

Name	Serhat Koç
Date of Birth	October 5 th , 1980
Profession	Legal Consultant, Attorney at Law, University Lecturer, Keynote Speaker, Activist, Policy Analyst, Creative Commons Supporter, Photographer, Pirate, Citizen Journalist, Blogger, Free Software Foundation Volunteer, Entrepreneur
Personal	Non-smoker, Pescatarian, Humanist, Supporter of "Freedom of Knowledge"

EDUCATION

Degree	Program	University	Graduation Year
Graduate	Law Faculty	Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey	2007
Postgraduate / LL.M	Information and Technology Law	Istanbul Bilgi University, Information and Technology Law Institute, Istanbul, Turkey	2013
Graduate	CopyrightX (12 weeks course)	Harvard Law School, Berkman Center for Internet and Society	2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

➤ Koç+Koç Law & Consultancy Office , Istanbul, Turkey (September '16 – Cont.)
<i>Position: Founder / Legal Counsel / Attorney at Law</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing a client portfolio in connection with legal compliance issues and IT-IP related disputes.
➤ Aksan Law Firm , Istanbul, Turkey (January '19 – Cont.)
<i>Position: Of counsel</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving consultancy services to Aksan Law Firm on the fields of IT-IP law areas as well as Copyright Law, Cyber Law, Internet Law, E-Commerce Law, Data Protection Law, Domain Name Disputes.
➤ Istanbul Courthouse , Istanbul, Turkey (January '17 – Cont.)
<i>Position: Official Expert Witness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testifying about matters within fields of expertise (IT & IP Law) before or during civil or criminal litigation.
➤ Istanbul Okan University , Istanbul, Turkey (September '22 – Cont.)
<i>Position: Lecturer (Master's Degree Program)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer for "Fundamentals of Information and Technology Law" and "Emerging and Disruptive Digital Technology and the Law" master classes for LL.M. candidates

➤ **Istanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University**, Istanbul, Turkey (October '15 – Cont.)

Position: Lecturer

- Lecturer for “Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law”, “IT Law”, “Cyber Law” and “E-Commerce Law”

➤ **Hukuk Akademisi**, Istanbul, Turkey (June '13 – '16.)

Position: Lecturer / Instructor

- Lecturer and instructor at on the subject of [Cyber Law](#) and Copyright Law

➤ **Guneli & Koc Law Firm**, İstanbul, Turkey (Sep. '12 – June '16)

Position: Founding Partner / Legal Counsel / Attorney at Law

- Assisting clients to establish and maintain relationships with governmental authorities as well as the relevant non-governmental organizations and associations.
- Providing the clients with written observations and proposals on the state of their business affairs and lawsuits and taking the appropriate actions thereon.
- Closely monitoring the advancements and following the statutory changes.
- Drafting and amending national/multinational contracts in the area of IT and IP law.
- Advising clients on terms of use and privacy policies of their websites, in particular as to compliance with the local laws such as Law No. 5651 and related Regulations.

➤ **Beceni-Turkekul-Sevim Law Office**, İstanbul, Turkey (Feb. '11 – Aug. '12)

Position: Attorney at Law / Legal Counsel

- Handling legal disputes on Internet and IP related litigation before the courts and reporting to clients.
- Drafting and amending national and multinational IT and IP related contracts.
- Acting on most recent practices of IT Law such as online safety, anti-spam, anti-phishing and hacking actions.

➤ **AHI Law Office**, Istanbul, Turkey (Jan. '10 – Jan. '11)

Position: Attorney at Law

- Drafting and amending contracts on e-commerce, software, databases and other creative works.
- Handling all types of legal disputes with special concentration on Internet and Intellectual Property related litigation before the Turkish courts and reporting to clients in English, focusing especially on the most recent practices of Information Technology Law such as online safety, anti-spam, anti-phishing and hacking actions.
- Reviewing correspondence from foreign associates and communicating with attorneys and clients throughout the entire prosecution of a case as well as during maintenance of the registered rights.

➤ **AHI Law Office**, Istanbul, Turkey (December '08 –January '10)

Position: Legal Intern

- Performing legal research, drafting and filing legal documents.
- Focusing on the preliminary work of IT-IP law cases and interpretation and drafting of IT and IP law contracts.
- Assisting clients in acquisition and use of IT products and services.

