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**Assistant Professor of Public International Law**  
**Qatar University – College of Law**



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Doha, Qatar

Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis – Ph.D. in Public International Law (Sorbonne Law School/Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), LL.M. in Public International Law (Sorbonne Law School/Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), M.A. in Environment, Sustainable Development and Risks (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris/Sciences Po), B.A. (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) – is an Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Qatar University, College of Law. His Ph.D. thesis focusing on the institutions established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), constitutes the first comprehensive study assessing these institutions following the entry into force of UNCLOS.

Dr. Konstantinidis received scholarships and grants from the French Government, the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Sorbonne College of Doctoral Schools, the A.G. Leventis Foundation, the Nippon Foundation of Japan and the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. He is an alumnus of the The Hague Academy of International Law (The Netherlands), the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy (Greece), the Academy of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (Germany) and the Bancaja Euro Mediterranean Courses of International Law (Spain).

He was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. He has taught international law and international dispute settlement, *inter alia*, at the Institute of Diplomatic Studies (Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the International

Foundation for the Law of the Sea (Germany), Kobe University (Japan) and the University of Athens (Greece).

Prior to joining Qatar University, Dr. Konstantinidis was the Head of Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) – an independent international organization, established in 1978 under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization.

Before joining the KLRCA, Dr. Konstantinidis worked as an associate at a leading public international law firm in London, where he advised and represented governments, international organizations and companies on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious public international law and related dispute resolution issues, including law of the sea and natural resources, land and maritime boundary issues, the protection of foreign investments under international investment agreements and treaty interpretation. Dr. Konstantinidis has advised in connection with disputes heard at the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the European Court of Human Rights and at a multitude of *ad hoc* and institutional arbitral *fora* (including under UNCLOS, PCA and UNCITRAL Rules).

Before that, he worked at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS-Nippon Fellow) and the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations – Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

Dr. Konstantinidis is a general public international law expert. He regularly acts for States, international organizations and private entities in contentious and advisory matters. His research and practice focus on law of the sea and natural resources, land and maritime boundaries, deep seabed mining, international organizations, international investment law, international litigation and arbitration, international environmental law and sustainable development, human rights, and international humanitarian law. Dr. Konstantinidis is listed as arbitrator on the KLRCA panel of arbitrators.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne/Sorbonne Law School (Paris, France)** **2015**  
**PhD in International Law** (*Doctorat en sciences juridiques*) with honours (*Très honorable*); Fellow of the *Collège des Écoles Doctorales de l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne* and the A.G. Leventis Foundation

**Thesis title:** The Institutional Framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in Search of Its Future (*Le cadre institutionnel de la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer en quête de son avenir*)

**Supervisor:** Geneviève Bastid Burdeau, Professor Emeritus, Sorbonne Law School

**University of Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne/Sorbonne Law School (Paris, France)** **2007**  
**LLM in International Law and International Organisations** (*Master 2 Recherche Droit International et Organisations Internationales*) with honours (*Assez Bien*); Fellow of the French Government

**Dissertation title:** Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles: Institutional Aspects (*Le plateau continental au-delà des 200 milles marins – Aspects institutionnels*)

**Supervisor:** Geneviève Bastid Burdeau, Professor Emeritus, Sorbonne Law School

**Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris – Sciences Po (Paris, France)** **2007**  
**Postgraduate Certificate in International Affairs/Environment, Sustainable Development and Risks** (*Master Affaires Internationales. Environnement, Développement Durable et Risques*); Fellow of the French Government

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, Greece)** **2005**  
**BA in Political Science and Public Law** with honours (First Class, 8/10)

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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- Nippon Foundation of Japan - Capacity Building Program on Dispute Settlement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Hamburg, Germany, 2010-2011 (Fellow):
  - ITLOS: Jurisdiction
  - ITLOS: Prompt release proceedings
  - Provisional measures proceedings
  - Judgements, including revision and interpretation
  - Incidental proceedings and Judges ad hoc
  - Advisory proceedings
  - Seabed Disputes Chamber – Jurisdiction and proceedings
  - Fisheries disputes before ITLOS
  - Maritime delimitation – Negotiation
  - Maritime matters in European private international law
  - International commercial arbitration in maritime matters
  - Limitation of owners' liability
  - The Arctic and UNCLOS

