

Curriculum vitae

DR. NILÜFER ORAL **CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION** (2023-2028)

Nilufer Oral has over twenty years of experience in the study, teaching and practice of international law. In 2017 she was elected for the first time by the General Assembly to the International Law Commission. She is currently co-chair of the ILC Study Group on Sea level rise in relation to international law, and in 2020, together with her co-chair HE Bogdan Aurescu, submitted the First Issues paper on the law of the sea. In 2019 she was elected as Second Vice-President for the 71st session of the Commission.

In 2020 Dr. Oral was appointed as Director of the Centre for International Law (CIL) at the National University of Singapore. She is also co-founder and co-director of the Singapore CIL Academy of International Law. Dr. Oral has been a member of the law faculty at the Istanbul Bilgi University since 1998 where she has taught various courses, including international law, international environmental law and climate change. She also established the *Istanbul Bilgi University Marine Law Research Centre and served as its Deputy Director*.

Dr. Oral has advised the Turkish Foreign Ministry on law of the sea and climate change (1998-2017). She was a climate negotiator for the Ministry and contributed to the Paris Agreement. Previous to this she served on the legal team that advised the Turkish Foreign Ministry in its preparation for the UN Palmer Report on the *Mavi Marmara* (Flotilla) incident. Between 1998 and 2002 Dr. Oral was a legal advisor to the Turkish Foreign Ministry delegation to the International Maritime Organization (1998-2002).

Dr. Oral has been an active member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). In 2012, Dr. Oral was elected as a member of the IUCN Council from the Western Europe Group. She is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). She also served for over ten years as co-chair of the WCEL Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs. In addition, she was elected as Chair of the IUCN Academy of environmental law (2013-2016). In 2015 Dr. Oral was head of the legal team that represented the IUCN before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the Advisory Opinion, *Request for an advisory opinion by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)*.

Dr. Oral has extensive experience working on oceans law, climate change and international environmental law. She was an expert legal consultant on UNDP climate change project for Turkey. She has advised the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey on several marine environment projects. Dr. Oral has worked as an expert consultant with the FAO- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean. She was also an expert consultant and co-author of the 2017 UNEP Report *Combating marine plastic litter and microplastics: An assessment of the effectiveness of relevant international, regional and subregional governance strategies and approaches*. She is a member of of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for MPAs in the Mediterranean (AGEM) of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) UNEP Regional Seas Programme and a member of the Scientific Committee of MedPan. In addition, she was part of the Mediterranean Experts Group established by the European Commission DG MARE (2008-2009) on Improving

Governance of the Mediterranean.

Dr. Oral has also been a co-facilitator in the intersessional informal dialogues co-sponsored by Belgium, Costa Rica and Monaco in support of the Intergovernmental Conference for the negotiation of an international agreement for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in area beyond national jurisdiction (GA 72/249).

Recently she was appointed as General Rapporteur on Green finance and protection of the environment for the International Academy of Comparative Law.

Dr. Oral has lectured and spoken at various international fora and universities on issues concerning law of the sea and climate change. In 2018 she contributed a video lecture to the UN Audio Visual Library on climate change and protection of the ocean. She was invited to lecture on law of the sea at the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (Addis Ababa and Bangkok), and in past years has lectured at the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. She also participated in the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea in 2016.

Dr. Oral holds special appointments at different universities: Distinguished Fellow at the Law of the Sea Institute, *School of Law Berkeley*, University of California; Senior Fellow at the *National University of Singapore* Law School; Honorary Research Fellow at the *University of Dundee*; visiting scholar at UC Berkeley Law (2008) and at the *University of Virginia* Law School (2005).

Dr. Oral is member of several editorial boards of academic publications. She is the series editor for the *International Straits of the World* (Brill); a member of the Editorial Board member of the **European Society of International Law Series (Oxford); the International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law (Brill);** *Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea* (Brill); Advisory Board of the *AALCO Journal of International Law*; and the International Advisory Board, *Chinese Journal of Environmental Law*.