EDUCATION IN DETAILS

➤ Graduate of CopyrightX course / 2019 (One of the internationally selected 350 students of 2019)
• Harvard Law School, Berkman Center for Internet and Society
• This 12 weeks networked course explores copyright law and policy; American copyright system and the major relevant multilateral treaties and to the laws pertaining to copyright and "neighboring rights" in other countries. Also efforts of philosophers, economists, and social theorists to justify, reform, or abolish the copyright system.
➤ Information and Technology Law LL.M. / 2013 – (%50 Scholarship)
• İstanbul Bilgi University , Information and Technology Law Institution, İstanbul, Turkey
• LL.M. (Masters at Law) Thesis " Legal Analysis of Social Media and Comparative Legislative Solution Proposals ", Advisor: Prof. Dr. Aslı Tunç
• Some courses taken include; Legal Implications of Emerging Technologies, Cyber Crimes and Human Rights, Information and Communication Technologies Law, Debates on Freedom of Expression on the Internet and Digital Activism, IT Security Law, Information and Communications Technology Law Practices and Contracts
➤ Bachelor's Degree in Law / 2007 – (State University)
• Ankara University , (One of the Highest Rated Law Faculties in the Country), Ankara, Turkey
• Some courses taken include; Economics of the European Union, Institutional and Substantive Law of the European Union, International Maritime Law, International Private Law, Turkish Foreign Trade Law.

LECTURES GIVEN IN THE UNIVERSITY AS A LECTURER

Academic Year	University	Term	Lecture	Weekly Hours	Students
2015-2016	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law I	2	130
		Spring	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law II	2	130
2016-2017	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law I	2	135
			E-Commerce Law	2	25
			Information Technology Law	2	35
		Spring	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law II	2	140
			Internet Law	2	40
2017-2018	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law I	2	155
			English for Lawyers	2	84
			Information Technology Law	2	8
		Spring	Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Law II	2	145
			Internet Law	2	10
2018-2019	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Information Technology Law	2	11
		Spring	Internet Law	2	15
2019-2020	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Information Technology Law	2	16
		Spring	Internet Law	2	21

2020-2021	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Information Technology Law	2	34
		Spring	Internet Law	2	49
2021-2022	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Information Technology Law	2	25
		Spring	Internet Law	2	39
2022-2023	İstanbul Okan University	Autumn	Information technology LL.M. Master's Program "Emerging and Disruptive Digital Technology and the Law"	3	18
2022-2023	İstanbul Okan University	Autumn	Information technology LL.M. Master's Program "Fundamentals of Information and Technology Law"	3	15
2022-2023	İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	Autumn	Information Technology Law	2	48
		Spring	Internet Law	2	

PRESENTED AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (PROCEEDINGS)

- [Çevrimiçi Mahremiyet: Teknik ve Hukusal Durum İncelemesi \(Online Privacy: Technical and Legal Aspects\)](#), (with Enis Karaarslan and Mehmet Beşir Eren), XIX. Internet in Turkey (Inet-TR) Conference, 27-29 November 2014, İzmir, Turkey.
- 5651 Sayılı Yasa ve Türkiye’de İnternet Sansürü (Law No. 5651 and Internet Censorship in Turkey), 3rd International Informatics Law Conference, 26-28 June 2013, pp.142-160, İzmir, Turkey.
- [Türkiye’de 5651 Sayılı Yasa Bağlamında “İnternet Sansürünün” AİHS prensipleri ve AİHM Uygulamaları Çerçevesinde Değerlendirilmesi](#) (The Evaluation of the “Internet Censorship” in Turkey derived from the Act nr.5651 within the context of EHRC principles and ECJ Decisions), (with Selva Kaynak, LL.M.), 2nd International Informatics Law Conference, 17-19 November 2011, pp.58-84, İzmir, Turkey.
- [Vatandaşlık Numarası Bazlı E-devlet Sistemlerinde Kişisel Veri Mahremiyeti Durum Saptaması](#) (Personal Data Privacy Situation Detection of E-government Systems Based on Citizenship Number), (with Enis Karaarslan and Gökhan Akın), 1st International Informatics Law Conference, 2010, İzmir, Turkey.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES AT NATIONAL JOURNALS (REFERRED)

- “Yaratıcılığı Teşvik Eden Lisanslar: Creative Commons” (Licenses to Encourage Creativity: Creative Commons), [Fikri Mülkiyet Hukuku Yıllığı \(2015\)](#), Ed. Prof. Dr. Tekin Memiş, Yetkin Publishing, , Ankara, 2017
- “Kullanıcı Kaynaklı İçeriğin Fikri Haklar Bağlamında Değerlendirilmesi” (Copyright and User Generated Content: A Legal Assessment), [Fikri Mülkiyet Hukuku Yıllığı \(2014\)](#), Ed. Prof. Dr. Tekin Memiş, pp.247-277, Yetkin Publishing, Ankara, 2016
- “Telif Hakları Hukuku’nun Yeni Macerası: Sosyal Medya” ([New Challenges in Copyright Law: Social Media](#)), [Journal of Folklore/Literature Special Edition](#), Vol. 21(No. 83), 2015/3., Ed. Prof. Dr. Mutlu Binark, pp 389-410, Cyprus International University Press, 2015
- [“Ne Kadar Sınırsız; O Kadar Sonlu”](#), (So Unlimited; So Ending), [Güncel Hukuk](#), (Current Law Journal), August 2013

