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EDUCATION

Tilburg Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands Est. 2023
PhD Candidate in Law

- Thesis: “Colonial and Imperial Legacies on the Laws of War.” Supervisor: Prof. Randall LeSaffer.

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, USA May 2020
Juris Doctor (Accelerated Track)

- Merit scholarship. Participated in “International Human Rights Law Practicum” with United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances member Henrikas Mickevičius. Member of/participated in: Muslim, Middle East, Black law student associations; International Arbitration, International Law societies; International Refugee Assistance Project; National Lawyers Guild.

Leiden University, The Hague & Leiden, The Netherlands Aug. 2013
Advanced LL.M in Public International Law

- Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LEXS). International Criminal Law track. Thesis: “The Right to Rebel/Law of Rebellion in International Law.” Frits Kalshoven Moot Court on International Humanitarian Law (2nd place).

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, USA May 2008
MS in Global Affairs

- Hazel Vera Scholarship. Honors. Concentrations in human rights, international law, and political violence. Thesis: “Right to Rebel: Political Repression, International Law, Postcolonialism.” Research assistance on genocide and human rights education for the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights.

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, USA Oct. 2006
BA in Political Science

- Honors. Treasurer/Member, Rutgers Acts for Peace and Justice.

SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH

Edited Volumes

- EMANCIPATING INTERNATIONAL LAW: CONFRONTING THE VIOLENCE OF RACIALIZED BOUNDARIES, with Mohsen al Attar, Claire Smith, and Binxin Zhang (eds.) [forthcoming, 2024]. The collection aims to stimulate dialogue about the relationship between international law and race, racism, and racialization. It discusses: situating international law’s racism problem; the tools, techniques, and technologies of legalized racial inequality; (anti-)racism in the pluriverse; and ways forward. Includes 40 pieces, with particular emphasis on junior and racialized scholars.

Articles & Chapters

- *The Palestine Yearbook of International Law: A Medium for a Principled International Law on Palestine and the Palestinian People*, Special 50th Anniv. Vol., NETH. Y.B. INT’L L. (2020) [published]. This T.M.C. Asser Institute volume compiles experiences and reflections editing international law yearbooks from around the world. I discuss my work with, and the history, development, function, impact, and future of, the Palestine Yearbook of International Law and its unique contributions to legal practice and scholarship over nearly four decades.
- *A Palestinian Perspective on Teaching International Law*, TWAILR (THIRD WORLD APPROACHES INT’L L. REV.) REFLECTIONS [published]. It reflect on the challenges of international law teaching in the Palestinian (and Arab) context. It highlights the challenges faced Palestinian teachers and students of international law encounter. It argues that teaching international law should, as a baseline, provide students the ability to operate as “textbook” international lawyers while fostering their ability and capacity to critique.
- *Andraž Zidar and Jean-Pierre Gauci eds., “The Role of Legal Advisers in International Law” and Some Thoughts on the Palestinian Legal Adviser*, Vol. XXII PALESTINE Y.B. INT’L L. 2019-2020 [published]. Review essay on the text compiling experiences and reflections of legal advisers working on international law from around the world, discussing: international law’s colonial and imperial legacies and its impact on the volume; the shortcomings of more diverse geographic and thematic contributions; and the interplay between law and politics. It then provides some perspective of the roles and responsibilities of Palestinian legal advisers working on international law in various portfolios.
- *Membership in an Exclusive Club: International Humanitarian Law Rules as Peremptory Norms of International Law*, LOYOLA UNIV. CHICAGO INT’L L. REV. [forthcoming, 2023]. This paper discusses international humanitarian law rules as peremptory norms of international law. It deconstructs the elements necessary for identifying peremptory norms, compares those rules with other peremptory norms, and reconstructs those elements with international humanitarian law rules. It then analyzes legal consequences for third States.
- *Can We (or Must We) Delete that Part? The Normative Conflicts Arising from Operative Paragraph 6 of UN Security Council Resolutions 1593 and 1970*, RUTGERS J. INT’L L. HUM. RTS. [forthcoming; 2023]. This paper considers the conflict of laws between the UN Charter and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) arising from the “blanket immunities” in operative paragraph 6 of the UN Security Council resolutions referring the situations in Darfur (Sudan) and Libya. It discusses the resolution of the conflict, clarifying the conventional and customary obligations of concerned States under both legal regimes.

