

Curriculum Vitae

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Education: College of Foreign Languages Mahmud and Ali Cungu, Elbasan, Albania (1998), Diploma of German Literature, University of Elbasan, Albania (2000) School of Law, National and Kapodistriac University of Athens (2005), IMO International Maritime Law Institute (2008).

Professional Experience: Head of Administration, IMLI (2022-present); Senior Lecturer, IMLI (2018-present); Lecturer, IMLI (2010-2018); Assistant Lecturer, IMLI (2008-2010); Senior Legal Officer, General Directorate of Maritime Transport, Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunications (2006-2008); Legal Officer, General Directorate of Maritime Transport, Ministry of Transport (2005-2006); Administrative Clerk, Echo Hellas S.A. (2004-2005); Coordinator of the IMLI Specialized Short Courses (2013-present); Deputy Course Director and Lecturer in the three-week competency-based International Fisheries Law Training Course organized in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), IMLI (2018, 2019, 2021); Course Coordinator and Lecturer “International Maritime Law for Indonesian Diplomats” organized by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute at the request of the Centre for Education and Training (CET), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (Msida, Malta, 13-24 June 2016), Course Coordinator and Lecturer, “Various Aspects of Maritime Law”, organized by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute at the request of the Chamber of Commerce of Pescara (Italy) and the University of Law of Teramo (Italy), within the framework of the second level Master Degree in Maritime Law and Economics (Msida, Malta, 9-12 September 2014); Visiting Lecturer, “Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries” organized by the International Ocean Institute; Visiting Lecturer, “Master of Arts (M.A.) in Ocean Governance Programme” offered by the University of Malta in collaboration with the International Ocean Institute (Msida, Malta, 2014-2018); Visiting Lecturer, “Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Maritime Engineering” offered by the University of Malta in (Msida, Malta, 2017 to date); Visiting Lecturer, ELSA (Malta and Croatia); External Examiner, University of Malta (2014- present); Supervisor of Maritime Legislation Drafting Projects and Dissertations / Research Projects, IMLI (2008-present); Admissions Officer, IMLI (2013-present); Academic Coordinator of the LL.M. programme, Advanced Diploma programme, and short courses, IMLI (2008-2013); Officer in Charge of the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, IMLI (2008-2013); Editor (e- news, News, Graduation Brochures, Global Directories), IMLI (2008-2013).

Member: IMO Roster of Experts (2012); FAO Roster of Experts (2018)

Publications: Plan of action for enhanced safety, decent work and social protection in the fisheries sector of the Bay of Bengal Programme region (<https://www.fao.org/3/cc8204en/cc8204en.pdf>); Belja, Elda, “Conservation of Living Marine Resources”, in Borg (Ed) Law Research Handbook on Ocean Governance, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022; Editor, Celebrating 30 Years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law, Published by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute with the support of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division (2019); Co-editor, Attard, David Joseph, Fitzmaurice, Malgosia, Martínez Gutiérrez, Norman A., Arroyo, Ignacio and Belja, Elda (Eds.), The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, Volume II: Shipping Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2016; Kazara-Belja, Elda, “An Overview of Maritime Safety Laws in Malta” in Justyna Nawrot and Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska (Eds.), Maritime Safety in Europe: A Comparative Approach, Informa Law from Routledge, 2020, pp. 175-192; Kazara-Belja, Elda, “Research and Publications”, in Elda Kazara-Belja (Ed), Celebrating 30 Years in the Service of the Rule of

International Maritime Law, Published by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute with the support of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division (2019); Belja, Elda, "International Trade and Shipping Documents", in Attard, David Joseph, Fitzmaurice, Malgosia, Martínez Gutiérrez, Norman A., Arroyo, Ignacio and Belja, Elda (Eds.), The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, Volume II: Shipping Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2016, pp. 237 — 266; Belja, Elda, "Illegal Migration: Legal Challenges and Perspectives in International Law" Conference Proceedings Book, Institute for International Legal Studies; "Port State Control in Albania".

Conferences: Sole Speaker in the Workshop "Equal Opportunities" organized by OSCE through BTO as part of the project "Promoting Green Ports and Connectivity". The presentation focused on "Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, Empowerment and Representation"; Panellist at the 46th Conference on Oceans Law and Policy (COLP 46), "Safety of Domestic Ferries", Istanbul, 20-23 September 2023; Speaker at the Joint Conference on 'Modern International Maritime Law - Exploring the interplay between international and maritime norms' on "The interplay between national norms and IMO Model Regulations on Domestic Ferries Safety"; Public Lecture to the students of the TSU International Law Institute of Tbilisi State University entitled "Enforcement of Treaties"; Speaker in Seminário Internacional UNIVALI de Ensino, Pesquisa e Extensão de Direito Marítimo, Portuário, Aduaneiro e do Mar; Lecturer in the 9th IOI training Programme in Turkmenistan (Ashgabat & Online) 11-22 Sept 2023 on the topics of "Maritime Zones of the Caspian Sea", "Conservation of Living Resources of the Caspian Sea", and "Joint Development Agreements and their Relevance to the Littoral States of the Caspian Sea"; Lecturer, 'Joint Development Agreements', 8th Training Programme on the Sustainable Development and Governance of the Caspian Sea, International Ocean Institute, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (2022); Speaker on "International Marine Conventions and their Application relating to the Caspian Sea" (2021); "The Role of Women in Combating Climate Change: Legal Perspectives" organized by Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre MTCC-Africa (2020); "The Role of IMLI in Empowering Women in the Maritime Sector" in the First Maritime SheEO Conference (2020); "The Role of the Modern MARAD: Managing Responsiveness, Accountability and Compliance" in Webinar Series Caribbean Shipping Post COVID-19: A Roadmap To Recovery & Sustainability (2020); Speaker on "International Workshop on "Human Rights and the Law of the Sea" which is held in collaboration with the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College, IMLI (2019); Speaker on the International Seminar on "Empowering Women in Maritime Affairs", IMLI (2019); Speaker, "Third Training Programme on the Sustainable Development and Governance of the Caspian Sea" organized by the State Enterprise on Caspian Sea Issues at the President of Turkmenistan and the International Ocean Institute (Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan, 29 February — 11 March 2016); Speaker, International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) Annual Conference "IAME 2016 Round Table "Migration by Sea"" organized by the International Association of Maritime Economists in collaboration with Kuhne Logistics University (Hamburg, Germany, 25 August 2016); Speaker, International Conference on "Migrations at Sea: International Law Perspectives and Regional Approaches" organized by Marsafenet (Ohrid, Macedonia, 6 October 2015); Co-organiser of the initiative entitled "IMOGEN Women-on-Board" which is the first at an IMO level aiming to match an IMLI female student with an experienced IMOGENder member who will provide her with the tools and advice she needs to realise her potential and advance her professional development; Co-organiser, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan to Malta, of the International Workshop on "The Role of Maritime Law in East Asian Maritime Relations", IMLI (2019); Speaker on "Reception of Foreign Unaccompanied Minors when Migrating by Sea" at the second International Workshop on "Human Rights and the Law of the Sea", IMLI (2019); Co-organiser International Workshop on "Human Rights and the Law of the Sea" which is held in collaboration with the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College, IMLI (2018-present); Co-organiser of the International Seminar on "Empowering Women in Maritime Affairs", IMLI (2019-present).

Distinctions: The Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar, IMLI (2008).