- “Yeni Medya ve Değişen Hukuki Sorumluluklar”, (New Media and The Changing Legal Liabilities), [Pi Pazarlama ve İletişim Kültürü Dergisi](#) (Pi Marketing and Communication Culture Magazine), Yeni Medya ve Değişen Gazetecilik Özel Sayısı (New Media and the Changing Media Special Issue), MediaCat Books Press, İstanbul, Autumn - 2012

PUBLISHED ARTICLES AT BOOKS

- “[Ophthalmology and the Future](#)”, Ed. Süleyman Kaynak, “*Legislation on the Protection of Personal Data in Medicine and Current Decisions of the Personal Data Protection Board of Turkey*”, To be printed in June 2022 by [Izmir Tinaztepe University](#),
- “[Konumsal Medya: Dijital Çağda Mekân Üzerine Disiplinlerarası Tartışmalar](#)”, Ed. Betül Aydoğan & Cemile Tokgöz Şahoğlu, [Siyasal Kitabevi](#), October 2020, Ankara
- “[Turkish Way Of 1984: Beyond Gezi / Turkey: According to Recent Changes in Internet Laws in the Light of Gezi Protests](#)”, 2017
- “Dijital Aktivizm mi, Sokak İsyanı mı?”, (Digital Activism or Street Riot?), İnternet ve Sokak, (Internet and Street), Ed. Prof. Dr. Yasemin İnceoğlu, pp 93, Ayrıntı Yayınları, 2015, İstanbul, <https://www.ayrintiyayinlari.com.tr/kitap/internet-ve-sokak/892>
- “Direnişin @ Hali”, (@ State of The Resistance), Dijital Direniş, (Digital Resistance), Ed. Savaş Çoban, pp.79-85, Yeşil Düşünce Derneği / European Union Democracy and Human Rights Program (interaktivist.org), 2014, İstanbul, <http://yesildusunce.org/dl/uploads/INTERAKTIVIST-WEB.pdf>

PRESENTED AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES AT NATIONAL CONFERENCES (PROCEEDINGS)

- “Bilişim Suçları Bağlamında Yeni Medya Olarak İnternet ve Kişisel Güvenlik” (Internet as a new Media and Personal Security in the Context of IT Crimes), Akademik Bilişim '10, XII.Academic Informatics Conference Proceedings, Ed. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Akgül pp.71-78, Muğla Univ. Press, 2011, ab.org.tr/ab10/kitap/koc_kaynak_AB10.pdf

PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS / ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- Project Partner for [Artificial Intelligence Initiative Turkey](#), since 2018
- Legal Project Partner for [Creative Commons Turkey](#), since 2015
- Secretary of [Intellectual Property Platform Academic Research Group](#), 2016-2018
- Referee for “[inet-TR](#)”, (Internet in Türkiye Conference), 2014-2017
- Referee for “[Akademik Bilişim](#)”, (Academic Informatics Conference), 2014-2017
- Legal Mentor for [Fotoğraf Vakfı](#), (Photography Foundation), 2014-2017
- Legal Project Advisor for [Things Project](#) of [TOG](#) & [TechSoup](#) cooperation, 2014-2015
- Member of [Legal Advisory Board](#) of [OYUNDER](#) Association, (Turkish Digital Games NGO), 2013-2018
- Member of Law Committee of TUDOF (Turkish Official Digital Games Federation), 2012-2013, ([Federation itself dismissed by Turkish Government](#))

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| ➤ Founder and spokesperson for The Pirate Party Movement in Turkey, 2012-2015 |
| ➤ IT Law lecturer at Istanbul Bar Assoc. Internship Centre , 2010-2015 |
| ➤ European Law Students' Assoc., Turkey , Director of IT Law workgroups, 2003-2006 |

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| ➤ Founder of savunmasanatiinfo.wordpress.com , Anonymity Blog, since 2014 |
| ➤ Editor in chief of http://fikrimulkiyetplatformu.org/ , 2015-2018 |
| ➤ Presenter of radio program Korsan Yayın at Açık Radio , 2014 - 2015 |
| ➤ Editor of www.yurttasgazeteciligi.com , Citizen Journalism Blog, 2013-2016 |
| ➤ Co-Founder and editor of www.internetlawturkey.com , IT Law blog, 2012-2016 |
| ➤ Presenter of Savunma Sanatı , web based IT law related video series, 2010 |
| ➤ Columnist at www.bilisimhukuk.com , IT Law related website, 2008-2011 |

WRITTEN TEXT BOOK CHAPTERS

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| ➤ Writer of "Licensing Agreements" and "Digital Rights Management" chapters of "Copyright and Ethics in Web" students' textbook of Eskişehir Anadolu University , 2018 |
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MEMBERSHIPS

