CURRICULUM VITAE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name, surname: Vaios KOUTROULIS

Current position: Professor, Faculty of Law, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Date of birth: 26 April 1978

Professional address: International Law Centre, ULB, CP 137
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Languages: Greek (mother tongue)
French – English (proficient)
Italian – Spanish (passive knowledge)

EDUCATION AND CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY

Since 2013 Professor, International Law Centre, Faculty of Law, ULB

2012-2013 Post-doctoral research, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge

2011-2012 Maître d’enseignement, Faculty of Law, ULB

2011 PhD in legal sciences, Faculty of Law, ULB

2007-2011 Doctoral student, mini-ARC fellow, Faculty of Law, ULB

2006 DEA in international law, Faculty of Law, ULB

2005 DES in public international law, Faculty of Law, ULB

2002 MA in law, Faculty of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

TEACHING ACTIVITIES AT THE ULB

- Public International Law;
- Law of Armed Conflict;
- International and European Criminal Law;
- International and European Environmental Law;
- International Adjudication;
- Argumentation Seminar in International Law

TEACHING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE ULB

Since 2014 Visiting Lecturer, Institut des relations internationales (Paris)
Courses taught: Law of International Security and Defence, Law of Armed Conflict
Since 2011
Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Université de Liège
Course taught: Occupation Law (in the context of the course on the Law of Armed Conflict)

2012-2015
Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of legal, political and social science, Université Lille 2
Course taught: Law of Armed Conflict

2011-2014
Visiting Lecturer, Free Faculty of Law, Institut catholique de Lille
Course taught: Law of Armed Conflict

2012-2016
Visiting Lecturer, Royal Belgian Military School
Courses taught: Public International Law, International Criminal Law

Since 2007
Lecturer in several courses for professionals (taught in English or French)
  - 2014-2018: Cursus supérieur d’Etat-Major, Royal Belgian Military School (Brussels, Belgium)
  - 2008-2017: Course for Advisors in Law of Armed Conflict, Royal Belgian Military School (Brussels, Belgium)
  - 2014-2016: High Studies for Security and Defence, Royal Higher Institute for Defence (Brussels, Belgium)
  - 2016: Course on human rights specialised in international criminal law, international humanitarian law and international refugee law, International Institute of Human Rights –René Cassin Foundation (Bamako, Mali)
  - 2016: Summer Course in international humanitarian law, ICRC (Yerevan, Armenia)
  - 2009: Course on international humanitarian law at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ICRC – Belgian Red Cross (Brussels, Belgium)
  - 2007-2009: Advanced course on international humanitarian law, International Institute of humanitarian law (San Remo, Italy)
  - 2007-2008: Course on peacekeeping activities for intermediary and superior officers, Centre of Excellence for Stabilization Police Units (CoESPU) (Vicenza, Italy)

STUDY VISITS ABROAD (INCLUDING SUMMER COURSES)

2012-2013
Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (Post doctoral scholarship from the Wiener-Anspach Foundation)

August – September 2011: Centre for Studies and Research, The Hague Academy of International Law (Study visit on the topic “Remedies for the Actions of international Organizations”)

July – August 2004: Summer Course on public international law, The Hague Academy of International Law
Monographs

– (forthcoming) Les relations entre le jus contra bellum et le jus in bello, Brussels, Larcier
– (forthcoming, with O. CORTEN, F. DUBUISSON, A. LAGERWALL) A critical introduction to international law, Brussels, Editions de l’Université de Bruxelles
– Une introduction critique au droit international (with O. CORTEN, F. DUBUISSON, A. LAGERWALL), Brussels, Editions de l’Université de Bruxelles, 2017 (602 p.)

Codes

– Code de droit international humanitaire (with E. DAVID, F. TULKENS, D. VANDERMEERSCH and R. VAN STEENBERGHE), 8th edition, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2018 (790 p.)
– Code de droit international pénal (with E. DAVID and A. WEYEMBERGH), 4th edition, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2018 (1164 p.)