- Climate change and the law of the sea
  - Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
  - The protection of the environment and the law of the sea
  - Provisional measures and the protection of the environment
  - Training on Geographic information in delimitation and GIS
- Academy of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea – International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (“Uses and Protection of the Sea. Legal, Economic and Natural Science Perspectives”), Hamburg, Germany, 2007 and 2010 (Fellow of the Nippon Foundation of Japan)
  - Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy, Rhodes, Greece, 2009 (Fellow)
  - The Hague Academy of International Law – International Court of Justice (Public international law session), The Hague, the Netherlands, 2006 and 2008 (Fellow of the French Government)
  - Bancaja Euro-Mediterranean Courses of International Law, Castellon, Spain, 2007 (Fellow)
  - Université Libre de Bruxelles – Michigan State University International Summer School (“External Relations of the European Union”), Brussels, Belgium, 2004

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Qatar University, College of Law**

**2016 – present**

Doha, Qatar

*Assistant Professor of public international law*

- Teaching public international law and international human rights law
- Organizing group discussions on international law issues
- Preparing course syllabi
- Planning in-class team activities
- Preparing and grading exams
- Organizing laboratory sessions
- Assessing students’ progress by supervising and grading papers, tests, and other work
- Advising students how to achieve their goals
- Undertaking research in the field of international law
- Organizing seminars and conferences
- Serving several academic committees

### **Kobe University, Graduate School of Law**

**2017**

Kobe, Japan

*Visiting Professor*

- Teaching international law of the sea – LL.M. program

**Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**  
*Visiting Professor of international law*

**2011 – 2015**

- Teaching international law to government officials (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Royal Court)
- Intensive courses on international law, law of treaties, diplomatic immunity, law of the sea and natural resources, energy law, law of international organizations, environmental law, international dispute settlement, international trade and investment law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights
- Preparing course syllabi
- Planning in-class team activities
- Organizing group discussions and laboratory sessions on international law issues
- Assessing students' progress by supervising and grading papers, tests, and other work
- Advising students how to achieve their goals
- Undertaking research in the field of international law
- Accompanying students on trips to institutional site visits and conferences in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Americas
- Organizing seminars and conferences

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of  
Law, Athens, Greece**  
*Teaching Assistant to Professor Haritini Dipla*

**2008 – 2009**

- Teaching public international law, law of international organizations and law of the sea
- Organizing group discussions on international law issues
- Preparing course syllabi
- Planning in-class team activities
- Preparing and grading exams
- Organizing laboratory sessions

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration**  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Project Manager*

**2015 – 2016**

- Project on Investment Arbitration in Asia

**Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and  
International Law**  
Heidelberg, Germany  
*Visiting Fellow*

**2010**

- Undertaking a research project on the continental shelf of France beyond 200 nautical miles

- Examining the interaction and interrelation between the International Seabed Authority, the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

## **PUBLICATIONS (selection)**

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- Konstantinidis, I., “Reflecting on the Undelimited International Seabed Area: Inter-Institutional Challenges”, in L. Martin et al. (eds.), *Natural Resources and the Law of the Sea*, Washington D.C., Juris Publishing, 2017, pp. 353-371.
- Rajoo, S. and Konstantinidis, I., “Conflict of Laws in Arbitration”, in S. Rajoo, *Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration*, Kuala Lumpur, LexisNexis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2016, pp. 815-832
- Rajoo, S. and Konstantinidis, I., “Investment Arbitration”, in S. Rajoo, *Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration*, Kuala Lumpur, LexisNexis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2016, pp. 835-872
- Konstantinidis, I., “Between Villa Schröder (ITLOS) and the Peace Palace (ICJ): Diverging Approaches to Continental Shelf Delimitation beyond 200 Nautical Miles”, *Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies*, vol. 3, n. 2, 2016, pp. 28-52
- Konstantinidis, I., “Harmonious Coexistence between Shariah Principles and Commercial Arbitration: KLRCA’s Innovative Approach”, *International Conference on Judiciary and Arbitration, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*, Al-Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, 2015, pp. 130-145
- Konstantinidis, I., “Dispute Settlement in the Law of the Sea, the Extended Continental Shelf in the Bay of Bengal and the CLCS: Some Preliminary Observations on the Basis of the Case Bangladesh/Myanmar Before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea”, *Aegean Review of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law*, vol. 1, n. 2, 2011, pp. 267-285
- Konstantinidis, I., “Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy: Fourteenth Session 2009, Rhodes, Greece”, *Aegean Review of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law*, vol. 1, n. 1, 2010, pp. 171-173
- Konstantinidis, I., “La bonne foi en droit international public – Guide du comportement des Etats”, *Greek Laws Journal*, 2008, pp. 229-254
- Konstantinidis, I., “Το Αμερικανικό Δικαστήριο Δικαιωμάτων του Ανθρώπου - Η συμβολή του στο Διεθνές Δίκαιο (The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – Its Contribution to International Law)”, *Public Law in Practice*, vol. 3, 2008, pp. 250-273 (in Greek)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES (selection)

