

## *Curriculum Vitae*

*Dr. Murat Sümer*



**The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law**

**Born:** Türkiye, 1 June 1981

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

**Professional Qualifications:** Advocate, Türkiye

**Professional Experience:** The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI (2019–present); Academic Coordinator (2022-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 Fellow, Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law - DEHUKAM (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); Head of Maritime Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Türkiye (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:** Maritime Law Association (Türkiye), IMO Roster of Experts, Turkish Bar Association and Ocean Expert directory of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO

**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 Türkiye.

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

Dr. Sümer is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Peace & Security - Paix Et Sécurité Internationales (EuroMediterranean Journal of International Law and International Relations).

**Dissertations:**

**PhD:** Overcoming the Legal Challenges of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) and Compliance with UNCLOS and SOLAS - Designation of a Remote Master to Assume the Safety Duties of a Master

**Master`s Degree:** Achieving an Equitable Result in Maritime Boundary Delimitation

**Master`s Degree:** An Examination of the Decisions of the ECtHR Concerning the Freedom of Expression

**Drafting Project:** A By-Law to Incorporate the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004

**Conferences/Meetings:**

- Speaker at the Philippines International Law of the Sea Academy, “The Role of the ICJ and ITLOS in the Settlement of Maritime Boundary Disputes”, 9 July 2023.
- Panellist at the Regulating MASS within the framework of UNCLOS (IMO Seminar on Development of a Regulatory Framework for MASS), “The Relevance of the Law of Treaties for Integration of MASS into the International Regulatory Framework”, 6 September 2022.
- Speaker at the International Symposium on the Current Developments in the Sea and Maritime Law, “The Role of IMO as the Competent Organization in Regulating Shipping under UNCLOS – Integration of MASS”, 2 November 2022.
- Speaker at the Autonomous Ships Conference organized by the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA), “Evolutionary Treaty Interpretation in the Context of Compliance of MASS operations with UNCLOS and SOLAS”, 1 April 2022.
- Speaker at the Webinar, “Suez Canal Blockage”, 5 May 2021.

Dr. Sümer also attended numerous international diplomatic conferences, as head/member of the delegations, regarding international maritime affairs. He actively participated in the IMO Assembly, Council and Committee meetings between 2013 and 2019. He was the focal point in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Türkiye), 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), Türkiye - 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.