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| ➤ İstanbul Bar Association's "Personal Data Protection Law" Council, since 2018 |
| ➤ Informatics Association of Turkey , since November 2016 |
| ➤ Intellectual Property Platform Academic Research Group , since 2015 |
| ➤ "Beyond The Net" Project , since 2015, (Founding member) |
| ➤ Internet Society - Turkey Chapter , since 2014, (Founding member) |
| ➤ Internet Society , member since 2012 |
| ➤ Creative Commons Turkey , since 2011 |
| ➤ Union of Turkish Bar Associations , since 2010 |
| ➤ Platform Against Censorship in Turkey , since 2009 (in memory of Özgür Uçkan) |
| ➤ İstanbul Bar Association , since 2008 |
| ➤ İstanbul Bar Association's "Information Technology Law" Council, since 2008 |
| ➤ İstanbul Bar Association's "Intellectual Property Law" Council, since 2008 |

AWARDED WITH A CERTIFICATE FOR PARTICIPATION

- Workshop scholar at “[MENA Internet Policy Research Methods Course](#)” of [The Annenberg School University of Pennsylvania for Communication’s Internet Policy Observatory](#), working with [Citizen Lab](#), in [Kadir Has University](#), İstanbul, 1-3 / 09/2015 (In English)
- “Alternative Dispute Resolutions in Intellectual Property Law Disputes” seminar held by IPR Protection Desk of [Italian Trade Commission Trade Promotion Department of the Consulate General of Italy](#) and [Intellectual and Industrial Properties Research and Application Centre of Ankara University \(FISAUM\)](#), İstanbul, 16-17/10/2009 (In English)
- “The IP Law Education Program” held by [Istanbul Bar Association’s](#) Commission of Intellectual Property Rights, İstanbul, 23-27/09/2009
- “Legal Aspects of Information Society Workshop”, [Bahçeşehir University](#), İstanbul, 02.07.2009 (In English)
- “Information Technology and Forensic Sciences Course” for computer forensic expertise, Engineering Department of Information Systems Strategy and Security Lab, [İzmir Institute of High Technology](#), İzmir, 6 - 11/06/2009

KEYNOTE SPEECHES/TALKS

- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Blockchain, NFTs, Metaverse and Turkish Law” for [Bursa Bar Association](#), 19.04.2022
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “The Career Path in Intellectual Property and Information technology Law” for [Istanbul Yeni Yuzyl University](#) for “University’s Career Days Event of 2022”, 18.04.2022
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Everything You Need to Know About Becoming an IP+IT specialised Lawyer in Istanbul” for [Istanbul Kultur University](#) for “Career Days ‘22”, 15.04.2022
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “[How Ready Are Start-up Companies for The Law on Protection of Personal Data in Turkey](#)” for [Cube Incubation Center](#) of [TeknoPark İstanbul](#), 17.02.2020
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Hunt for Truth on Social Media” for [İLEEV](#) Schools, İstanbul, 04.06.2018
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Protection of Children in Digital Age” for State Elementary School of Sarıyer District, İstanbul, 16.04.2018
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Artificial Intelligence: a Perspective from Black Mirror series” for [Gelecekhane](#) think-tank organization, [Studio-X](#), İstanbul, 20.06.2017
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Legal and Technical Privacy Matters of AR and VR Applications” on [İstanbul Information Society Conference](#) of Turkish information security specialists NGO [Bilgi Güvenliği Akademisi](#), [Bahçeşehir University](#), İstanbul, 04.05.2017
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “3-D Printers and Creative Commons Licenses According to Turkish Legal Code” for a 3D Printer tink-tank [3Dortgen](#), İstanbul, 22.04.2017
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Hackers and Society: a Perspective from Black Mirror series” for [Gelecekhane](#) think-tank organization, [Studio-X](#), İstanbul, 18.04.2017
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Facing the Challenge of Online Harassment”, at the “Fight With Violence Against Women: International Solidarity Day Event” of [Sağlıkta Genç Yaklaşımlar Derneği \(Y-Peer Turkey\)](#), Ankara, 25.11.2016
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Real Trends In Cybercrime: Explore Facts In Internet Safety and Freedom of Expression” for [BİÇDA](#) (Information Technology Workers Solidarity Network), [Kadıköy TAK](#), İstanbul, 06.12.2015
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “The Legal Status of Video Games” at [OYUNDER’s](#) event in [GameX Conference](#), İstanbul, 5.12.2014
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “Cyber Law” at [Sakarya University’s](#) “Recent Legal Issues” conference, Sakarya, 26.11.2014
- Keynote speaker on the subject of “[Information and Communication Technology Law](#)” at İzmir [Gediz University’s Career Days](#), İzmir, 16.10.2014 (This Uni. is closed now)