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- “The Gulf Diplomatic Crisis: A Law of the Sea Perspective”. Presentation at the Seminar on Qatar Sea Blockade from a Legal Perspective, College of Law (Qatar University) – Al Sulaiti Law Firm, Doha, Qatar, November 2017
- “Inter-State Disputes in the Asia Pacific”. Keynote speech at the CMS-HKIAC International Law Lecture Series, organized by CMS Hong Kong and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong, January 2017
- “Food Security: An International Law Perspective”. First International Conference on Sustainable Development: Achieving Food Security in Arid Lands, organized by Qatar University – Centre for Sustainable Development, Doha, Qatar, December 2016
- “Investment Arbitration”. Summer Academy on international investment law and international dispute settlement organized by the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) in collaboration with Clifford Chance, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2016
- “Dispute Settlement under the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement”. Training on the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement organized by the ASEAN Secretariat, Bangkok-Singapore, April 2016
- “Investment Arbitration – The Practitioner’s Point of View”. International Investment Arbitration Conference organized by the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, March 2016
- “Dispute Settlement under the Transpacific Partnership Agreement and Human Rights”. Paper presented at the Seminar on the Transpacific Partnership Agreement organized by Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), January 2016
- “The Arbitration Landscape in Asia”. Paper presented at the Seminar on Asian Arbitration Institutions, Kobe University, Kobe, Japan, November 2015
- “Harmonious Coexistence between Shariah Principles and Commercial Arbitration: KLRCA’s Innovative Approach”. Paper presented at the International Conference on Judiciary and Arbitration, Al-Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, October 2015
- “Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries up to and beyond 200 Nautical Miles off Latin America”. Paper presented at the International Law Association (ILA) British Branch Spring Conference, King’s College, London, UK, May 2014
- “Case Law on Maritime Delimitation”. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Summer Academy of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg, Germany, July 2012

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)**

**Apr. 2015 – Jul. 2016**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Head of investment treaty arbitration and international law*

The KLRCA is an independent international organization established under the auspices of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO). It administers international and

domestic commercial arbitration, investment arbitration, statutory conciliation and Domain Name Dispute Resolution (**DNDR**). Responsibilities include, *inter alia*:

- Serving as a recognized expert in the area of investment treaty arbitration and international law
- Representing the KLRCA in the area of investment treaty arbitration and international law
- Overseeing the functions envisaged in the agreement with the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) and other major international arbitral institutions
- Managing a team responsible for administering a significant volume of arbitrations (investment treaty arbitrations, international law related arbitrations and commercial arbitrations)
- Overseeing arbitration services, including supervision of case administration, drafting procedural decisions including arbitrator challenges and base jurisdictional issues
- Reviewing and processing documents filed by parties, arbitrators and others during arbitrations
- Providing neutral advice to arbitrators and parties on procedural issues arising in the course of international arbitrations
- Providing legal advice on the interpretation and implementation of the international agreements signed by the KLRCA
- Negotiating international agreements on behalf of the KLRCA and performing depository functions
- Organizing international conferences and capacity building programs on alternative dispute resolution, commercial and investment arbitration, and international law
- Providing training to government officials on dispute settlement under the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement
- Developing legal strategy of the institution

**Volterra Fietta – The Public International Law Firm**

**Jul. 2011 – Mar. 2015**

London, United Kingdom

***Associate (public international law/international arbitration)***

Advising and representing governments, international organizations and private clients on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious international law and international dispute resolution issues.

- Primary areas of practice include international law, the protection of international investments under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties (investment treaty arbitration), international commercial law, free trade agreements and concession contracts, treaty drafting and interpretation, State sovereignty over natural resources, law of the sea, land and maritime boundary issues, international energy disputes, transboundary pipeline projects and the Energy Charter Treaty, sovereign and diplomatic immunity, maritime law, United Nations, European Union, international environmental law, human rights.
- Advising in connection with disputes heard at the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the European Court of Human rights and at a

multitude of *ad hoc* and institutional arbitral *fora* (including under UNCLOS, ICSID, PCA, ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, DIFC and UNCITRAL Rules).

