

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Overview:** With close to thirty years in top academic institutions in Europe, Asia and the USA in international law, international arbitration and sports law. Over 260 peer-reviewed articles in top tier journals and 24 books, of which 17 published with either Oxford or Cambridge University Press. Advised extensively international organizations, such as the UN, CoE, OIC and UNDP and served as arbitrators in more than 25 disputes, both ad hoc and institutional. Since 2022 professional focus is exclusively on sports-related consultancy and sport arbitration as arbitrator, chiefly at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

### Academic Qualifications

- **BA/Diploma in Theology and Religious Studies** *Cambridge University*, Girton College
- **Degree in Law (4 yr.)** *National University of Athens* (Greece), School of Law
- **LL.M in International Law and Human Rights** (Distinction) *University of Liverpool*, Faculty of Law
- **Doctor of Philosophy** (Distinction) *University of Liverpool*, Faculty of Law

### Academic Employment History

**Hamad bin Khalifa University** (Qatar Foundation) College of Law, 2018-present *Full Professor of Transnational & Sport Law*, *University Senator* QS Global Universities Rank 183 (2024)

**Georgetown University**, Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service (2020-present) *Adjunct Professor of International Law and Human Rights*

**International University Europe**, MBA in International Sports Management (2024-present), *MBA Course Director* and *Adjunct Professor of Sports Law*

**International University of Monaco**, *Adjunct Professor of Sports Contracts* (2023)

**Institute of Advanced Legal Studies**, University of London, 2008-present *Senior Associate Fellow* and *Visiting Professor in International Arbitration and Sports Law*

**Brunel University of London**, School of Law, 2006-18 *Ful Professor of Transnational Law and Sport Law*, Head of Law Department (2006-2008)

**Harvard University**, School of Law, 2003-04, *Fellow* in international business and human rights (Harvard Human Rights Program)

**Cleveland-State University**, Marshall College of Law, 1999-2000, *Assistant Professor of International Law*

### Professional Legal Experience and Arbitrator

- *Advocate*, Athens Bar 1997-2018. Specializing in arbitration, transnational commercial contracts, and sports law
- *Head of Arbitration and Sports Disputes*, Mourgelas & Associates LLP (member Legal 500) (2009-11)

- *Arbitrator*, party-appointed and president in 20+ disputes (from 2012-present); CAS Arbitrator (1, 1 pending as of May 2026)
- *Arbitrator Listed* in: London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); Vienna International Arbitration Center (VIAC); Bucharest International Arbitration Court (BIAC); Energy Community; Athens Mediation and Arbitration Organization; Qatar Int'l Center for Conciliation & Arbitration; Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow); OIC Arbitration Centre

### **Sports Law-Specific Professional Expertise**

- *Arbitrator*, Court of Arbitration of Sport (2022-)
- *Arbitrator*, Qatar Sports Arbitration Tribunal (2024-)
- *Off Counsel*, Qatar Equestrian Federation (2022-present)
- *Interim CEO*, Doha High Performance Tennis Academy (2021-2023)
- *Senior Advisor*, Governments of Greece and Montenegro re drafting sport-related anti-corruption legislation to implement Macolin Convention

### **CAS Arbitrator Appointments**

- CAS/2024/A/11103 *Club Al Gharafa SC (Qatar) v SC Fotbal Club FCSB SA* [CAS Appeals Chamber]
- As of June 2025 nominated in two other pending disputes

### **Sports-related Research Grants and Awards**

- *Co-Principal Investigator* (with Prof C Anagnostopoulos) Qatar National Research Fund grant (50,000 USD): corporate social sport liability for listed companies (2023-24)
- *Winner* of Anti-Corruption Excellence (ACE) Award in Safeguarding Sports from Corruption (2024), ROLACC and UNODC (125,000 USD)

### **Sports Law Editorships**

- Editor-in-Chief (with M Diaconu), Transnational Sports Law Monograph Series with Cambridge University Press (2025-present)

### **Senior Sports Management Positions**

- *Founder and CEO* of Doha High Performance Tennis Academy (2020-2023)
- *Senior Legal Advisor* on Anti-Doping and Safeguarding for Governments of Greece and Montenegro (2020-21)
- *Chairman*, Qatar Sports Arbitration Foundation (responsible for setting up arbitral panels from safeguarding and anti-doping disputes) (pending)

