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EDUCATION

2017-2024	PhD, Ankara University (Ankara/Türkiye) GPA: 3.94 out of 4 - *Summa Cum Laude* Thesis Title: Protection of Digital Assets within the Framework of the Full Protection and Security Principle in Investment Treaties
2014-2015:	Postgraduate Certificate in Public International Law, Queen Mary University of London, *Merit*
2012- 2015:	LL.M., Galatasaray University (Istanbul/Türkiye) GPA: 3.76 out of 4 - *Merit* Thesis Title: "Confronting Cyberespionage under International Law"
2006- 2012:	LL.B., Bilkent University, Faculty of Law (Ankara/Türkiye) GPA: 3.17 out of 4, *Honor*
2004- 2008:	Pendik Anadolu Lisesi (Istanbul/Türkiye) GPA: 94 out of 100

WORK EXPERIENCES

06/2023-10/2023	Legal and Political Advisor, Turkish Grand National Assembly (Ankara) Aykut KAYA – Member of Parliament (Antalya) • 40, Parliamentary questions • 7, Legislative proposals • 5, Proposals for parliamentary investigation commission
09/2018-06/2023	Legal and Political Advisor, Turkish Grand National Assembly (Ankara) Hasan SUBASI – Member of Parliament (Antalya) • 84, Parliamentary questions • 12, Legislative proposals • 5, Proposals for parliamentary investigation commission • 37, Dissenting opinions
10/2016 –06/2018	Legal and Political Advisor, Turkish Grand National Assembly (Ankara) Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin İHSANOGLU - Member of Parliament (Istanbul)
01/2016-06/2016	Associate Lawyer, DLA PIPER LLP (Istanbul/Türkiye) Legal advisor for Türkiye operations of Nike, Audi, Netflix, Huawei, RIOT Games on data protection, cyber security and privacy issues
09/2015-01/2016	Legal Advisor for Startups namely PublicFeed and Newstag Global (Ankara/Türkiye)
07/2015-09/2015	Intern, Volterra Fietta Public International Law Firm (London/UK)
08/2014-	Lawyer, Ankara Bar Association
02/2012-10/2015	Researcher, Center for International Law Studies, International Strategic Research Organization, an Ankara based think-tank

Duties and Responsibilities as being an Advisor:

- **Support in the Legislative Process:** TBMM (Turkish Grand National Assembly) advisors assist members of parliament throughout the legislative process. This includes tasks such as drafting bills, reviewing draft texts, providing legal advice, and offering technical information.
- **Research and Analysis:** Advisors conduct research and prepare reports to help members of parliament better understand various issues. They provide detailed analyses on topics requiring expertise in fields such as economics, law, and international relations.
- **Political Consulting:** Advisors provide strategic recommendations to members of parliament as they formulate their political positions. This includes offering insights and opinions on committee work, bill proposals, agenda discussions, and political decisions within the Assembly.
- **Preparation of Questions and Proposals:** Advisors are responsible for preparing written or oral questions that members of parliament will address to the government, as well as developing proposals.
- **Communication and Coordination**: Advisors also manage the communication between members of parliament and the public or other institutions. This may include handling media relations, public statements, and social media strategies.
- **Legislation Monitoring and Legal Assistance:** Advisors track existing laws in the Assembly and provide legal advice during the creation of new laws. Additionally, they offer members of parliament information regarding the constitution, international law, and legislation.