➤ Mentor and Speaker at TSRRF - 48-Hour Hackathon , İstanbul, 21.06.2014
➤ Keynote speaker at Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology 's "3rd Turkey Research & Development (R&D) Summit and Expo" on the subject of "The Importance of Intellectual Property Law in the Development of R&D in Turkey", İstanbul, 09.05.2014
➤ Keynote speaker at Kocaeli Culture Collective Association 's Conference "Digital Surveillance on Social Media after Gezi Park Revolt", İstanbul, 24.04.2014
➤ Keynote speaker at Sabancı University 's "Digital Surveillance Panel" on the subject of "Protecting our Privacy from the Governments and Corporations", İstanbul, 18.03.2014
➤ Keynote speaker at Bogazici University 's "Privacy on Cyberspace Conference" on the subject of "Cybersecurity and Protection of Human Rights", İstanbul, 05.03.2014
➤ Keynote Speaker at Heinrich Böll Foundation 's 4th Green Economy Conference on the subject of "Open / Free Information / Access: Digital Participatory Commons", İstanbul, 16.11.2013
➤ Keynote Speaker at Amber '13 Fest 's "Açık Okul / Open School" project on the subject of "Open Access / Free Knowledge", İstanbul, 04.11.2013
➤ Independent Speaker at Digital Marketing, Mobile and Social Media Conference of ICT Summit Eurasia 2013 on the subject of Legal Aspects of Social Media, 26.09.2013
➤ Keynote Speaker at Sharing Days Event of Digital Economy & E-commerce Summit 2012 on the subject of "Recent IT Law Developments Regarding Social Media, Digital Games And E-Commerce Sectors", İstanbul, 09.11.2012
➤ Independent Speaker at the official Entrepreneurship R&D Incentives Forum of ICT Summit Eurasia 2012 on the subject of "Intellectual Proprietary Rights For Entrepreneurs", İstanbul, 13.09.2012

SELECTED CONGRESS, SYMPOSIUM, SUMMIT & CONFERENCE TALKS

➤ Speaker on the subject of "The Tangled Truth about Photographers' Rights, NFTs and Copyright" at Foton Photography Organizations Association 's " Photography Summit ", Antalya, 11.02.2023
➤ Speaker on the subject of " Comparatively in the Context of US and Turkish Laws: Rights and Responsibilities of Street Photographer " at Foton Photography Organizations Association 's " Photography Congress ", İstanbul, 15.09.2022
➤ Speaker on the subject of "AI and Crypto Currencies: Future" at Beykent University 's "AI Symposium", İstanbul, 28.04.2018
➤ Speaker on the subject of "Open Licensing According to Turkish Law" at Creative Commons Türkiye Launch Conference , Özyegin University , İstanbul, 11.03.2016
➤ Speaker on the subject of "Legal Protection of Computer Programs: Free Software and Pirate Party", at LaborComm 2015 – 6. Uluslararası İşçi ve İletişim Konferansı (6. Labor and Communication conference of Ankara University), Ankara, 09.05.2015
➤ Speaker at "New Developments In The Area of Information Technology Law Conference" of Istanbul Sehir University Law Faculty on the subject of "Internet Censorship In The Principles of Law No 5651 in Turkey", İstanbul, 18.12.2014
➤ Speaker at "Information Technology Law Summit" of Istanbul University Law Faculty on the subject of "Legal Protection of Computer Games", İstanbul, 15.12.2014
➤ Speaker at Koç University 's "Information Technologies Conference" on the subject of "Digital Surveillance and Privacy Matters", İstanbul, 03.04.2014
➤ Speaker at Istanbul Technical University 's "Censorship in Internet Conference" on the subject of "New Internet Law of Turkey", İstanbul, 13.03.2014

SELECTED PANEL TALKS

➤ Panelist at " Re-Think Digital Game E-workshop " of Bilişim Vadisi on the subject of "Protecting the Digital Games- Cloud Gaming: A Legal Assessment", 20.04.2021
➤ Panelist at " Spatial Media: Space in the Digital Age " E-Panel of Galatasaray University's 15. Technology And Communication Days (TEKİL) on the subject of "Practices of Using Spatial Media", 03.02.2021

