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PROF. DR. NIKOS LAVRANOS (DUTCH NATIONAL)

EXPERTISE

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

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

CONSULTANCY PROJECTS

- GIZ Rule of Law Project for the WB6 countries: as the international expert, I coordinated the national experts from the WB6 countries and ensured the production of the national reports and my own report, the project lasted from May till September 2022 (Legal Reform for Economic Development in the Western Balkans, GIZ Contract number: 81284494).
- RCC Mapping of existing FDI screening mechanisms in the WB6 economies, which was funded by RCC (Reference number: 107-022).
- RCC and GIZ co-organized conference: Participation and two presentations delivered as one of the international experts in the Regional Conference on the Intersection of Investment Policy and Investor-State Dispute Protection Mechanisms and EU integration (October 2024).
- Speaker at the GIZ RegioTrade kick-off event, 13 June 2025.
- Senior Investment expert for several EU impact assessment studies as part of the consortium led by Trade Impact BV:
 - *Ex-Post Evaluation of the implementation of Part IV of the Association Agreement (Trade Pillar) between the EU and its Member States and Central America*, Project number: TRADE2020/D2/D05;
 - *Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in support of the FTA negotiations between the EU and New Zealand and Australia*, Project number: TRADE2018/C2/C07;
 - *Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in support of the FTA negotiations between the EU and India*, Project number: TRADE2022/OP/0008;
 - *Study in support of an ex-post evaluation of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the European Union and its Member States and Canada*, Project Number: TRADE2023/OP/0012.

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- founder & owner of NL-Investmentconsulting.
- Secretary General of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA).
- Member of HHP Chambers, Rotterdam.
- Senior Advisor at Grayston & Company, Brussels.
- Of Counsel at Wöss & Partners, Vienna.
- Ad hoc external Legal Advisor for various international law firms.
- Permanent contributor for the Kluwer Arbitration Law Blog, EFILA Blog, Practical Law Arbitration Blog and Borderlex.
- Associate Consultant for Trade Impact BV, Rotterdam.

Previous non-academic positions:

- 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

- Arbitrator for EU trade and investment agreements
- Arbitrator for the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI)
- Arbitrator and Mediator for the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- Arbitrator for the Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC)
- Mediator for the Energy Community
- Arbitrator for the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)
- Arbitrator for the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Mediator for the Asia International Arbitration Centre AIAC)

EXAMPLES OF REPRESENTATION AS LEGAL ADVISOR IN ARBITRATION DISPUTES

- A Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against India;
- 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;

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Guest Professor, “International Arbitration”, Leiden University, Law Faculty.
- Visiting Professor, “International Arbitration and Climate Change, Vienna University, Law Faculty.
- Supervisor of Master thesis Investment law and EU law for the University of Amsterdam.
- Guest Professor at the Global Master’s Program in Law, Kobe University Graduate School of Law, Japan.
- Visiting Professor at the Master’s Program in International Arbitration, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- from 2015-2022: 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.
- Since 2015: 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.

**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.

**SELECTED RECENT
PUBLICATIONS**

Recent publications (selected)

- **Chapter 5 The Implications of the New EU Model Clauses for BITs with Third Countries for Candidate States** (together with M. Komi) in : F. Brodlija & A. Ramić (eds), *International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution in the Western Balkans* (Brill 2025).
- Chronicle 2025-1 on European Law and Arbitration Developments, *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2025, Vol.10,(1), pp. 3-12.
- **REPORT on Compliance with Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards 2024** (3rd edition) (published November 2024).
- Co-editor of **International Arbitration and EU law** (Edward Elgar, 2nd ed, 2024), 616 pp.
- **Chapter 9 The impact of the EU's Reform efforts for the Investment Treaty Practice of Countries in Transition seeking EU membership** (together with A. Lath), in: B. Beaumont, F. Brodlija et al (eds), *The Future of Investor-State-Dispute Settlement* (Wolters Kluwer 2024).
- **Comment: Leaving the Energy Charter Treaty also means leaving a legal mess behind**
- The meltdown of the ECT: How the ECT was ruined by the EU and its Member States, *SchiedsVZ* 2023, pp. 38-48.

- Green Power v. Spain: How EU law allegedly trumps International Investment Law, *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2022, pp. 166-176.
- Regime Interaction in Investment Arbitration: EU Law; From Peaceful Co-Existence to Permanent Conflict.
- ICC Austria: Emerging Expropriations and Investment Protection in Russia
- Is the Court of Justice of the EU the Ultimate Judge of the ECT?
- Lex superior: How EU law trumps investment law
- Comment: How the EU disconnected itself from the Energy Charter Treaty
- 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).
- The Investment Treaty Implications of Covid-19 Responses by States, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2021, pp. 3-57 (together with A. Mazlom).
- The changing ecosystem of Dutch BITs, in: *Arbitration International* 2020, pp. 441-457.
- The world after the termination of intra-EU BITs, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2020, pp. 196-220.

LANGUAGES German, English, Dutch: excellent
 Greek, French, Italian: basic