University Centre Svalbard (UNIS)), July 28 to August 7, 2017. Grant for attendance and presentation topic: "Polar Code and Arctic Shipping". I was the only legal scholar in the research group.
- **Hertz Foundation Fellowship on a Conference on Advances in Integrated Ocean Research Towards Sustainable Development, Kiel, Germany** (at the University of Kiel Campus), July 2-7, 2017. Grant for attendance and presentation. Topic: "Arctic Marine Transportation".
- **Law and Governance: Emerging Issues of the Polar Regions, Shanghai, China** (at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Campus), June 20-21, 2017. Grant for attendance and presentation. Topic: "Arctic Shipping Regulations and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)".
- **Admiralty and Maritime Law Conferences, Houston, Texas, USA**, September 2013, 2014, and 2021. Grants for attendance were provided by the University of Texas Law School.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- **The Seal of Excellence Award** by the European Union in 2020. This is a recognition award given to excellent proposals submitted by exceptional scholars in the EU Marie Curie Individual Fellowship Application. **Research proposal:** The EU's Role in Protecting the Arctic Marginal Ice Zone (EU ProMIZ). The proposal was drafted in collaboration with Prof. Elizabeth Kirk of the University of Lincoln, UK, and it received a score of 87.5 out of 100.
- **Connecticut Maritime Association Education Maritime Internship Award** for 2010. <https://cmaedu.org/maritime-internship/>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ACTIVITIES

- **Member of Comité Maritime International (CMI)**

The CMI is the oldest organization in the maritime field and serves as a consultative and treaty drafting body for International Maritime Law. (<https://comitemaritime.org>)

- Chair and a Leading Author of a sub-research group created under the International Working Group for Polar Shipping to investigate “**Coastal states’ responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of navigation aids and services in Arctic waters.**” Group members are Prof. Aldo Chircop, Prof. Lawson Brigham (invited) Cpt David (Duke) Snider, Mr. Peter Cullen, and Ms. Leyla Pearson.
- Member of a sub-research group led by Prof. Aldo Chircop to investigate “**The interface between the implementation of Indigenous rights (UNDRIP) and governance of Arctic shipping.**”
- Member of **Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA)** <http://www.cmaconnect.com>
- Member of **Young Shipping Professionals of New York (YSPNY)** <http://yspny.com>
- **Editorial Board Member** of the Journal of Environmental Policy and Law.
<https://environmentalpolicyandlaw.com/editorial-board>
- **Guest Editor** for the Journal of Maritime Law and Policy, Vol. 52 No 2, Winter/Spring 2022/23 and Vol.52 No 3, Summer 2023.
- **Peer Reviewer** for the Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Ocean Yearbook, and Marine Policy.