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## NIKOS LAVRANOS

### EXPERTISE

Advising, litigating, negotiating, drafting legislation and briefings, lecturing and researching in the following areas:

- international investment law and arbitration
- WTO law
- EU law
- Public International law
- Interaction between international, European and national law

### NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- founder & owner of NL-Investmentconsulting.
- Secretary General of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA).
- Legal Advisor at NautaDutilh, Amsterdam.
- Legal Advisor at Van Doorne, Amsterdam.
- Of Counsel at Wöss & Partner, Vienna.
- Consultant for Billiet & Co Lawyers, Brussels.
- Associate Partner at The Bridge, Amsterdam.
- Member of the Public International Law Advisory Group (PILAG).
- Board Member of the Association of International Arbitration (AIA), Brussels.
- Permanent contributor for the Kluwer Arbitration Law Blog, Practical Law Arbitration Blog and Borderlex.
- Associate Consultant for Trade Impact BV, Rotterdam.
- from 1 September 2014 until 31 December 2016: Head of Legal Affairs, Global Investment Protection AG.
- from 1 March 2010 until 1 July 2014: Senior Trade Policy Advisor & Chief Negotiator, International Trade section, responsible for all Dutch BITs, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands.
- from 1 January 2007 until end of August 2008: Senior Advisor European & International Strategy, Dutch Competition Authority (NMa) The Hague.

**APPOINTMENTS BY  
ARBITRATION  
INSTITUTIONS**

- Mediator on the Panel List of the Asia International Arbitration Centre (AIAC).
  - Arbitrator and Mediator on the List for the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC).
  - Mediator on the Panel List of the Energy Community.
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**EXAMPLES OF  
REPRESENTATION AS  
LEGAL ADVISOR (OR AS  
PART OF ANOTHER  
LAW FIRM'S TEAM  
THAT REPRESENTED  
THE CLIENTS)**

- A Dutch B.V. against a Balkan state (new dispute);
  - a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against Russia under the Netherlands- Russia BIT;
  - a US company in setting aside proceedings against Ecuador in relation to multiple arbitral awards rendered against Ecuador;
  - several European photovoltaic SMEs in investment arbitration disputes against the Czech Republic under several BITs and the ECT;
  - a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against the Czech Republic under the Netherlands-Czech BIT;
  - a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against the Slovak Republic;
  - several investors against Russia in the context of the annexation of Crimea;
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**ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS**

- Guest Professor "International Investment Law" at the Free University Brussels – Brussels Diplomatic Academy.
- from 2015-2018: Visiting Professor at Verona University, Law Faculty.
- Senior Fellow at the WTI, Bern.
- Co-Editor-in-Chief of the: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review*.
- from 2012-2016: Editor in Chief and since 2016 Editorial Board member of the *Hague Yearbook of International Law*.
- from 2012-2014: Adjunct Professor, The Hague University.
- from 2012-2016: Guest Professor, University of Amsterdam.
- from 1 September 2009 until end February 2010: Interim Academic Research Director European Law and Senior Lecturer, The Hague University.
- from 1 September 2008 until end of August 2009: *Max Weber Fellow* at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence; mentor: Prof. E.-U. Petersmann.
- from December 2001 until end of August 2008: Assistant Professor "European Law" and Senior Researcher "International Law" at the ACIL, Law Faculty, University of Amsterdam.

- from September 1997 until December 2001: Researcher and Ph.D. Candidate at the Dep. of International and European Law, Law Faculty, Maastricht University.

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## ACADAMIC EDUCATION

### **4 JUNE 2004 - DOCTOR IN LAW - MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY - THE NETHERLANDS**

Title of Ph.D. thesis:

Decisions of International Organizations in the European and domestic legal orders of selected EU Member States, Europa Law Publishing, Groningen 2004, 309 pp.

### **1996 - 1997 - MASTER OF COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LAW (LLM) – MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY – THE NETHERLANDS**

Master of Comparative and European Community Law (LL.M.), cum laude, Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

### **1990 - 1997 – LAW STUDIES – GOETHE UNIVERSITY- FRANKFURT - GERMANY**

Law studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, 1. Juristisches Staatsexamen (1st state exam).