Chapters in collective works

– (forthcoming) “A clarification of the personal and geographical scope of multinational NIACs”, in Legal and Operational Challenges raised by Contemporary NIACs, Proceedings of the 19th Bruges Colloquium, 18-19 October 2018, ICRC, College of Europe
– “The Yom Kippur War” (with F. DUBUISSON), in O. CORTEN – T. RUYS (Eds.), The Use of Force in International Law – A case-based approach, Oxford, OUP, 2018, pp. 189-200
– “L’application des droits fondamentaux dans les opérations à l’étranger” (with Ph. FRUMER), in N. LAGASSE et al. (eds.), Questions juridiques d’actualité en lien avec la défense, Brugge, die Keure, 2017, pp. 223-267
– “How have the Belgian courts dealt with the interplay between IHL and counter-terrorism offences?”, in Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and International Humanitarian Law, Proceedings of the 17th Bruges Colloquium, 20-21 October 2016, ICRC, College of Europe 2017, pp. 107-118
– “Internal armed conflict versus non-international armed conflict: the 2014 judgment of the Court of Justice of the European union in the Diakité case”, in Hommage à Jean Pictet par le Concours de droit international humanitaire Jean-Pictet, Cowansville / Zurich, Yvon Blais / Schulthess, 2016, pp. 255-270
“A la recherche du principe de distinction dans les films de guerre” (with M. FALKOWSKA), in O. CORTEN and F. DUBUSSON (eds.), Du droit international au cinéma, Paris, Pedone, 2015, pp. 315 – 347


Articles in peer reviewed journals


“Appréciation de l’application de certaines règles du droit international humanitaire dans les rapports portant sur l’interception de la flottille naviguant vers Gaza”, *Revue belge de droit international*, vol. XLV, 2012/1, pp. 84-115

“The application of international humanitarian law and human rights law in cases of prolonged occupation: only a matter of time?”, *International Review of the Red Cross*, vol. 94, 2012, 165-205


“The Cyprus issue: recent evolutions in the context of the European Convention on Human Rights” (with V. P. Tzevelekos), *Procès (Dikê)*, vol. 36 (n° 10 et 11), 2005, pp. 1148-1175 and 1273-1294 respectively (in Greek)

“The Host City contract or the ‘Trojan Horse’ of the Olympic Games: the scope of the contract and its effects on the Greek legal order”, *Applications of Public Law*, vol. 16 (special number), 2003, pp. 115-135 (in Greek)


**Other publications**


Many book reviews published at the Revue belge de droit international

UNPUBLISHED COMMUNICATIONS / CONFERENCES

“Migration and climate change: is there a place in international law for climate refugees?”, Climates and Cultures: Perspectives for the Future, International conference organised by the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences, Brussels, 23-24 May 2018

“The Use of Armed Forces in Domestic Situations”, Peace, War & the Law, 21st International Conference organised by the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Lisbon, 15-18 May 2018

“Legal aspects of Operation Olive Branch: remarks on jus ad bellum and jus in bello”, Research Service of the European Parliament, Brussels, 26 April 2018

“Urban Warfare: challenges with respect to IHL application and humanitarian consequences”, panel organised by the Red Cross of Luxemburg, Luxemburg, 22 November 2017

“Protéger toutes les victimes des conflits armés: l’incessant combat”, conference organised by the ICRC and the French Red Cross, Paris, 16 November 2017 (discussant)

“Elements of the MLA Treaty: MLA and Extradition provisions – Specific provisions”, lecture given at the preparatory conference on the initiative for the conclusion of a treaty on mutual legal assistance for the most grave international crimes (« MLA initiative »), Driebergen, The Netherlands, 17 October 2017

“Interpretation of military necessity in the context of international investment law”, Colloquium on International Investment Law and the Law of Armed Conflict, organised by the University of Athens and the University of Zaragoza, Athens, 5-6 October 2017

“The protection of the wounded and sick in both IAC and NIAC”, Conference on the ICRC updated Commentary on the First Geneva Convention “Capturing 60 years of practice”, organised by the Belgian Interministerial Commission on Humanitarian Law, the Belgian Red Cross and the ICRC, Brussels, 29 September 2017