➤ Panelist on the subject of “Internet Censorship in Turkey” panel by Freeweb Turkey Initiative powered by Media and Law Studies Association ,supported by MATRA program of Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Istanbul , 17.01.2020
➤ Panelist on the subject of “Internet Regulation of Turkey and Digital Rights of Users/Citizens” by İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University , 30.10.2019
➤ Panelist on the subject of “ A Review of Future Perspectives of Implementing the Ethical and Legal Implications of AI Code ” after the screening of “ San Junipero episode of Black Mirror Series ” by Gelecekhane Futurist Counselling, 23.01.2019
➤ Panelist on legal issues at “Recent Developments on AI” Panel” of AI Initiative Turkey , 17.01.2018
➤ Panelist on the subject of “Turkey: according to recent changes in Internet laws in the light of Gezi protests” at “Freedom of Expression, Internet and Democracy Panel” of Swedish Research Institute in Consulate General of Sweden , İstanbul, 04.05.2015 (In English)
➤ Panelist on the subject of “Digital Rights in The Publishing ” at Copyright Symposium of “ Publishing And Printing Professional Association ” and “ Intellectual Property Platform Academic Research Group ”, İstanbul, 30.03.2016
➤ Panelist on the subject of “Gaming Law According to Turkish Legal System” at Quo Vadis Games Professionals Conference ,Berlin, Germany, 23.04.2013 (In English)
➤ Panelist at Istanbul Bar's " Information Technology Related Provisions of Turkish Commerce Code Panel " on the subject of “Registered E-mail and E-Notification Issues at the 'Digital Company' Era", İstanbul, 20.02.2013
➤ Panelist at Istanbul University Law School's Information Technology Law Club's "Cyber Law Panel" as a speaker on the subject of "Protecting Computer Software and License Types", İstanbul, 11.04.2013
➤ Panelist at Istanbul University Law School's Freedom of Thought and The Law Club's "Discussion of Redhack Trial: Terrorist Group with Keyboard?" Panel, İstanbul, 03.04.2013
➤ Panelist at Turkish Green Party's Alternative Media Festival on the subject of “Copyright & Copyleft: IP Rights and Pirate Politics”, İstanbul, 23.12.2012
➤ Panelist at “How Can Digital Games Be Transformed Into a Business Model?” Panel of ICT Summit Eurasia 2012 on the subject of ICT & Intellectual Property Law for Digital Gaming companies, İstanbul, 12.09.2012
➤ Panelist at Istanbul Bar Association's "The Unspoken Side of IT Law" Panel as a speaker on the subject of “ Copyright Issues Surrounding Online Movie Streaming ”, İstanbul, 24.04.2012
➤ Panelist at Ankara Bar Association's " Cryptology Regulations in Turkey " Panel, Ankara, 22.03.2011
➤ Panelist at Yeditepe University's “The Law of the Change, The Change of the Law” Conference with the presentation of paper “Artificial Intelligence and Law”, İstanbul, 17.12.2010
➤ Panelist at Istanbul Bar’s “Free Software Law Conference” with Mark F. Radcliffe and Akın Ömeroğlu (from Pardus Project) at Istanbul Bar’s Cultural Centre, İstanbul, 20.05.2010
➤ Panelist at Istanbul Bar’s “IT Crimes & Turkish Code” at Istanbul Commerce University , İstanbul, 07.05.2010
➤ Panelist at the “ Internet Freedom and New Rights ” panel of Istanbul Bar, İstanbul, 09.01.2010

SELECTED WORKSHOP TALKS

➤ Keynote Lecturer at Kırklareli Bar Association's online seminar on the subject of “Act no. 6689, Law on the Protection of Personal Data in Türkiye” , 11.04.2021
➤ Keynote Lecturer of “Copyright Protection for Photographs” Workshop of FujiFilm Turkey's at X-Workshop Series , İstanbul, 26.08.2019
➤ Speaker at “Internet Freedom/Censorship in Today’s Turkey” Workshop of Hackerspace Istanbul at Atelie Çırac , 31.03.2018
➤ Speaker at Copyright Law Workshop of Intellectual Property Platform Academic Research Group , Sapanca, 28 – 29 April 2016
➤ Speaker at “Online Freedoms and Access to Information Online” workshop at United Nation's Internet Governance Forum , İstanbul, 05.09.2014 (In English)
➤ Speaker at “Anonymity by Design: Protecting While Connecting” workshop at United Nation's Internet Governance Forum , İstanbul, 04.09.2014 (In English)
➤ Speaker at “Human Rights for the Internet: From Principles to Action” workshop at United Nation's Internet Governance Forum , İstanbul, 02.09.2014 (In English)

- Speaker at 2014 Internet Governance Forum Side Event: “[Disco-Tech](#)” on the subject of “Circumvention Tactics” hosted by [Association for Progressive Communications \(APC\)](#), [Tactical Technology Collective \(Tactical Tech\)](#) and [World Wide Web Foundation \(Web Foundation\)](#), İstanbul, 01.09.2014 (In English)
- Represented İstanbul Bar at the workshop “Which Superstructure Model is Right for ICT Sector Development” at [2nd Izmir International IT Law Congress](#), İzmir, 18.11.2011
- Represented İstanbul Bar and Net-daş movement at the independent “[Internet Content Regulation Workshop](#)” before the judges, prosecutors, attorneys and Ministry Officers, Kartepe, 21.04.2010