She holds active membership in the International Law Association, Singapore Branch; American Society of International Law; European Society of International Law; IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law; and International Council on International Environmental Law.

Dr. Oral received a Scientific Juris Doctor (SJD) in International and Comparative Law from George Washington University Law School; Diplôme d'études approfondies in private international law from the Université de Paris I (Panthéon); Juris Doctor in law (JD) from the University of Santa Clara Law School; and Bachelor of Arts in psychology (Phi Beta Kappa and Chancellor's Award Recipient), University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Oral has published extensively in recognized academic publications and has lectured and spoken at numerous international fora.

She speaks Turkish, English and French.

Publications

Books

1. *Research Handbook on Ocean Acidification* (Edward Elgar, publication in 2021) David Vanderzwaag, Nilufer Oral and Timothy Stephens (eds)
2. *50-Year Legacy and Emerging Issues for the Years Ahead* (Brill 2018), Harry N. Scheiber, Nilufer Oral and Moon-Sang Kwon (eds)
3. *Navigating Straits: Challenges For International Law* (Brill, 2014), David Caron and Nilufer Oral (eds)

4. Regional Co-Operation for Protection of the Marine Environment Under International Law: The Black Sea (Brill/Martinus Nijhoff, 2014)
5. International Ocean Governance in the 21st Century: Perspectives from the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law's Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs," Special Issue: International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law (2008), David Vanderzwaag and Nilufer Oral (eds)
6. The Turkish Straits: Legal, Navigation and Environmental Aspects (2006), Bayram Öztürk and Nilüfer Oral (eds)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming publications

1. *Environmental Protection and Peremptory Norms*, in Dire Tladi (ed) *Peremptory Norms of General International Law* (Brill forthcoming 2021)
2. *The Contribution of the International Court of Justice to the Law of the Sea*, in Carlos Esposito and Kate Parlett, *Cambridge Companion to the International Court of Justice* (Cambridge University Press forthcoming in 2021)
3. *Sea-level rise and the law of the sea: filling the legal gaps through informal law-making* (co-authored with Tutku Bektas) in Natalie Klein (ed) *Unconventional Lawmaking in the Law of the Sea* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2021)
4. *Sea Level Rise and Maritime Boundaries: The Case for Stability, Legal Certainty and Peaceful Relations* (co-authored with Bogdan Aurescu) in Brower, Donoghue, Murphy, Payne, Shirlow (eds), *By Peaceful Means: International Adjudication & Arbitration*(Cambridge University Press forthcoming in 2021)

Past publications (2010-2020)

1. *Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future of IUU Fishing under International Law*, *International Community Law Review* 22 (2020) 368–376
2. *The Institutional Schizophrenia of Ocean Governance through the Lens of the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction*, in and Rozemarijn Roland Holst (eds), *Regime International in Ocean Governance*, Seline Trevisanut, Nikolaos Giannopoulos, (Brill 2020)
3. "The Oceans in the 21st Century," in Marta Ribeiro and Wagner Menezes (eds) *Direito do Mar Regulamentação Normativa dos Espaços Marítimos* (2020) 1
4. *The International Law Commission and the Progressive Development and Codification of Principles of International Environmental Law*, 13 *Florida International University Law Rev* (2019)
5. Chapter 15: Women, Children, Indigenous, Tribal and Other Communities, Y. Aguila and J. E. Viñuales (eds.), *A Global Pact for the Environment: Legal Foundations* (Cambridge: C-EENRG, 2019).
6. *The Sofia Ministerial Declaration on Black Sea Fisheries and Aquaculture*, *International Journal of Marine And Coastal Law* (2019) 801-822 (Co-authored with Nicola Ferri)
7. *Navigating the Oceans: Old and New Challenges for the Law of the Sea for Straits Used in International Navigation*, 46 *Ecology Law Quarterly* 163 /37 *Berkeley Journal of International Law* 317 (2019)
8. *International law and adaptation to sea-level rise and its impacts on islands and offshore features*, *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* (Special Issue 2019) 415-439
9. *Climate Change, Oceans and Gender*, in Irini Papanicolopulu (ed.), *Gender and the Law Of The Sea* (Brill 2019) 343-360
10. *Ocean Acidification: Falling Between the Legal Cracks of UNCLOS and UNFCCC*, 45 *Ecology Law Quarterly* (2018) 9-30
11. Karen Raubenheimer, Alisatir McIlgorm and Nilufer Oral, *Towards and improved framework to govern the lifecycle of plastics*, RECEIL, 2018
7. *Freedom of the high seas or protection of the marine environment: A false dichotomy*, in *Ocean Law Debates: the 50-Year Legacy and Emerging Issue for the Years Ahead*, Harry N. Scheiber, Nilufer Oral and Moon-Sang Kwon (eds) (Brill 2018)
12. (Brill 2018)