### **Notable Citations in Judgments of Key International & National Courts**

- *Enka v Chubb*, UK Supreme Court, [2020] UKSC 38
- *In Re Interplay between Arbitration Agreements*, Indian Supreme Court (2023) INSC 1066
- *Oil & Natural Gas Corp Ltd v Afcons Gunanusa*, Indian Supreme Court [2022] SC 723
- *ICC Prosecutor v Ongwen*, Int'l Crim Court Appeal Judgment (2021), ICC-02/04-01/15A
- *SCSL Prosecutor v Kanu et al*, SCSL Judgment on Jurisdiction, Case 2003-13-PT
- *Scottish Parliament Corp v Indigenous Peoples of Scotland*, Court of Session, [2016] CSOH 65

- *Lays Catherine Josephbine Claire Ghislaine vs Senegal* [2020] ECOWASCJ 56
- *C v D*, Hong Kong High Court of Final Appeal, [2023] HKFCA 1

### International Sports Law Publications

#### Books

- 1 *Introduction to International Arbitration*, Cambridge University Press (2015), pp 350
- 2 *Commentary on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration* (with P Ortolani et al) [author of 13 chapters] Cambridge University Press (2020), pp 1400
- 3 *Tennis and Transnational Law: Contractual and Regulatory* (with M Begovic eds) Cambridge University Press (2025), pp 304
- 4 *Commentary on the Court of Arbitration for Sport Code* Cambridge University Press (with Z Calo, M Diaconu, eds) 2027, pp 1000
- 5 *Principles of Sports Contracts* Cambridge University Press (expected 2029)

#### Articles & Book Chapters

- 1 Article 30: Culture and Sport (with E Polymenopoulou et al) I Bantekas, M Stein, D Anastasiou (eds), *Commentary on the UN Convention on the Protection of Persons with Disabilities* (Oxford UP, 2018), pp 863-924
- 2 The Right of Access to Sport for Disabled Persons: What does it really Entail? (2022) 45 *Loyola Los Angeles International Law Review*, pp 1-53
- 3 Professional Tennis and Restraint of Trade in the English Common Law (2023) 22 *Virginia Journal of Entertainment & Sports Law*, pp 1-18
- 4 The Intersection between Law and Professional Tennis I Bantekas and M Begovic, *Professional Tennis and Transnational Law* (eds) Cambridge University Press, 2024, pp 1-23
- 5 The Regulation of Ethics in the ITF's Governance I Bantekas and M Begovic, *Professional Tennis and Transnational Law* (eds) Cambridge University Press, 2024, pp 285-303
- 6 Human Rights Concerns in Professional Tennis (2023) 33 *Marquette Sports Law Review* pp 115-136
- 7 Access to Justice in Tennis Disputes I Bantekas and M Begovic, *Professional Tennis and Transnational Law* (eds) Cambridge University Press, 2024, pp 147-169
- 8 Safeguarding in Tennis: An Enforceable Duty of Care I Bantekas and M Begovic, *Professional Tennis and Transnational Law* (eds) Cambridge University Press, 2024, pp 190-209

- 9 Professional Tennis and Restraint of Trade  
I Bantekas and M Begovic, *Professional Tennis and Transnational Law* (eds) Cambridge University Press, 2024, pp 88-104
- 10 The 2022 FIFA World Cup as a Catalyst for Labour Standards of Sport Professionals? A New Institutional Theory Perspective (with M Begovic)  
(2024) 12 *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law*, pp 1-24
- 11 Migrant Labour Reforms as Human Rights Legacy of the 2022 FIFA World Cup  
(2024) 41 *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, pp 289-324
- 12 The Resolution of Professional Tennis Disputes  
(2023) 14 *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*, pp 1-16
- 13 Sports Sanctions against Russia through the Court of Arbitration for Sport  
(2024) 42 *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*, pp 1-25
- 14 Political Neutrality of International Sports Federations: Compatible with Fundamental Rights of Athletes?  
(2024) 34 *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal*, pp 193-226
- 15 The Dispute Resolution Mechanism of the Badminton World Federation: Sui Generis Expert Determination?  
(2024) 20 *South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business* pp 1-18
- 16 Non-Profit Entities as Foreign Investors? The Case of International Sports Governing Bodies (with H Sahin)  
(2024) 60 *Stanford Journal of International Law*, pp 70-103
- 17 Non-State Actors as Gatekeepers of Nationality: The Case of International Sports Federations  
(2024) 7 *Cardozo International & Comparative Law Review*, pp 867-900
- 18 Transgender Athletes and Access to Effective Remedies in International Sports Law  
(2024) 39 *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Justice*, pp 1-20
- 19 Is Legitimate Gambling a Threat to the Integrity of Transnational Individual Sport Competitions?  
(2024) 25 *San Diego International Law Journal*, pp 23-48
- 20 Human Rights Forum Shopping in Transnational Sport Disputes  
(2024) 50 *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*, pp 1-36
- 21 FIFA's One Member-One Vote Rule: Does Democratic Governance Ensure its Corporate Integrity?  
(2024) 14 *American University Business Law Review*, pp 53-78