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES PARTICAPTED TO

- “[Open Government, Engaged Citizens Conference](#)”, supported by [TACSO](#) and organized by FPA “Advocacy For Open Government: Civil society agenda-setting and monitoring of country action plans (EuropeAid/132438/C/ACT/Multi)”, Tirana, Albania, 10-11 September 2015, (Invited as a guest participant), (In English)
- “[Personal Democracy Poland-CEE Conference](#)”, organized by [EPE](#), Warsaw, Poland, 16-17 April 2015, (Invited as a guest participant), (In English)
- [Think Twice Conference](#), ([Pirate Parties International Conference](#)), İstanbul, 30 - 31 August 2014, (Invited as Country Representative), (In English)

SELECTED LECTURES & SEMINAR TALKS

- Lecturer at “[Career Days 2021](#)” event of [İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University](#) on the subject of “Everything You Need to Know About Becoming an IP-IT Lawyer in Turkey”, 06.05.2021
- Lecturer at [AltınBaş University](#) and [KVKK Online](#)’s online “Law on the Protection of Personal Data” training program on the subject of “Sanctions Under the Turkish Penal Code on Data Protection and Turkish Personal Data Protection Act in Practice”, 07.09.2020
- Lecturer at [Media and Law Studies Association](#)’s online training on the subject of “Cyber Security for Journalists” for an online media outlet “[Gazete Duvar](#)”, 22.06.2020
- Lecturer at [Turkish-German University](#) and [Law-Agenda](#)’s “Law on the Protection of Personal Data” online course on the subject of “Data Protection in Social Media: Who Takes Responsibility”, 12.06.2020
- Lecturer at Turkish-German University’s Cyber law Applied Works Camp on the subjects of “Internet Regulations”, “E-commerce”, “Data Protection”, “Copyright Protection on Digital Grounds”, İstanbul, 27.06.2019
- Lecturer at Lawyers Association of Turkey’s ([Hukukçular Derneği](#)) “Cyber Law” certificate program on the subject of “Internet Content Regulation and Protecting Online Freedoms”, İstanbul University, İstanbul, 10.03.2019
- Lecturer at [Ozyegin University](#)’s “[Recent Developments on Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights in Turkey](#)” certificate program on the subjects of “Database and Software Protection According to Turkish Copyright Act” and “Brand Protection on the Internet: Domain Names and Social Media”, İstanbul, 26.04.2019
- Lecturer at [Ozyegin University](#)’s “[Recent Developments on Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights in Turkey](#)” certificate program on the subjects of “Database and Software Protection According to Turkish Copyright Act” and “Brand Protection on the Internet: Domain Names and Social Media”, İstanbul, 10.03.2018
- Lecturer at [Ozyegin University](#)’s “[Recent Developments on Industrial Property Rights in Turkey](#)” certificate program on the subject of “Brand Protection on the Internet: Domain Names and Social Media”, İstanbul, 11.11.2017
- 2 hour long “Cyber-Law and Internet Related Legal Issues” e-lecture to the students of [Eskisehir Anadolu University Law Faculty](#) over Skype over the University’s kind request and invitation, 21.04.2017
- Lecturer at Higher Education Program of Lawyers of [Turkish Bar Association](#) and [Turkish Lawyers Social Solidarity and Aid Foundation](#) on the subject of “Personal Data Protection Law and Right to Be Forgotten/Deleted”, Ankara, 15.01.2017
- Lecturer at Training Program of Official Expert Witnesses of [Chamber of Computer Engineers of Turkey](#), İstanbul, 15.10.2016
- Lecturer at [Photography Foundation](#)’s “Photographers’ Rights Against the Police Forces” workshop, İstanbul, 25.10.2014

➤ Lecturer at Information technology Law Education of Istanbul Commerce University on the subject of "Protecting Online Freedoms", İstanbul, 14.09.2014
➤ Lecturer at Summer School of Microsoft Turkey on the subject of "Computer Software Protection/ Liability/ Law", İstanbul, 22.08.2014
➤ Data Privacy Law Lecturer at Istanbul Bilgi University's Citizen Journalism 1 Month Length Certificate Program , İstanbul, February 2012
➤ Cyber Law Lecturer for Bilgi Güvenliği Akademisi Cyber Security Summer Camp with White-Hat Hacker Hüzeyfe Önal for Computer Engineers at İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul, 30.07.2011
➤ IT law lecturer at the IT Fair event of Boğaziçi University's IT Club Compec's EXIT (expo IT), İstanbul, 22.04.2010
➤ IT and IP Law Lecturer at Turkish Radio Television (TRT) , for lawyers, legal counsels and New Media Team of TRT on the subject of "Responsibility of the Publications on the Internet", Ankara, 06.04.2010