13. *Jurisdiction and Control Over Activities by Non-State Entities on the High Seas*, in Robert C. Beckman, Millicent McCreath, J. Ashley Roach and Zhen Sun (eds) *High Seas Governance: Gaps and Challenges* (Edward Elgar 2018)
14. *Black Sea Security Under the 1936 Montreux Convention*, in Carlos Esposito, James Kraska, Harry N. Scheiber and Moon-Sang (eds), *Ocean law and policy: 20 years under UNCLOS* (2017 Brill)
15. *Governance of Straits Used for International Navigation*, in *The Law of the Sea: UNCLOS As a Living Treaty*, British Institute of Comparative and International Law (BIICLI 2016)
16. *Law of Naval Blockade and the Law of the Sea: A Critical Analysis*, in LIBER AMICORUM Judge Hugo Caminos (Brill 2015)
17. *Forty Years of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme: From Past to Future*, in Rosemary Rayfuse (ed.) *Research Manual on International Marine Environment Law*, (Edward Elgar 2015)
18. *The Need for a Regional Framework for Marine Scientific Research in the Black Sea and Mediterranean*, *Marine Genomics* (2014)
19. *Regional Co-operation in Regional in Enclosed and Semi-Enclosed Seas for Protection of the Marine Environment Under Article 123 of the 1982 UN Law of the Sea Convention: An Assessment*, Marta Chantal Ribeiro (ed.) *30 Years After The Signature Of The United Nations Convention On The Law Of The Sea: The Protection Of The Environment And The Future Of The Law Of The Sea* (Coimbra Editora, 2014) 419-440
20. *A PSSA for the Black Sea*, 35 *University of Hawai'i Law Review* (2013)
21. *The Regime of Straits: Safety, Security and Protection of the Marine Environment*, in Harry N. Scheiber and Jin Hyun-Pak eds., *Regions, Institutions and Law of the Sea: Studies in Oceans Governance* (Brill 2013)
22. *Implementing Part XII of the 1982 UN Law of the Sea Convention and the Role of International Courts*, in Nerina Boschiero, Tullio Scovazzi, Chiara Ragni and Cesare Pitea (eds) *International Courts and the Development of International Law Essays in Honor of Tullio Treves*, 401- 420 (TMC Asser Press 2013)
23. *1982 UNCLOS +30: Confronting New Complexities in the Protection of Biodiversity and Marine Living Resources in the High Seas*, in *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting* (American Society Of International Law), vol. 106, (Cambridge University Press 2012), 403-406
24. *Transit Passage Rights in the Strait of Hormuz and Iran's Threats to Block the Passage of Oil Tankers*, *ASIL Insights* (May 2012)
25. *The Legal Framework of Cooperation for Protection of Marine Biodiversity in the Black Sea*, 37 *Revue Juridique de L'Environnement* (2012) 255-267
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28. *The Black Sea: A Time for Change*, in *The World Oceans in Globalization*, Davor Vidas & Peter J. Schei, (eds.) (Brill 2011)
29. *Case Concerning Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine)* (3 February 2009), *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* (2010) 115–141
30. *Non-Ratification of the 1982 LOS Convention: An Aegean Dilemma of Global and Environmental Consequence*, *Berkeley Journal of International Law, Publicist* (2009)