Duties and Responsibilities as being a Lawyer:

1. Responsibilities in the Field of Information Technology Law

a. Personal Data Protection (KVKK/GDPR)

- **Data Protection Consultancy:** Providing consultancy to companies and individuals in designing data processing procedures in compliance with regulations such as KVKK (Law on the Protection of Personal Data) or GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).
- **Data Breaches and Disputes:** Managing the process of filing lawsuits or defending against personal data breaches, identifying breaches, reporting them, and handling the legal processes.

b. Cybersecurity and Digital Crimes

- **Defense or Litigation Against Cyber Crimes:** Representing clients in cases involving cyberattacks, data breaches, hacking, and online fraud, and managing legal processes in criminal cases related to digital crimes.
- **Drafting Cybersecurity Policies:** Creating security policies for companies and organizations and ensuring the legal applicability of these policies.

c. E-Commerce and Digital Transactions

- **E-Commerce Practices:** Drafting legal contracts for e-commerce platforms, determining user rights and platform rules, and providing consultancy on the legal infrastructure of digital commerce, including electronic contracts and digital payment systems.
- **Intellectual Property Rights:** Filing intellectual property lawsuits to protect digital products, software, and content, and dealing with software licensing, copyright, and patent lawsuits.

d. Technology Contracts and Legal Consultancy

- **Software and Technology Contracts:** Drafting software development, distribution, and technology license agreements, and providing contract consultancy for technology firms, start-ups, and individual entrepreneurs in technology projects.
- **Legal Management of Online Platforms:** Drafting user agreements and privacy policies for social media platforms, mobile applications, and other digital services.

2. Responsibilities in the Field of International Law

a. Inter-State Disputes and International Arbitration

- **International Arbitration:** Representing clients in international arbitration courts in commercial or investment disputes, preparing briefs, and managing dispute resolution processes through arbitration courts like ICSID or ICC.

b. Investment and Trade Law

- **Foreign Investment Consultancy:** Protecting the international investments of foreign investors or multinational companies and providing legal consultancy in these processes, preparing investment agreements, and ensuring the protection of investments under international law.
- **International Trade Law:** Providing consultancy on import-export agreements, international trade contracts, and customs procedures, offering legal support for resolving international trade disputes and overcoming trade barriers.

c. Human Rights and International Criminal Law

- **International Human Rights Cases:** Representing clients in the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), filing lawsuits related to human rights violations, and defending against such cases.
- **Refugee and Immigration Law:** Providing consultancy to individuals or organizations in cases related to international migration and refugee status, and working on international migration agreements and refugee law.

Responsibilities and Duties as a Researcher at a Think Tank:

Policy Analysis and Research:

- Conducted in-depth research on geopolitical, economic, and security-related issues, focusing on international law and global governance.
- Analyzed current events, policy changes, and international relations trends to provide actionable insights for policymakers, government officials, and academic audiences.
- Prepared detailed reports, policy briefs, and white papers on strategic issues impacting regional and global affairs.

Project Development and Management:

- Led and coordinated research projects, including designing research methodologies, setting project timelines, and managing resources effectively.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams of experts to produce high-quality research outputs that addressed pressing international security and strategic concerns.
- Organized and participated in conferences, workshops, and roundtables to disseminate research findings and engage with thought leaders in relevant fields.

Data Collection and Analysis:

- Gathered and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data from various sources, including government reports, international organizations, and academic publications.
- Utilized research tools and databases to identify emerging trends and provide forecasts in strategic areas such as cybersecurity, international law, and regional conflicts.

- Applied comparative analysis techniques to draw parallels between different geopolitical regions and legal systems.

Publication and Dissemination:

- Authored and co-authored research papers, articles, and op-eds for academic journals, media outlets, and think-tank publications.
- Contributed to the publication of periodic strategic reports and newsletters, providing updates on international developments that impact national security and foreign policy.
- Presented findings at both national and international conferences, engaging with diplomats, researchers, and policy analysts.

Stakeholder Engagement and Networking:

- Built relationships with key stakeholders, including government agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, and other think tanks, to facilitate information exchange and collaborative research.
- Engaged with policymakers and provided briefings on critical issues, contributing to informed decision-making processes.
- Represented the think tank at public forums, panels, and media interviews to raise awareness of research findings and promote the organization's strategic objectives.