“When do international armed conflicts end?”, 40th Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, The Additional protocols 40 Years later: New Conflicts, New Actors, New Perspectives, organised by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, 7-9 September 2017
- “La pertinence des statuts de ‘ville ouverte’ et ‘ville défendue’ “, Conference Villes, violence et droit international, organised by the Université Côte d’Azur, Nice, 31 May – 1st June 2017

- “La qualification des actions d’activistes écologistes comme actes de piraterie”, Colloquium Le droit international et les nouveaux visages de la piraterie, organised by the Réseau francophone de droit international, Cotonou, 29 April 2017


- Participant to an expert seminar on « Justice in Non-International Armed Conflicts », organised by the Manchester International Law Centre of the University of Manchester and the Centre Charles de Visscher of UCL, Louvain-la-Neuve, 30 September - 1 October 2016

- “Being in the right place: the interaction between IHL and human rights from a geographical perspective”, Keynote open lecture organised by the ICRC delegation in Armenia, Yerevan, 13 July 2016


- “Le jus in bello à l’écran: à la recherche du principe de distinction” (with M. FAŁKOWSKA), La sécurité internationale à l’écran. Du droit international au cinéma, colloquium organised by CESICE, Université de Grenoble, 14 March 2016

- Participant to an expert seminar on the “Formation and identification in customary international law” led by Sir Michael Wood, Special Rapporteur of the UN International Law Commission, ULB, Brussels, 26-27 February 2016

- Participant to an expert seminar on “Le contentieux stratégique: concept, moyens, enjeux” organised in the context of the ARC project on strategic litigation, Brussels, 8 January 2016


- Discussant at the conference Un tournant pour la justice pénale internationale ? Le jugement de Hissène Habré par les Chambres extraordinaires africaines, organised in the context of the ARC research project on strategic litigation, Brussels, 30 June 2015

- “Comparing EU and Swiss positions at the HRC: detention in armed conflict”, panel held in the context of the Brussels Graduate Summer School, organised by the ULB Institute for European Studies and the Swiss mission to the European union, Brussels, 25 June 2015

- “A la recherche du principe de distinction dans les films de guerre” (with M. FAŁKOWSKA), conference: Du droit international au cinéma, Université de Nice, 2 June 2015

- “Le droit des conflits armés s’adapte-t-il au mandat des opérations autorisées par les Nations Unies?”, conference on Les rapports entre le jus ad bellum et le jus in bello, Study
Participant to an expert seminar on « Justice in Non-International Armed Conflicts », organised by the Manchester International Law Centre, University of Manchester, 6-7 March 2015


“What do external military interventions in the Arab Spring revolutions teach us about international law?”, round table on External Interventions in the Arab Springs, Summer School on Contemporary Issues on Security, Peace and Conflicts : Building Peace after the Arab Springs, REPI, ULB, 30 June 2014

“Portraying the distinction between combatants and non-combatants in war movies : a matter of balance between rules and reality” (with M. FALKOWSKA), Droit international public et cinéma, presentation organised at Sciences Po Paris, 21 May 2014

Participant to an expert seminar on the “Formation and identification in customary international law” led by Sir Michael Wood, Special Rapporteur of the UN International Law Commission, ULB, Brussels, 7-8 March 2014

“Comment identifier l’existence d’un conflit armé non international ? Enseignements à la lumière des situations conflictuelles récentes”, Actualité du droit international, conference organised by the Study Centre for Military Law and the Law of War, Royal Belgian Military School, Brussels, 27 February 2014

Participant to an expert seminar on the “Formation and identification in customary international law” led by Sir Michael Wood, Special Rapporteur of the UN International Law Commission, Leiden University, The Hague, 31 January – 1er February 2014

Academic introduction to a conference by Dr. Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, “Le C.I.C.R. : 150 ans de droit et d’actions humanitaires”, ULB, 29 January 2014

“Armed conflicts before domestic courts: the classification of conflicts by the national judge”, Round table on conflicts and international law organised at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge, 14 May 2013

“Identification of Customary International Humanitarian Law by National Courts”, McCoubrey Lecture, McCoubrey Centre for International Law, Faculty of Law, Hull University, Hull, UK, 17 April 2013

