

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, LA 2023-current
Murphy Institute Visiting Assistant Professor of Law
Courses: Laws of War (Spring 2024, Spring 2025); Race and International Law Seminar (Fall 2024); Co-Convener of Murphy Institute Legal Scholarship Workshop (Spring 2025).
Adviser to Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition teams.
Supervisor for student comments and directed research.

Faculty of Law, Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine 2014-2018
Lecturer; Academic Support
Course: International Humanitarian Law.
Lead or support coach/trainer for moot court teams.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: International Law, Criminal Law, Torts, Race and the Law, Constitutional Law, Comparative Law.
Particular interests under International Law: Human Rights Law, Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, and International Organizations.

EDUCATION

Tilburg Law School, Tilburg, The Netherlands Est. 2025
PhD Candidate, Law
Thesis: "Colonial and Imperial Legacies on the Laws of War."

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA May 2020
Juris Doctor
Merit-based Scholarship.
Member of, participated in: Middle Eastern Law Student Association; International Arbitration Society; other student groups. International Human Rights Law Practicum.

Leiden University, The Hague & Leiden, The Netherlands Aug. 2013
Advanced LLM, Public International Law
Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LEXS).
Frits Kalshoven Moot Court on International Humanitarian Law (2nd place).

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ May 2008
MS, Global Affairs
Hazel Vera Scholarship.
Concentrations in human rights, international law, and political violence.
Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights.

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ Oct. 2006
BA, Political Science
Treasurer/Member, Rutgers Acts for Peace and Justice.

Union County College, Cranford, NJ Dec. 2004
AA, Liberal Arts

SCHOLARSHIP

Managing Expectations: Palestine and the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor [job talk; forthcoming, UCLA LAW REVIEW]. This article critically examines the International Criminal Court Office of the

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Prosecutor's handling of the Palestine situation during the tenure of three different prosecutors. It evaluates the plausibility of claims that the Court suffers from institutional failure and bias. In addition to Palestine, it considers the Office of the Prosecutor's history of case selection and prioritization elsewhere, and the effects of power, race, and other factors on its decision-making. It argues that prosecutorial discretion has given considerable deference to powerful states, particularly to Global North and Western interests. Prosecutors have played a "gatekeeping" role through prosecutorial discretion, declining to advance certain investigations on various legal justifications such complementarity, gravity, and the interests of justice. The current Prosecutor, Karim A. A. Khan, initially seemed to be playing that gatekeeping role for over two years. However, to the surprise of his critics, he requested arrest warrants against five individuals – 2 Israelis and 3 Palestinians – for the international crimes dating back to October 7, 2023. This article argues that while the Court's history gives cause for caution, the current Prosecutor's unprecedented moves on Palestine (like Ukraine) may mark the beginning of a new era which prioritizes justice and accountability over political interests.

[*A "Global South/Third World" Perspective on International Law Teaching*](#), in *TEACHING INTERNATIONAL LAW: REFLECTIONS ON PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE IN CONTEXT* 42-62 (Jean-Pierre Gauci & Barrie Sander eds., 2024). This volume compiles diverse experiences and reflections on teaching and learning international law. The article discusses the Global South/Third World's place in Global North/West classrooms and the diversity of people and ideas in the legal academy. It describes how various perspectives from the Global South/Third World can, and should, foster creativity and critical thinking.

[*Unlawful Occupation: Assessing the Legality/Illegality of Occupations, Including for Serious Breaches of Peremptory Norms*](#), 4 *THIRD WORLD APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW* 1-35 (2023). This article analyzes how a belligerent occupation, while lawful under international humanitarian law, may shift into an unlawful situation when the occupation gives rise to serious breaches of peremptory norms—such as annexation, denial of the right to self-determination, racial discrimination, and apartheid. It addresses the legal consequences on the occupying State and international community in ending the unlawful situation (*i.e.*, ending the occupation).

[*Can We \(or Must We\) Delete Paragraph 6? Blanket Immunities and United Nations Security Council Referrals to the International Criminal Court*](#), 4 *RUTGERS JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS* 37-82 (2023). This article discusses the normative conflicts between the United Nations Charter, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and other obligations stemming from "blanket immunities" included in United Nations Security Council referrals to the International Criminal Court (Sudan and Libya, thus far). Blanket immunities attempt to shield certain alleged perpetrators of international crimes from the Court's jurisdiction, contrary to the Rome Statute. The article proposes possible approaches to resolving the conflicts, arguing that these immunities can neither supersede the Court's jurisdiction nor the ability of certain States to carry out arrest warrants against persons claiming such immunities.

[*Membership in an Exclusive Club: International Humanitarian Law Rules as Peremptory Norms of International Law*](#), 19 *LOYOLA UNIVERSITY-CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW* 127-155 (2023). This article contends that peremptory norms, which are at the "top" of the hierarchy of international law rules and non-derogable, include many rules of international humanitarian law, thus creating increased legal obligations for States to comply. It further analyzes the additional legal consequences for third-party States to react when States violate those rules.

[*The "Visible" and "Invisible" College of Legal Advisers*](#), Vol. XXII *PALESTINE YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 217-232 (2019-2020). This essay reviews *THE ROLE OF LEGAL ADVISERS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Andraž Zidar & Jean-Pierre Gauci eds., 2016), a book collecting diverse experiences and reflections of legal advisers working on international law from around the world. This essay explores colonial and imperial legacies and their impact on the volume; the shortcomings of more diverse geographic and thematic contributions; and the interplay between law and politics. It further discusses the experiences of Palestinian legal advisers working on international law.

