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## NIKOS LAVRANOS (DUTCH NATIONAL)

### EXPERTISE

Advising, litigating, negotiating, drafting legislation and briefings, lecturing and researching in the following areas:

- international investment law and arbitration
- Interaction between international, European and national law
- EU law
- Public International law
- WTO law

### NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- founder & owner of NL-Investmentconsulting.
- Secretary General of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA).
- Member of Herreveld van den Hurk ([HHP Chambers](#)), Rotterdam.
- Senior Advisor at [Grayston & Company](#), Brussels.
- Of Counsel at Wöss & Partners, Vienna.
- Ad hoc external Legal Advisor for various international law firms.
- Permanent contributor for the Kluwer Arbitration Law Blog, EFILA Blog, Practical Law Arbitration Blog and Borderlex.
- Associate Consultant for Trade Impact BV, Rotterdam.

#### **Previous non-academic positions:**

- from 1 September 2014 until 31 December 2016: Head of Legal Affairs, Global Investment Protection AG.
- from 1 March 2010 until 1 July 2014: Senior Trade Policy Advisor & Chief Negotiator, International Trade section, responsible for all Dutch BITs, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands.
- from 1 January 2007 until end of August 2008: Senior Advisor European & International Strategy, Dutch Competition Authority (NMa) The Hague.

**APPOINTMENTS BY  
ARBITRATION  
INSTITUTIONS**

- Arbitrator for EU trade and investment agreements
- Arbitrator for the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI)
- Arbitrator and Mediator for the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- Arbitrator for the Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC)
- Mediator for the Energy Community
- Arbitrator for the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA)
- Arbitrator for the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
- Mediator for the Asia International Arbitration Centre AIAC)

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**EXAMPLES OF  
REPRESENTATION AS  
LEGAL ADVISOR (OR AS  
PART OF ANOTHER  
LAW FIRM'S TEAM  
THAT REPRESENTED  
THE CLIENTS)**

- A Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against India;
- a Dutch B.V. against a Balkan state;
- a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against Russia under the Netherlands- Russia BIT;
- a US company in setting aside proceedings against Ecuador in relation to multiple arbitral awards rendered against Ecuador;
- several European photovoltaic SMEs in investment arbitration disputes against the Czech Republic under several BITs and the ECT;
- a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against the Czech Republic under the Netherlands-Czech BIT;
- a Dutch B.V. in an investment arbitration dispute against the Slovak Republic;
- several investors against Russia in the context of the annexation of Crimea;

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**ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS**

- Guest Professor, "International Arbitration", Leiden University, Law Faculty.
- Visiting Professor, "International Arbitration and Climate Change, Vienna University, Law Faculty.
- Supervisor of Master thesis Investment law and EU law for the University of Amsterdam.
- Guest Professor at the Global Master's Program in Law, Kobe University Graduate School of Law, Japan.
- Visiting Professor at the Master's Program in International Arbitration, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- from 2015-2022: Guest Professor "International Investment Law" at the Free University Brussels – Brussels Diplomatic Academy.

- from 2015-2018: Visiting Professor at Verona University, Law Faculty.
- Senior Fellow at the WTI, Bern.
- Co-Editor-in-Chief of the: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review*.
- from 2012-2016: Editor-in-Chief and since 2016 Editorial Board member of the *Hague Yearbook of International Law*.
- from 2012-2014: Adjunct Professor, The Hague University.
- from 2012-2016: Guest Professor, University of Amsterdam.
- from 1 September 2009 until end February 2010: Interim Academic Research Director European Law and Senior Lecturer, The Hague University.
- from 1 September 2008 until end of August 2009: *Max Weber Fellow* at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence; mentor: Prof. E.-U. Petersmann.
- from December 2001 until end of August 2008: Assistant Professor “European Law” and Senior Researcher “International Law” at the ACIL, Law Faculty, University of Amsterdam.
- from September 1997 until December 2001: Researcher and Ph.D. Candidate at the Dep. of International and European Law, Law Faculty, Maastricht University.

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**4 JUNE 2004 - DOCTOR IN LAW - MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY - THE NETHERLANDS**

Title of Ph.D. thesis:

Decisions of International Organizations in the European and domestic legal orders of selected EU Member States, Europa Law Publishing, Groningen 2004, 309 pp.

**ACADAMIC  
EDUCATION**

**1996 - 1997 - MASTER OF COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LAW (LLM) – MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY – THE NETHERLANDS**

Master of Comparative and European Community Law (LL.M.), cum laude, Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

**1990 - 1997 – LAW STUDIES – GOETHE UNIVERSITY- FRANKFURT - GERMANY**

Law studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, 1. Juristisches Staatsexamen (1st state exam).

**1992 - 1993 – ERASMUS EXCHANGE – MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY – THE NETHERLANDS**

one-year ERASMUS exchange studies in European and International Law at Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

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## SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Recent publications (selected)

- [REPORT on Compliance with Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards 2024](#) (3rd edition) (published November 2024).
- Co-editor of *International Arbitration and EU law* (Edward Elgar, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition, August 2024), 616 pp.
- The impact of the EU's Reform efforts for the Investment Treaty Practice of Countries in Transition seeking EU membership, in: B. Beaumont, F. Brodlija et al (eds), *The Future of Investor-State-Dispute Settlement* (Wolters Kluwer 2024) Chapter 9 (together with A. Lath).
- Chronicle 2023 on European Investment Law and Arbitration Developments, *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2024, pp. 5-12.
- [Comment: Leaving the Energy Charter Treaty also means leaving a legal mess behind](#)
- The meltdown of the ECT: How the ECT was ruined by the EU and its Member States, *SchiedsVZ* 2023, pp. 38-48.
- Green Power v. Spain: How EU law allegedly trumps International Investment Law, *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2022, pp. 166-176.
- [Regime Interaction in Investment Arbitration: EU Law; From Peaceful Co-Existence to Permanent Conflict.](#)
- [ICC Austria: Emerging Expropriations and Investment Protection in Russia](#)
- [Is the Court of Justice of the EU the Ultimate Judge of the ECT?](#)
- [Lex superior: How EU law trumps investment law](#)
- [Comment: How the EU disconnected itself from the Energy Charter Treaty](#)
- The ICS and MIC Projects: A Critical Review of the Issues of Arbitrator Selection, Control Mechanism, and Enforcement, in: J. Chaisse et al (eds), *Handbook of International Investment Law and Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2020).
- The Investment Treaty Implications of Covid-19 Responses by States, in: *European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2021, pp. 3-57 (together with A. Mazlom).
- The changing ecosystem of Dutch BITs, in: *Arbitration International* 2020, pp. 441-457.

- The world after the termination of intra-EU BITs, in:  
*European Investment Law and Arbitration Review* 2020, pp.  
196-220.

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**LANGUAGES**

German, English, Dutch: excellent

Greek, French, Italian: basic