### **1992 - 1993 – ERASMUS EXCHANGE – MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY – THE NETHERLANDS**

one-year ERASMUS exchange studies in European and International Law at Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

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## SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### **Book contributions**

- The ICS and MIC Projects: A Critical Review of the Issues of Arbitrator Selection, Control Mechanism, and Enforcement, in: J. Chaisse et al (eds), *Handbook of International Investment Law and Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2020).
- Renewable Energy Investment Disputes – Recent Developments and Implications for Prospective Energy Market Reforms, in: M. Roggenkamp et al (eds.), *European Energy Law Report XII 2018*, pp. 65-94 (together with Cees Verburg).
- How the European Commission and the EU Member States are reasserting their control over their Investment Treaties and ISDS Rules, in: A. Kulick (ed.), *States' Reassertion of control over International Investment Agreements and International Investment Treaty Dispute Settlement* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), pp. 309-332.

### **(peer reviewed) Articles**

- The changing ecosystem of Dutch BITs, in: *Arbitration International* 2020 (forthcoming).
- CJEU Opinion 1/17: Keeping International Investment Law and EU Law Strictly Apart, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2019, pp. 240-259.
- *Achmea*: Ground-breaking or Overrated? in: *SchiedsVZ* 2018, pp. 348-357 (together with T. Singla).
- Recent Awards in Spanish Renewable Energy Cases and the Potential Consequences of the *Achmea* Judgment for intra-EU ECT Arbitrations, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2018, pp. 197-224 (together with Cees Verburg).
- Mixed Exclusivity: The CJEU's Opinion on the EU-Singapore FTA, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2017, pp. 3-34.
- The CETA-drama: Entering the dark age of protectionism and nationalism?, in: *Int'l Lis – Corriere trimestrale della litigazione internazionale* 2017, pp. 111-113.
- Lights and Shadows of the WTO-inspired International Court System of Investor-State Dispute Settlement, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2016, pp. 191-266 (together with several other authors).
- A Response to the Criticism against ISDS by EFILA, in: *Journal of International Arbitration* 2016, pp. 1-36 (together with several other authors).
- In defence of Member States' BITs gold standard: The Regulation 1219/2012 establishing a transitional regime for existing extra-EU BITs - A Member State's perspective, in: *TDM special issue*, published in Vol. 10, issue 2, March 2013.

### **Shorter Articles/Commentaries**

- Comparative Analysis between the 2018 and 2004 Dutch Model Bilateral Investment Treaty Texts, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2019, pp. 89-123 (together with A.M. Paschalidis).
- Is Commercial Arbitration an Alternative to Investment Treaty Arbitration in Light of the increasing aversion against BITs ?, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2017, pp. 302-314.

### **Blogposts and miscellaneous**

- What is the CETA drama in the Netherlands all about?, Borderlex, 13 February 2020.
- Game over for intra-EU BITs, Practical Law Arbitration blog, December 5 2019.

- The EU Plurilateral Draft Termination Agreement for all intra-EU BITs: An End of the post-*Achmea* saga and the beginning of a new One, Kluwer Arbitration blog, 1 December 2019.
- UNCITRAL members harvest low hanging fruit in ISDS reform, Borderlex, 18 October 2019.
- The need for a Data Protection Protocol for arbitration proceedings, Practical Law Arbitration blog, 12 September 2019.
- Court of Justice of the EU approves CETA investment court system, Practical Law Arbitration blog, 14 June 2019.
- The Harvest Report of the First Half of 2019, Kluwer Arbitration blog, 7 June 2019.
- ISDS reform: New York meeting will test global appetite for EU investment court plans, Borderlex, 1 April 2019.
- The new EU Regulation on the screening of foreign direct investments: A tool for disguised protectionism?, EFILA blog, 22 January 2019.
- Analysis: Even the EU cannot be fully consistent on investment protection in FTAs, Borderlex, 8 January 2019.
- 2019: the Year of the Big Harvest!, Kluwer Arbitration blog, 30 December 2018.
- Beyond USMCA: ISDS à la carte, Kluwer Arbitration blog, 8 October 2018.
- After *Achmea*: The Need for an EU Investment Protection Regulation, Kluwer Arbitration blog, 17 March 2018.
- Black Tuesday: the end of intra-EU, Practical Law Arbitration blog, 7 March 2018.
- Insight: The end of intra-EU BITs – what next? Borderlex, 9 March 2018.
- A new *Micula*-type case on the horizon?, Practical Law Arbitration blog, 25 February 2018.

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## LANGUAGES

German, English, Dutch: excellent

French, Greek: intermediate

Italian: basic