[*The Palestine Yearbook of International Law: A Medium for a Principled International Law on Palestine and the Palestinian People*](#), Special 50th Anniversary Volume, *NETHERLANDS YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 253-264

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(2019). This volume compiles experiences and reflections of those who edit international law yearbooks from around the world. This chapter discusses my work with the Palestine Yearbook of International Law and its unique contributions to legal practice and scholarship for nearly four decades.

OTHER SELECTED WRITINGS

[*International Law is Dead*](#), THIRD WORLD APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW: REFLECTIONS (Nov. 20, 2023).

[*The United Nations General Assembly Request to the International Court of Justice for an Advisory Opinion: \(Some\) Reflections*](#), OPINIO JURIS (Blog) (Jan. 20, 2023).

[*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).

[*A Palestinian Perspective on Teaching International Law*](#), THIRD WORLD APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW: REFLECTIONS (March 12, 2021).

'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).

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Managing Expectations: Palestine and the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor. University of Richmond School of Law Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond, VA (May 23, 2024).

Panelist, *Legal Consequences of the Situation in the Gaza Strip: Conflict, Occupation, and International Crimes*. Association of Young International Criminal Lawyers [online] (Mar. 14, 2024).

Moderator, *The International Court of Justice Decision on Provisional Measures: Shifting the Narrative on Palestine or Shifting the Grounds of International Law?* Third World Approaches to International Law Review & Master's Program in Israeli Studies at Birzeit University [online] (Feb. 5, 2024).

The Concept of Legality/Illegality of Occupations. Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network [online] (June 5, 2023).

Moderator, *Preventing and Responding to Aggression: International Law's Limits and (Alternative) Potentials?* American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (Mar. 31, 2023).

Moderator, *ASIL International Criminal Law Interest Group Business Meeting*. American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC [online] (Mar. 31, 2023).

Teaching International Law: Palestine, the Arab World, Third World, and Minorities, for "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, *Careers in International Criminal Law*. ASIL International Criminal Law Interest Group Business Meeting, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC [online] (Mar. 24, 2021).

Dressed in Civility? International Military and Humanitarian Lawyers, Law and Society Conference, Denver, CO [online] (May 29, 2020); Law and Society Conference, Washington, DC (May 30, 2019).

Panelist, *The Decolonization of International Law*. Fletcher School at Tufts University, Boston, MA (Oct. 25, 2019).

Panelist, *The Israel-Palestine Question: A Conversation with Bridge-Emory*. Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Apr. 22, 2019).

Palestine, the Palestinian People, and International Law. Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (Apr. 10, 2019).

Panelist, *Struggling for Justice: Palestine, Syria, and Yemen*. Doha Forum, Doha, Qatar (Dec. 16, 2018).

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Panelist, *Enforced Disappearances under International Law*. Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (Oct. 14, 2018).

Legal Framework for Palestinian Refugees in the oPt. 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*. T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands (Oct. 10, 2012).

Panelist, *NGOs, the UN, and UN-Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict*. Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY (Nov 9, 2009).

Preliminary Examinations and Situations at the ICC, for “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).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow, International Law, Birzeit University Institute of Law, Birzeit, Palestine (Mar. 2015-current).
Researcher, International Law (Sep. 2014-Mar. 2015).

Assistant Editor to the PALESTINE YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (peer-reviewed) (annually since 2014). Responsibilities include: substantive review, coordination, outreach, and copyediting.

Legal Fellow, Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, Washington, DC (Mar. 2023-current).

Attorney, Ghuneim Law Firm, Pasadena, TX (Jan. 2023-May 2023).

Legal Fellow, The International Legal Foundation, New York, NY (Jan. 2022-June 2022).

Legal Intern, Lemoine Lefebvre, LLP, Atlanta, GA (Sep. 2019-May 2020).

Legal Consultant, PLO Negotiations Support Unit, El-Bireh, Palestine (June-Aug. 2019).

Legal Advisor, Diakonia International Humanitarian Law Center, Beit Hanina, Palestine (Mar. 2015-Aug. 2018).

Drafted and contributed to several publications, including [*Same Game, Different Rules: Practices and Policies of Racial Discrimination by the Occupying Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*](#) (May 2016); [*Litigating Settlements: The Impact of Palestine’s Accession to the Rome Statute to the Rome Statute on the Settlement Enterprise*](#) (Dec. 2015).

Legal Consultant, St. Yves Catholic Center for Human Rights, East Jerusalem, Palestine (Dec. 2016).

Drafted [*Everyone Pays the Prince: Collective Punishment in the oPt, with a Focus on Jerusalem*](#) report (Dec. 2016).

Communications Officer & Policy Adviser, Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law 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 International Criminal Court, New York, NY (Oct. 2008-Sep. 2012).

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Research Fellow, Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Siracusa, Italy (June 2012-July 2012).

Drafted parts of *Siracusa Guidelines for International, Regional and National Fact-Finding Bodies*, Siracusa Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (M. Cherif Bassiouni & Christina Abraham eds., 2013).

Investigator & Legal Analyst, Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, Manama, Bahrain (July 2011-Nov. 2011).

Drafted several sections (including on torture and ill-treatment, killings, excessive use of force, circumstances and appropriateness of arrests), and contributed to others.

Legal Assistant, Graham Curtin, Morristown, NJ (Aug. 2007-Nov. 2007).

Paralegal, Patton Boggs, Newark, NJ (Jan. 2007-Mar. 2007).

BAR LICENSES

New Jersey (active); New York (active); Texas (active).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of International Law [Co-Chair, International Criminal Law Interest Group (2020-2022)].

American Bar Association.

Law and Society Association.

Society of American Law Teachers.

MISC.

Languages: English (first); Arabic (fluent); Spanish (intermediate).

Hobbies & Interests: Creative writing and drawing.

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).