

## *Curriculum Vitae*

*Dr. Murat Sümer*



*The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law*

**Born:** Turkey, 1 June 1981

**Education:** Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) - Ankara University (Turkey); Master`s Degree - Ankara University (Turkey); Diplomacy Academy – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Turkey); Master of Laws (LL.M.), IMO International Maritime Law Institute (Malta); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Maastricht University Faculty of Law (the Netherlands)

**Professional Qualifications:** Advocate, Turkey

**Professional Experience:** The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI (2019–present); Academic Coordinator (2022-present), Coordinator of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports (2020-present), Co-coordinator of the IMLI Programme on the Law of Treaties (2020-present), Supervisor of Maritime Legislation Drafting Projects and Dissertations/Research Projects, IMLI (2019-present); External Examiner for the Faculty of Law, University of Malta (2019-present); Visiting Maritime Law Lecturer, Ankara University (2019-present); Lecturer in the International Fisheries Law Training Course organized in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (2021-present); Moot Court Competition Organizer, IMLI (2021-present); Moot Court Judge, The Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) (2022-present); Visiting Lecturer, International Ocean Institute (2022-present); Visiting Lecturer in the Summer Course on International Law of the Indian Society of International Law (2021); Officer in charge of Protocol, IMLI (2021-present), Officer in charge of IMLI Alumni Network, IMLI (2019-2021); Head of Maritime Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey (2018-2019); Deputy Head of Mission, Turkish Embassy in North Macedonia (2017-2018); Head of Maritime Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015-2017); First Secretary, Turkish Embassy in London - Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO (2013-2015), Vice Consul – Deputy Head of Mission, Turkish Embassy in the Republic of South Sudan (2011-2013); Legal Advisor for European Court of Human Rights cases, Deputy Directorate General of Human Rights and the Council of Europe of

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2011); Legal Advisor, Department of International Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2008-2010); Lawyer (2007-2008); Intern Lawyer, Bar Association in Ankara (2006-2007).

**Member:** Turkish Bar Association, Maritime Law Association (Turkey) and IMO Roster of Experts.

**Projects:** EU Twinning Projects

**Internship:** Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Vienna, Permanent Mission to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and Ankara Bar Association in Turkey.

**Publications:** Several articles on international maritime law in peer-reviewed journals. Numerous articles regarding maritime law and the law of yachting.

**Conferences/Meetings:** Most recently, in 2022, he attended as a speaker at the Autonomous Ships Conference (RINA), London/UK and International Symposium on the Current Developments in the Sea and Maritime Law, Budva/Montenegro and he was a panellist at the IMO Seminar on Development of a Regulatory Framework for MASS, London/UK on 5-6 September 2022.

Dr. Sumer attended numerous international diplomatic conferences, as head/member of the delegations, regarding international maritime affairs. He actively participated in IMO Assembly, Council and Committee meetings between 2013 and 2019. He was the focal point in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Turkey), between 2013-2019, for the International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), Turkey - European Union (EU) Maritime Dialogue and EU - Blue Economy of the Black Sea Conferences.

**Research Interests:** Public International Law, Law of the Sea, IMO`s Legal Instruments and Law of Treaties.