Grant Writing and Fundraising:

- Assisted in writing grant proposals and securing funding for research projects from national and international institutions, foundations, and governmental organizations.
- Managed project budgets and ensured adherence to funding guidelines and deliverable timelines.

Research Interests

- International investment law
- Human rights law
- Cybersecurity law
- Personal data protection
- E-commerce law
- Intellectual property, digital assets, and rights
- Blockchain and cryptocurrencies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tam Koruma ve Güvenlik Standardı Çerçevesinde Dijital Varlıkların Korunması (Protection of Digital Assets under Full Protection and Security Principle), **Adalet Yayınevi**, ISBN: 9786052648797, 2024.

Teoriden Pratiğe Uluslararası Hukukun Sınırlarında (From Theory to Practice: On the Boundaries of International Law), **Aristo Yayınevi**, ISBN: 9786258385304, 2024.

Özgürlük ve Güvenlik Dengesinde Siber Dünya (Cyberspace in the Balance of Freedom and Security), **Aristo Yayınevi**, ISBN: 9786258385304, 2024.

Confronting Cyberespionage under International Law, **Routledge Publishing** (Routledge Research in International Law), ISBN: 9781138476424, 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Gölgedeki Tehdit: Yalnız Aktör Terörizminin Evrimi ve Mücadele Yöntemleri" (Threat in the Shadow: The Evolution of Lone Actor Terrorism and Countering Methods), **Journal of Terrorism and Radicalization Studies**, 4(1), 2025, pp. 110-135, DOI: 10.61314/traddergi.1502822

"End of 'End of Human Rights' Debate: Critical Junctures and Incremental Changes of Human Rights", **Law and Justice Review**, vol: 28, 2024, pp. 77-94.

"Yeni Devletlerin Uluslararası Örgüt Üyeliğine Halefiyeti: Teorik Bir Değerlendirme" (Succession of New States to Membership in International Organizations: A Theoretical Assessment), **Türkiye Adalet Akademisi Dergisi**, vol: 59, 2024, pp.181-204.

"Uluslararası Adalet Divanı'na Dostane Katılım (*Amicus Curiae*) ve Dostane Mütalaa (*Amicus Brief*) Usulü" (Amicus Curiae Participation in the International Court of Justice and the Procedure of Amicus Brief) **Türkiye Adalet Akademisi Dergisi**, vol: 38, 2019, pp.315-342.

"Yatırım Anlaşmalarında Yer Alan Adil ve Eşit Muamele İlkesinin Hukuki Niteliği" (The Legal Nature of the Principle of Fair and Equitable Treatment in Investment Treaties), **Türkiye Barolar Birliği Dergisi**, vol: 139, 2018, pp.239-256.

"Siber Saldırılar Karşısında Meşru Müdafaa Hakkı" (The Right to Self-Defense Against Cyber Attacks), **Kamu Hukuku Arşivi**, 2016, pp. 55-65.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

"Avrupa İnsan Hakları Mahkemesi ve Avrupa Adalet Divanı Kararları Işığında Sosyo-Ekonomik Hakların Korunması" (Protection of Socio-Economic Rights in Light of the Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union), **Sosyal Adalet için İnsan Hakları: Sosyal Haklar Bildiriler Kitabı**, Editors: Kıvılcım Akkoyunlu Ertan, Filiz Kartal, Yeliz Şanlı Atay, Türkiye ve Orta Doğu Amme İdaresi Enstitüsü (TODAIE) 2014, pp. 121-131.

Book Reviews

"Changing Norms through Actions: The Evolution of Sovereignty by Jennifer M. Ramos. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. 200pp," **Review of International Law and Politics**, Issue 34, 2013.

Academic Commentary, Opinions and Interviews

"Kişisel Verilerin Korunması Kanunu Ne Vadediyor?" ("What Does the Law on Protection of Personal Data Promise?), **Al-Jazeera Turk**, 01.03.2016.