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

➤ Presented paper " Online Privacy: Technical and Legal Aspects " at Inet-tr Conference at Izmir Yaşar university , İzmir, 28.11.2014
➤ Presented paper "Trustmark Law on IT Governance" at III. Information Technologies Governance and Audit 2011 Conference , Ankara, 02.03.2012
➤ Presented paper "Evaluation of Internet Censorship In The Principles of Law No 5651 in Turkey in the Context of The European Convention on Human Rights and Within the Framework of Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights" at 2nd Izmir International IT Law Congress , İzmir, 18.11.2011
➤ Presented paper "Importance of Trustmark Law for E-commerce Companies" at II. Information Technologies Governance and Audit 2011 Conference , Ankara, 10.06.2011
➤ Presented paper "Age of Cyber War" at IstSec 2011 Conference at İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul, 04.06.2011
➤ Presented paper "E-Trade Secrets" at International EMEA Intelligence Conference , İstanbul, 12.03.2011
➤ Presented paper "Data Privacy on E-government Systems" at Izmir International IT Law Congress , İzmir, 9-11 June 2010
➤ Presented paper "A Focus on Internet as a New Media and Personal Security Issues in the Context of Information Technology Law" in Akademik Bilişim 2010 Conference at Muğla University, Muğla, 10.02.2010
➤ Presented paper "Personal Data Security on Internet in the terms of IT Law" at Inet-tr Conference at İstanbul Bilgi University, İstanbul, 13.12.2009

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE LAW FACULTY AS A STUDENT

➤ Presented thesis "Dimensions of Content Liability on Internet" in Ankara University, May 2005
➤ Coordinated ELSA Ankara (The European Law Students' Association - Turkey) study group and presented research paper on "Copyright on Internet and the Protection of Intellectual and Industrial Rights" and held a conference with the participation of IP Court Judge Turkey Alica and IT attorney Özgür Eralp, Ankara, April 2004
➤ Founded and coordinated ELSA Ankara study group on its researches and presented the research paper on "Content Liability on Internet and First Internet Related Lawsuit of Turkey: Coşkun Ak" panel with the participation of IT attorney Fikret İlkiz and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Akgül, Ankara, May 2003

SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND TV PROGRAM TALKS

➤ A recent video play list consisted of selected ones of numerous Interviews and TV program talks can be found on this Youtube playlist .

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Turkish - (Native Language)
- English - Advanced, Writing, Reading and Speaking

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.
- Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, Other creative tools for photos music and videos.
- Data analyzing/sorting/mapping tools, Social media management tools

INTERESTS

- Photography & Short filmmaking, History of Cinema, Graphic Design, Digital Storytelling
- Information Systems, Computing & Internet Technology, Social philosophy, International Political Strategies
- Go (Ancient Chinese Strategy board game and philosophy)

REFERENCES

- ❖ **Marianne Franklin** (Prof.), has been active in research and advocacy on human rights issues and the internet, serving as co-Chair of the [Internet Rights and Principles Dynamic Coalition](#) (2012-2014) at the [UN Internet Governance Forum](#), and as a steering committee member of the IRP Coalition since 2009. Her research interests draw on the humanities and social sciences as she has an academic background in History and Music, Social and Political Theory, and International Relations. She is currently Chair of the Global Internet Governance Academic Network ([GigaNet](#)).
- ❖ **Yaman Akdeniz** (Prof.), is the founder of [Cyber-Rights Association](#) and my mentor. Currently working as the Vice Rector of Istanbul Bilgi University. I have attended his "Cyber Crimes and Human Rights" class at Information Technology Law Institute of Istanbul Bilgi University during my LLM which let me gain deep knowledge on the matters. He works on the subjects like the regulation of child pornography on the Internet, anonymity on cyberspace, virtual democracy, hate speech and racism issues on internet.
- ❖ **Aslı Tunç** (Prof.), works as the Head of Media and Communication Systems Department of İstanbul [Bilgi University's Faculty of Communication](#). She was my advisor on my thesis that is about social media law. I also attended her "Debates on Freedom of Expression on the Internet and Digital Activism" class during my masters.
- ❖ **Ebru Yetişkin** (PhD), is a curator and researcher working on the interaction of science, technology and art. She has been working as a researcher in ITU and teaching sociology, contemporary art and media related courses. She also gave classes in New York University and Inholland University as a guest teaching staff. She curated new media art related exhibitions entitled, [Cacophony \(2013\)](#), [Code Unknown \(2014\)](#) and [Waves \(2015\)](#). She also directed and curated [Plugin](#) New Media Section of Contemporary Istanbul.
- ❖ **Leyla Keser Berber** (Assoc. Prof.), works as the Director of [Institute of Informatics and Technology Law of Istanbul Bilgi University](#) which I held LLM degree. She is also a member of Internet Board of Republic of Turkey.

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