- *A “Global South/Third World” Perspective on International Law Teaching*, in *TEACHING INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Jean-Pierre Gauci & Barrie Sander eds., 2023) [**forthcoming**, 2023]. This British Institute for International and Comparative Law (BIICL)-commissioned volume compiles diverse experiences and reflections on teaching and learning international law. Expanding upon my earlier piece in *TWAILR*, I discuss the place of the Global South/Third World in Global North/West classrooms, the diversity of people and ideas in the legal academy, as well as opportunities to foster creativity and critical thinking.
- *Unlawful Occupation: Assessing the Legality/Illegality of Occupations, Including for Serious Breaches of Peremptory Norms* [**completed; currently under review**]. This paper compares and contrasts between the rules on State responsibility and international humanitarian law during situations of occupation. In particular, it focuses on situations where the character and features of an occupation involve serious breaches of peremptory norms and the legal consequences for third States and Parties.
- *Here Comes Your Ghost Again...Functional Immunities and the Haunting of International Humanitarian Law* [**draft**]. This paper discusses the conflict of laws between the rules on functional immunities (*i.e.* derived from State immunities and granted to individuals performing certain State functions) and the rules on investigations and prosecutions of war crimes. It argues that the rules on functional immunities serve a stand-alone function that may fill a gap, but is not applicable to situations where international humanitarian law governs. Further, rules on immunities cannot contradict the obligation to investigate and prosecute as enshrined in the four Geneva Conventions.
- *Dressed in Civility? The International Military and Humanitarian Lawyers* [**draft**; presented at the [2019 & 2020 Law and Society Conferences](#)]. This paper discusses the professional responsibility of lawyers operating in the context of international humanitarian law (and other law applicable during situations of armed conflict) and the conflicting interests between “military” vs. “humanitarian” lawyers. It argues that, contemporarily, both approaches are converging, and negatively impacting justice and accountability prospects for victims.
- *The Color of War* in *EMANCIPATING INTERNATIONAL LAW: CONFRONTING THE VIOLENCE OF RACIALIZED BOUNDARIES* (Mohsen al Attar et. al. eds.), co-authored with Nawal Hnd [**forthcoming**, 2024]. This chapter discusses several aspects of race, racism, and racialization in the formulation, application, and interpretation of international humanitarian law (IHL) and how their dynamics are overlooked, both expressly and implicitly.

NGO Publications

- [Everyone Pays the Prince: Collective Punishment in the oPt, with a Focus on Jerusalem](#), St. Yves Catholic Center for Human Rights (Dec. 2016).
- *Legal Framework’ for Palestinian Refugees in the oPt*, in [Refugees in their Homeland: The Question of Representation and Protection](#), Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute for International Studies (Suhaila Abdel Latif ed., 2017).
- [Same Game, Different Rules: Practices and Policies of Racial Discrimination by the Occupying Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territories](#), Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Resource Center (May 2016) [principal author; uncredited].
- [Litigating’ Settlements: The Impact of Palestine’s Accession to the Rome Statute to the Rome Statute on the Settlement Enterprise](#), Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Resource Center (Dec. 2015) [principal author; uncredited].

Essays & Commentary

- [The United Nations General Assembly Request to the International Court of Justice for an Advisory Opinion: \(Some\) Reflections](#), OPINIO JURIS (Blog) (Jan. 20, 2023).
- [Everybody Knows About Racism, Goddam! Pathways in the Struggle Against the Racialised Universe of International Law](#), OPINIO JURIS (Blog) (Apr. 5, 2022) – with Mohsen al-Attar and Claire Smith.
- [The Disrespect Is Real Around Here: Review of Eve Massingham and Annabel McConnachie’s Edited Volume, Ensuring Respect for International Humanitarian Law](#), OPINIO JURIS (Blog) (May 31, 2021).
- [On the International Lawyers and Jurist Working on Palestine and the Palestinian People](#), EUROPEAN SOC’Y INT’L LAW NEWSLETTER (Oct. 2018).
- [International Treaties and the Prospects for Justice for Palestinians](#), MA’AN NEWS (Sep. 9, 2014) [broken link].

Other Legal Research & Writing

- Drafted sections for the report *Fair Trial Standards in Palestine*, with Prof. M Cherif Bassiouni, an EU POL COPPS project (Aug. 2014) [internal document], *see*: <https://cupolcoppes.eu/en/node/4658>.
- Drafted language, served as Rapporteur for the “[Working Group on Law of the Protection of the Atmosphere](#)” report with United Nations International Law Commission member Shinya Murase during the 50th session of the International Law Seminar (July 2014).
- [Siracusa Guidelines for International, Regional and National Fact-Finding Bodies](#), Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (M. Cherif Bassiouni and Christina Abraham eds., 2013). As *Legal Fellow*, I researched and wrote on the history and legal mandates of fact-finding/investigative bodies as established by international organizations, regional organizations, States, and others.
- [Report of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry](#), Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (Nov. 2011). As *Legal Analyst* and *Investigator*, I contributed to the development of the overall outline of the report, drafted several sections (including those on torture and ill-treatment, killings, excessive use of force, circumstances and appropriateness of arrests), and contributed to other sections.