"Savaş Suçlularını Ararken" (In Search of War Criminals), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 51, May 2015, pp. 38-39.

"Yeni Dünya'nın Keşfi: Siber Fırsatlar ve Tehditler" (The Discovery of the New World: Cyber Opportunities and Threats), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 40, June 2014, pp. 30-39.

"Açık Internet Yapısından - Balkanlaşan Internet Yapısına" (From Open to Balkanized Internet Structure), Policy Brief, 02.03.2014.

"Where does freedom of speech stop? The removal of Innocence of Muslims", **Journal of Turkish Weekly,** 03.03.2014.

"Kırım Referandumla Ukrayna'dan Ayrılabilir mi?" (Can Crimea Secedes from Ukraine via Referendum) **Radikal Gazetesi**, 13.03.2014.

"Rusya'nın Tezleri - Batı'nın Antitezleri: Kırım ve Uluslararası Hukuk" (Russia's Theses - The West's Antitheses: Crimea and International Law), **Policy Analysis**, 07.03.2014.

"Responding to a Cyber Catastrophe", **Journal of Turkish Weekly**, 18.02.2014.

"Suriye'de Savaş Suçlarını Yargılamak: Hibrid Mahkeme Modeli" (Prosecuting War Crimes in Syria: The Hybrid Court Model), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 36, February 2014, pp. 54-57.

"Legal Perspectives on the Recent Findings on War Crimes in the Syrian Conflict", Journal of Turkish Weekly, 21.01.2014.

"İpin Ucunu Kaçırmak: NSA" (Losing Control: The NSA), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 34, December 2013, pp. 24-25

"Amerika'da Paradigma Değişimi: NSA ve İstihbaratın Denetimi" (Paradigm Shift in America: The NSA and Oversight of Intelligence) **Radikal Gazetesi**, 29 November 2013

"İnternet Özgürlüğü - Siber Güvenlik Denkleminde Birey" (The Individual in the Internet Freedom and Cybersecurity Equation), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 33, November 2013, pp. 70-71.

"Siber Güç Kapasitesi Asimetrik Savaşın Parametreleri" (Cyber Power Capacity and Parameters of Asymmetric Warfare), **Analist Dergisi,** vol. 32, October 2013, pp. 64-67.

"Siber Dünya: Gerçeklikler ve Reel Tehditler" (The Cyber World: Realities and Actual Threats), **Analist Dergisi**, Vol. 31, September 2013, pp. 62-63.

"Applying the Kosovo Model to Syria", **Journal of Turkish Weekly**, 09.09.2013.

"Düşürülen Jet - Vurulan Helikopter: Hukuka Uygunluğun Sınırı" (The Downed Jet - The Shot-Down Helicopter: The Limits of Legal Compliance), Policy Brief, 20.09.2013.

"Ulus-Devlet Olma Arifesinde İskoçya" (Scotland on the Verge of Becoming a Nation-State), **Analist Dergisi**, vol. 29, July 2013, pp. 16-17.

"Ulus-devlet, Vatansızlık ve Uluslararası Hukuk Üçgeninde Rohingyalı Müslümanlar" (The Rohingya Muslims in the Triangle of Nation-State, Statelessness, and International Law), **Analist Dergisi**, September 2012, pp.16-19.

"Downing Military Jet and Türkiye's Rights under International Air Law", Policy Brief, 4 July 2012.

INTERVIEWS

Interview with Blaise Mistzal, Foreign Policy Director of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington D.C, "**Legislative and Regulatory Restrictions in Cyberspace**" 17.12.2014.

Interview with Bakhtiyar Aslanbayli, lecturer at Baku State University, "**NATO Article 4.5: a new format for providing security against cyber-attacks**", 11.12.2014.

Interview with Associate Professor Stuart Macdonald, Swansea University Co-Director Cyberterrorism Project UK, "**A New Phenomena of Security Challenges: Cyberterrorism and Beyond**", 15.03.2013.