- Given the sensitive nature of my work, I am unable to identify most of my mandates, even indirectly. Highlights of my practice include:
  - Advising a State in the Middle East on public international law issues
  - Representing a class of Greek investors in a dispute with Cyprus arising under the 1992 Greece-Cyprus bilateral investment treaty (ICSID)
  - Advising investors on the legal implications of bilateral investment treaties for planned foreign investments in the Middle East
  - Advising a joint venture composed of major European oil companies on maritime sovereignty issues in the Black Sea
  - Representing City-State N.V. in an ICSID arbitration against Ukraine
  - Advising Alapli Elektrik in an ICSID annulment proceeding against Turkey
  - Advising Progas Energy Limited in an ICSID arbitration against Pakistan
  - Representing an African mining company in an ICC arbitration against a American multinational arising out of a disputed mining joint venture in an African country
  - Acting in LCIA arbitration for the contractor in dispute concerning a water treatment plant in an African country
  - Representing a major construction company in ICC arbitration brought by a subcontractor relating to marine infrastructure works in the Gulf
  - Representing a client in *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings in London in connection with a dispute with a multiple-State-owned company over sovereign defense and security arrangements in a number of countries
  - Providing advice to a major oil company on maritime sovereignty issues in the South China Sea in relation to prospective concession agreements
  - Advising an international organization in the Middle East on issues related to the interpretation of its constitutional treaty and in relation to direct access to its dispute resolution mechanisms by private parties
  - Advising an international organization in the Americas and an international organization in Asia on the preparation and negotiation of privileges and immunities agreements with their member countries
  - Advising an international organization on the receipt of property rights
  - Advising the Republic of Colombia in formulating a strategy to respond to the Judgment on the Merits in the Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia) case by the International Court of Justice
  - Representing the Republic of Colombia in the Aerial Herbicide Spraying (Ecuador v. Colombia) case at the International Court of Justice
  - Advising a State in Asia on a maritime territory dispute with its neighbors and three States in the Americas on their submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)**

**Jul. 2010 – Mar. 2011**

Hamburg, Germany

***Tr. Legal Officer – Fellow of the Nippon Foundation of Japan***

- Providing services to the Tribunal, its Chambers and Committees and preparing background materials, reports and papers

- Undertaking studies and research in the field of public international law and law of the sea
- Undertaking a research project on the outer continental shelf of France

**United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs – Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)**

**Sep. 2009 – Nov. 2009**

New York, USA

***Legal intern***

- Conducting research on the International Seabed Authority, the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- Updating legal publications of the Office of Legal Affairs/DOALOS
- Participating in UN law of the sea related meetings
- Preparing reports on the activities of the Office of Legal Affairs/DOALOS

**European Parliament**

**Sep. 2005 – Dec. 2005**

Brussels, Belgium

***Intern***

- Working for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and for the Sub-committee “Human Rights”
- Drafting briefings and summaries for committees and plenary
- Conducting research on the law of sustainable development

**I. Papageorgiou Law Firm**

**Sep. 2004 – Aug. 2005**

Athens, Greece

***Legal trainee***

- Conducting research on administrative and criminal law
- Drafting and reviewing commercial contracts
- Litigation support
- Preparing, managing and coordinating reference files and specific case coordination
- Interviewing witnesses and draft witness statements

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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- Fellow of the Nippon Foundation of Japan, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), 2010-2011
- Fellow of the *Collège des Ecoles Doctorales de l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne*, PhD, 2010-2012
- Fellow of the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy, 2009
- Fellow of the the A.G. Leventis Foundation, PhD, 2008-2011
- Fellow of the Holy Synod – The Church of Greece, PhD, 2008-2011
- Fellow of the French Government, The Hague Academy of International Law, 2008
- Fellow of the French Government, LLM, 2006-2007
- Fellow of the Bancaja International Centre for Peace and Development, 2007

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Fluent in English, French, Greek; intermediate Italian; basic German and Spanish

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Member of the American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Member of the Asian Society of International Law (ASIANIL)
- Member of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
- Member of the European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member of the French Society of International Law (SFDI)
- Member of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations (HESILIR)
- Member of the International Law Association (ILA, Qatari Branch)

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

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- Listed as arbitrator on the KLRCA panel of arbitrators
- Admitted to practice law in Greece