Participant to an expert seminar on the “Formation and identification in customary international law” led by Sir Michael Wood, Special Rapporteur of the UN International Law Commission, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, 18-19 January 2013


“Un Etat pourrait-il invoquer la théorie des contre-mesures pour justifier son refus d’exécuter une résolution du Conseil de sécurité dont il allèguerait qu’elle viole le droit international?” (with A. TZANAKOPOULOS), Conference on the responsibility of international organisations, International Law Centre (ULB) and Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales et Communautaires (Université Paul Cézanne – Aix-Marseille III), Aix-en-Provence, 24 March 2012

“Independence between jus ad bellum and jus in bello and State responsibility : reparations for violations of jus ad bellum and jus in bello in light of the Eritrea / Ethiopia Claims Commission Final Arbitral Awards”, State Responsibility : Current and Future,
Challenges, colloquium organised by the Hellenic Branch of the International Law Association, Athens, 10-11 February 2012

- “La responsabilité des organisations internationales pour des violations du droit des conflits armés et des droits de l’homme : questions d’attribution”, Relations entre le droit des conflits armés et les droits de l’homme + les enfants soldats, conference organised by the Study Centre for Military Law and the Law of War, Royal Belgian Military School, Brussels, 4 April 2011

- “Problèmes de symétrie : des brèches au mur de Berlin aux brèches à l’égalité des belligérants ?”, 4th Conference of the European Society of International Law, Cambridge, 2-4 September 2010


RESEARCH FUNDING OBTAINED, SCHOLARSHIPS AND DISTINCTIONS

- ARC five-year Research project on strategic litigation (2015-2019) financed by the ULB (academic responsible and promoter with professors Arnaud Nuyts, Julie Ringelheim, Annemie Schaus and Barbara Truffin) (see http://arc-strategic-litigation.ulb.ac.be )

- Wernaers Prize 2018, Fonds national de Recherche Scientifique (F.N.R.S.) for the projet « International Law and Pop Culture » (in collaboration with Oliver Corten, François Dubuisson and Anne Lagerwall)

- Tenekides Prize of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations awarded in 2012 for the PhD thesis on the relations between jus contra bellum and jus in bello (biannual prize 2011-2012)

- Alice Seghers prize for the academic year 2010-2011, Faculty of Law, ULB, for the PhD thesis on the relations between jus contra bellum and jus in bello

- Post-doctoral scholarship of the Wiener-Anspach Foundation, 2012-2013

- Doctoral scholarship mini-ARC, ULB, 2007-2010

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITÉS

- Vice-president of the Advanced LL.M on international law, International Law Centre, Faculty of Law, ULB (2018 - )

- Secretary of the jury for the Master in law, Faculty of Law, ULB (2017 - )

- Expert member of the working group on “Legislation” of the Belgian interministerial Commission on Humanitarian Law (2013 - )

- Member of the scientific committee of the Study Centre for Military Law and the Law of War (2013 – 2018)

- Director of the Military Law and Law of War Review (2015 - )


- Member of the Editorial Board of the Revue belge de droit international (2015 - )

- Member of the Editorial Board and du comité de rédaction (2001-2002) et Editor in Chief (2002-2003) of the Greek national scientific journal Applications de droit public
– Peer reviewer for the publication of monographs with Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and Larcier editions (Collection de droit international)

– Peer reviewer for the publication of articles in the following journals: Revue belge de droit international, Leiden Journal of International Law, International Review of the Red Cross

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETIES

– Member of the European Society of International Law; in the Society, member of the Interest Group on Peace and Security

– Member of the Belgian Society of International Law

– Member of the French Society for International Law

– Member of the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations

– Member of the Board of Directors of the Réseau francophone de droit international (RFDI)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

– Adviser to the Counsel and Advocate of the Belgian Ministry of Justice in the case Questions relating to the obligation to prosecute or extradite (Belgium v. Senegal) before the International Court of Justice (2011 – 2012)

– Consultations and drafting of legal opinions with Professor Emeritus Eric David on questions of international humanitarian law