Interview with Dr. Larry Duane White, "**Cyber Terrorism to be equated with Weapons of Mass Destruction**" 13.10.2013.

Interview with Prof. Joseph Nye, "Siber Güvenlik Üzerine", Analist Dergisi, vol:40, June 2014, pp.28-31.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Speaker, "IT Revolution and Diplomacy: Challenges, Opportunities and Risks", Diplomacy in the 21st Century, Durham University, Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Chevening, UK-Durham, 17 April 2015

Speaker, "*Legal Limits of Proactive Actions: Coreflood Botnet Example*", International Botnets Fighting Alliance / Alliance Internationale de Lutte Contre les Botnets, France-Nantes, 05-06 December 2013

Speaker, Advanced Research Workshop "*Strengthening Cyber Defense of Critical Infrastructure*", Ukraine-Kiev, 29-31 October 2014.

Speaker, "*Computing Power and 'Intent Standard' Approach to Identify Legal vs Illegal Botnets (Illegal vs. Legal Botnets)*", International Botnets Fighting Alliance / Alliance Internationale de Lutte Contre les Botnets, France-Nancy, 03-05 December 2014.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

07.10.2015	BBC Radio, "Ankara Bombing Issue"
13.03.2014	Voice of Russia, "Crimea and International Law"
05.11.2013	Voice of Russia, "International Law and NSA"
31.10.2013	TRT, "Cyber Security and International Law"
25.09.2013	TRT, "ECJ and Cases against Türkiye"
08.09.2013	Deutsch Tuerkische Nachrichten, "Commented on Kidnapped Plane"
20.07.2013	TRT, "ECHR and Using Tear Gas as a Chemical Weapon in Social Protests"

SCHOLARSHIPS, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Scholarships

2017-2023	The Yamani Cultural and Charitable Foundation, PhD Scholarship
2017-2021	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK) PhD Scholarship (TUBITAK 2211)
2014-2015	Chevening Scholarships, the UK Government's Global Scholarship Program, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organizations (Academic Excellence and Outstanding Leadership Potential)
2006-2012	Bilkent University, LLB Merit based Full Scholarship (2006-2012)

Certificates

2022	Amateur Maritime and Captaincy License, Short-Range Radio Operator Certification
2022	Red Crescent First Aid Training
2022	METU Penetration Testing Certificate Training
2020	Civil Aviation Authority IHA-1 License
2018	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE-ODIHR) Election Observer
2015	International Cyber Policy Course, Cranfield University & UK Defence Academy
2014	IBM SPSS Statistics
2014	CIPR Certificate in Training, Writing Skills for PR
2012	The International Negotiation Techniques, Ankara, Netherlands Institute for Higher Education Ankara

Awards

2014	Atlantic Council, Best Decision Paper Award, Cyber 9/12 Competition in Washington D.C.
2013	NATO Centre of Excellence Defence against Terrorism, "Terrorist Use of Cyber Space", Rapporteur
2013	TÜBİTAK, "Cyber Camp", Best Working Paper on Cyberwarfare and Deterrence
2013	Legal English Certificate, awarded by Prof. Dr. Helena Silverberg, Berkeley University
2006-2012	Bilkent University Honor and High Honor Certificates
2006	Ranked as the 138th in the University Entrance Exam (OSS) in Türkiye among over 1.8 million students

LANGUAGES

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	TOEFL/IELTS
Turkish	Native	Native	Native	
English	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	91/ 7
French	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Word / Excel / Power Point
- SPSS Statistics
- Digital Forensic Tools (FTK, Autopsy) and network analysis tools (Wireshark)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association of Privacy Professionals, Member
- Internet Society, Member
- American Society of International Law
- International Bar Association, Member

- Strategic Studies Institute, Member
- TED, English and French to Turkish Translator
- Turkish Chess Federation, Licensed Chess Player