Contributed to several other publications (and supervised several legal expert opinions) with respective employers (see below). These and other works in progress (including papers not listed here and at varied stages) are available upon request.

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Comparative Law. International Law and various sub-areas (International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, International Organizations, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, and others).

- 1L/core courses: primary interest in Professional Responsibility; secondary interest in Criminal Law and Torts.
- Open to clinical support, moot court coaching/training, supervising directed research/studies, and conducting seminars, particularly in international law (including: advanced topics; contemporary issues; and methods, theories, and approaches).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MS Program in Democracy and Human Rights, Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine

Spring 2015

Adjunct Lecturer, International Humanitarian Law

- Class of approx. 30 students of law and other disciplines. Covering various topics in international humanitarian law (conduct of hostilities, occupation, prisoners, etc.). Socratic teaching method, homework, presentations, and final paper.

Faculty of Law, Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine

2014-2018

Lecturer; Academic Support; Other Academic Duties

- Lead or support coach/trainer for students participating in the following competitions: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; Jean Pictet International Humanitarian Law Moot Competition; Oxford Price Media Law Moot Court Competition; International Criminal Court Moot Competition; others. Conducted short lectures, debates, and other activities with students.
- Advising students on research, continuing education, and career opportunities.

Through my work with various organizations, I also taught and trained international law (and sub-topics) to: undergraduate and graduate students of law and other disciplines; academics of law and other disciplines; legal professionals (lawyers, judges, etc.); diplomats; politicians; staff of national and international NGOs as well as international organizations (including the United Nations); others.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & OTHER EVENTS

- *Panelist*, “Teaching International Law: Palestine, the Arab World, Third World, and Minorities,” in a panel on Teaching International Law in the Arab World: Critical Perspectives and Pedagogies. **Teaching International Law Webinar Series, British Institute for Comparative and International Law** [online] (Apr. 23, 2021).
- *Moderator*, “ASIL International Criminal Law Interest Group Business Meeting,” in a panel on careers in international criminal law. **American Society of International Law Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC, USA [online].
- *Paper Presenter*, “Dressed in Civility? International Military and Humanitarian Lawyers,” in a panel on Critical Perspectives on Lawyering and Justice in the Context of War and Occupation. **Law and Society Conference, Denver, CO, USA** [online] (May 29, 2020). **Law and Society Conference**, Washington, DC, USA (May 30, 2019).
- *Panelist*, The Decolonization of International Law. **Fletcher School at Tufts University**, Boston, MA, USA (Oct. 25, 2019).
- *Panelist*, The Israel-Palestine Question: A Conversation with Bridge-Emory. **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA, USA (Apr. 22, 2019).
- *Lecturer*, Palestine, the Palestinian People, and International Law. **Emory University School of Law**, Atlanta, GA, USA (Apr. 10, 2019).
- *Panelist*, Struggling for Justice: Palestine, Syria and Yemen. **Doha Forum**, Doha, Qatar (Dec. 16, 2018).
- *Panelist*, Enforced Disappearances under International Law. **Emory University School of Law**, Atlanta, GA, USA (Oct. 14, 2018).
- *Paper Presenter*, “Legal Framework for Palestinian Refugees in the oPt,” in a panel on Enhancing the Political Representation of Palestinian Refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. **Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute for International Studies at Birzeit University**, Birzeit, Palestine (Oct. 31, 2015).
- *Panelist*, The Principle of Complementarity between the National Judicial System and International Criminal Court: Strategies to Expand the Scope of Accountability. **Institute of Law at Birzeit University**, Birzeit, Palestine (May 11, 2015).
- *Chair & Discussant*, Palestine: Prospects for Peace Justice and Accountability. **The Hague Institute for Global Justice**, The Hague, The Netherlands (July 2, 2014).
- *Panelist*, International Justice and the Arab Spring. **Asser Institute**, The Hague, The Netherlands (Oct. 10, 2012).
- *Panelist*, “NGOs, the UN, and the UN-Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict,” in a panel on Analyzing the Goldstone Report. **Brooklyn Law School**, Brooklyn, NY, USA (Nov 9, 2009).
- *Panelist*, “Preliminary Examinations and Situations at the ICC,” in a panel on The ICC After the Review Conference. **Adaleh Center for Human Rights Studies**, Amman, Jordan (Sep. 29, 2010).
- *Moderator & Panelist*, The ICC and the 12(3) Palestinian Declaration. **Palestinian Red Crescent Society**, El-Amari Refugee Camp, Palestine (Oct. 26, 2010).