- 22 Addressing the Unfettered Authority of Sport Governing Bodies Through EU Competition Law: The Effect of International Skating Union and European Super League (with J Mercado-Caen)  
(2024) 46 *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies*, pp 1-16
- 23 Rule 63 CAS Arbitration Code (with G Gradev)  
I Bantekas, Z Calo and M Diaconu (eds), *Commentary on the CAS Arbitration Code* (Cambridge University Press, 2027), pp 10,000 words
- 24 Article S11 CAS Arbitration Code  
I Bantekas, Z Calo and M Diaconu (eds), *Commentary on the CAS Arbitration Code* (Cambridge University Press, 2027), pp 4,000 words
- 25 International Sport Law and the CAS: An Introduction (with Calo and Diaconu)  
I Bantekas, Z Calo and M Diaconu (eds), *Commentary on the CAS Arbitration Code* (Cambridge University Press, 2027), pp 13,000 words
- 26 Rethinking the Contractual Autonomy of Contracts between Athletes and Sport Governing Bodies  
I Bantekas, S Long et al (eds), *International Commercial Contracts* (Kluwer, 2026), pp 10,000 words
- 27 Rapid Social Transformation and Mega-Sport Construction  
(2025) 52 *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, pp 755-783
- 28 The Enduring Battle Between the *Lex Sportiva* and EU Competition Law  
(2024) 30 *Columbia Journal of European Law*, pp 21-44
- 29 High Value Transnational Adhesion Contracts: Agreements with Sport Governing Bodies and their Fundamental Defects  
(2025) 23 *Santa Clara Journal of International Law*, pp 1-24
- 30 Sport Arbitration and Human Rights: An Overview of the Semenya Judgment before the European Court of Human Rights  
(2025) *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, pp 7,000 words, available at: <https://journals.law.harvard.edu/hrj/2025/01/sport-arbitration-and-human-rights-an-overview-of-the-semenya-judgment-before-the-european-court-of-human-rights/>
- 31 The Regulation of Legal Ethics in Professional Tennis  
(2025) 34 [Iowa University] *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*, pp 185-209
- 32 The Suspension or Expulsion of the Israeli Football Association under the FIFA Statutes (with D Keane)  
(2025) 58 *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics*, 17,000 words
- 33 Toward an International Consensus on Safeguarding in Professional Tennis Through Soft Law and Enforceable Duties  
(2025) 24 *Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal*, pp 51-79
- 34 The Law of FIFA World Cups (with S Al-Ansari)

- C Anagnostopoulos, S Chadwick (eds), *The Business of the FIFA World Cup* (Routledge, 2026), pp 6.000 words
- 35 International Football Transfer Agreements and Liability for Negligent Payment of Hacked Invoices  
(2026) 5 *Chicago Journal of International Law*, pp 1-24
- 36 Addressing Human Rights Risk Through Mega-Sporting Event Implementing Legislation: A Comparison between the Russian and Qatari FIFA World Cups  
(2026) 48 *Houston Journal of International Law*, pp 23.000 words (with S Al-Ansari)
- 37 Adjudication of Human Rights Disputes Arising from Mega-Sport Events: Why Claims Against Sport Governing Bodies are Next to Impossible?  
(2025) 29 *UCLA Journal of International Law & Foreign Affairs*, pp 18.000 words (with S Al-Ansari)
- 38 The International Legal Framework of Mega-Sport Events in the Era of Global Contractual Governance (with S Al-Ansari)  
(2026) 16 *Harvard Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law*, pp 16.000 words
- 39 The Arbitration Agreement in Sports Contracts  
Y Cherniykh, A Duval (eds), *Long-Term Contracts in Sport: The Private Foundations of Sports Law and Governance* (TMC Asser, 2027), pp 8.000 words