Events held in my capacities with respective employers are not listed, but available upon request.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10+ years of academic and practical legal experience, primarily in international law, working internationally in prominent legal roles and on complex legal issues, including international disputes before foreign domestic courts and bodies, the International Criminal Court, United Nations bodies and agencies, others.

- *Legal Fellow*, **Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee**, Washington, DC, USA (Mar. 2023-current).
- *Attorney*, **Ghuneim Law Firm**, Pasadena, TX, USA (Jan. 2023-current).
- *Research Fellow*, **International Law, Birzeit University Institute of Law**, Birzeit, Palestine (Mar. 2015-current).

- *Assistant Editor* to the **Palestine Yearbook of International Law** (peer-reviewed) (**published**) (annually since 2014). Duties and responsibilities include, amongst others: substantive review, coordination, outreach, and copyediting.
- *Legal Intern*, **Lemoine Lefebvre, LLP**, Atlanta, GA, USA (Sep. 2019-May 2020).
- *Legal Consultant*, **PLO Negotiations Support Unit**, El-Bireh, Palestine (June-Aug. 2019).
- *Legal Advisor*, **Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Resource Center**, Beit Hanina, Palestine (Mar. 2015-Aug. 2018).
- *Researcher, International Law*, **Institute of Law at Birzeit University**, Birzeit, Palestine (Sep. 2014-Mar. 2015).
- *Communications Officer & Policy Adviser*, **Human Rights and IHL Secretariat**, El-Bireh, Palestine (Sep. 2013-Aug. 2014).
- *Legal Research Assistant*, **Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network**, Brussels, Belgium (Apr. 2013-July 2013).
- *Outreach Liaison for the Middle East, North Africa & Europe*, **Coalition for the ICC** New York, NY, USA (Oct. 2008-Sep. 2012).
- *Research Fellow*, **Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights**, Siracusa, Italy (June 2012-July 2012).
- *Investigator & Legal Analyst*, **Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry**, Manama, Bahrain (July 2011-Nov. 2011).
- *Office Coordinator/Project Assistant*, **World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy**, New York, NY (Jan. 2008-Oct. 2008).
- *Senior Editor*, **Roosevelt Institute**, Washington, DC, USA (July 2007-July 2008).
- *Legal Assistant*, **Graham Curtin**, Morristown, NJ, USA (Aug. 2007-Nov. 2007).
- *Paralegal*, **Patton Boggs**, Newark, NJ, USA (Jan. 2007-Mar. 2007).

SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL LAW COURSES & TRAINING

Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, The Netherlands July 2017
Summer Courses, Directed Studies

- Three week program on contemporary challenges in international trade law, international investment law, international human rights law, and law of the sea, with a focus on State responsibility and reparations. Regular courses covering international treaty law, economic sanctions, international environmental law, non-State actor responsibility, and others. Full scholarship by the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation.

Erik Castren Institute, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland Aug. 2016
29th Helsinki Summer Seminar on International Law

- 1-week course on “Law, War, & New Technology.” Topics included the law applicable to operations in outer space and cyberspace, new weapons, and others.

United Nations International Law Commission, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland July 2014
50th Session of the International Law Seminar

- Three weeks of sessions and lectures on: Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict; Protection of the Atmosphere; Crimes against Humanity; Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters; Provisional Application of Treaties; Identification of Customary International Law; others. Rapporteur for Working Group on Law on the Protection of the Atmosphere with United Nations International Law Commission member Prof. Shinya Murase. Full fellowship.

Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Siracusa, Italy May 2014
14th Specialization Course in International Criminal Law

- Week and a half course titled “Assessing the Effectiveness of International Criminal Law in the Prevention and Control of Transnational and International Crimes”. Rapporteur for the Working Group on Terrorism and Counterterrorism. Full scholarship.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Bar memberships**: New Jersey; New York; Texas.
- Society of American Law Teachers; American Society of International Law [*currently* Co-Chair, International Criminal Law Interest Group]; International Penal Law Association; Law and Society Association; American Bar Association; European Society of International Law (past).

AWARDS & HONORS

Scholarships & Fellowships: Partial merit scholarship for JD with Emory Law School (2018-2020). Lutfia Rabbani Foundation Scholarship for participation in the Hague Academy of International Law Summer Courses (July 2017). United Nations International Law Seminar Fellowship (July 2014). Full scholarship for participation with Siracusa Institute Specialization Course (May 2014). Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LExS) (2012-2013). Hazel Vera Scholarship Award (Spring 2008). **Honor Societies**: Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society (May 2007). Golden Key International Honor Society (Apr. 2006). Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Honor Society (May 2006).

MISC.

- **Languages**: English (native); Arabic (fluent); Spanish (intermediate).
- **Hobbies & Interests**: Storyteller, poet, and artist (drawing).