

MARITIME ARBITRATION BETWEEN LONDON AND TÜRKİYE: LMAA PRACTICES, EXPERIENCES, AND LEGAL INTERACTIONS

□ Date: *March 24, 2026*

□ Venue: *Piri Reis University, Istanbul*

PROGRAMME

12:30 – 13:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

13:00 – 13:15 | Opening Remarks

13:15 – 15:00 SESSION 1 — Introduction to and experiences pertaining to LMAA arbitration

This session will provide an introduction to LMAA arbitration, covering the structure and procedural dynamics from commencement to award. The session will also provide practical insights from Turkish lawyers regarding their experiences in LMAA and London arbitration.

Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Ceyda Süral Efeçinar, Piri Reis University Faculty of Law

Speakers:

Dr. Doğan Gültutan, Senior Lecturer, City St George's, University of London & Greymore Law (UK)

The LMAA Terms Demystified: Procedure and Practice in Maritime Arbitration

Koye Akoni, Barrister, Quadrant Chambers (London) *

Running an LMAA Arbitration: Practical Lessons from Counsel

Ruth Hosking *

LMAA Arbitration Through the Eyes of the Tribunal

Ceren Çakır, ECC Law

Experiencing LMAA Arbitration: Procedural Realities and Practical Enforcement Considerations

Başak Aldı, AKT Law

Leveraging Settlement in LMAA Arbitration

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 SESSION 2 — LMAA arbitration & its interactions with Turkish law

This session will offer an academic perspective on LMAA arbitration and its interaction with Turkish law, especially focusing on maritime claims, interim measures and vessel arrests and the enforcement of LMAA awards in Turkey.

Moderator:

Av. Raci Alper, Ersoy Bilgehan

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Zeynep Derya Tarman, Koç University Faculty of Law
Interim Measures in LMAA Arbitration

Prof. Dr. Cemile Demir Gökyayla, Kültür University Faculty of Law
Issues in the Enforcement of English Awards on Maritime Law

Prof. Dr. Yusuf Çalışkan, İstanbul Medeniyet University Faculty of Law
Procedural Issues Arising in the Enforcement of LMAA Awards in Turkey

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Speaker Biographies

Koye Akoni

Koye is Barrister of the Courts of England and Wales who has a general commercial practice that covers a wide range of areas, including international trade, energy, shipping and aviation. He regularly appears as sole and junior counsel in international arbitrations and in the English High Court, and has also appeared in the Court of Appeal and Privy Council. He has appeared in countless LMAA arbitrations in the context of dry shipping disputes as well as disputes offshore oil and gas disputes. Prior to joining the Bar, Koye served as the Judicial Assistant to the then Chancellor of the High Court, Sir Terence Etherton, for two terms in 2014, and has been a Visiting Tutor at King's College London where he taught Contract Law, and the Law of Trusts and Equitable Remedies. He graduated with a first-class degree in law from King's College London and a distinction in the BCL from the University of Oxford.

Melek Başak Aldı

Melek Başak Aldı graduated from Istanbul Kültür University in 2019 and completed an LL.M. in Business Law at Istanbul Bilgi University in February 2024. She qualified as a Solicitor of England and Wales in May 2025, enhancing her international practice. Başak focuses on ship finance, ship sale and purchase, shipping and admiralty matters, and commercial dispute resolution, with additional experience in the real estate and transportation sectors. She advises shipowners, shipyards, agencies, banks, P&I Clubs, and freight forwarders on complex finance and refinance transactions, ship registry matters, and asset enforcement, including vessel arrests, restructuring, and settlement proceedings. She also assists leading shipyards with shipbuilding and conversion contracts and the resolution of technical disputes, and handles litigation and arbitration relating to loan and mortgage agreements, cargo and crew claims, and international trade disputes.

Mehmet Raci Alper

Raci is a partner of leading shipping and insurance experts Ersoy Bilgehan Lawyers & Consultants based in Istanbul. He specializes in various legal matters related to the shipping and insurance sectors including contracts of carriage, marine insurance and a wide array of disputes arising out of casualties such as collisions, groundings, salvage, crew injury/death, cargo damage/loss and pollution.

His transport related work also covers carriage by road where he advises and represents clients ranging from hauliers, freight forwarders and various types of logistics service providers and their insurers to warehouse operators and terminals on complex disputes involving CMR, contracts of carriage, multimodal transport, cargo casualty, theft and customs matters. On several occasions he has issued specialist legal opinions, witness statements and affidavits in court and arbitral proceedings held in various jurisdictions on legal questions concerning Turkish transport and insurance law.

Ceren akır

Ceren is a founding partner at ECC, specializing in international arbitration and complex commercial disputes, with a particular focus on financial and maritime matters. She also advises on banking and finance, corporate matters, and shipping transactions, including ship and yacht sale and purchase.

She represents local and international clients across all stages of disputes before courts and in arbitration proceedings under ICC, ISTAC, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, DIA, GAFTA, FOSFA, and ad hoc rules, and sits as an arbitrator.

She is actively involved in the international legal community, serving as an Officer of the IBA Maritime and Transport Law Committee and as Regional Representative for the Black Sea, and previously served as ICC YAF Representative for Türkiye. She works in Turkish, English, and French.

Ceren has been sailing since a young age, bringing a practical dimension to her work in maritime law.

Prof. Dr. Yusuf alıřkan

Prof. Dr. Yusuf alıřkan is a full professor of Private International Law at Istanbul Medeniyet University School of Law where he teaches Private International Law, International Investment Law, International Investment Arbitration, and International Commercial Arbitration. Furthermore, Prof alıřkan was elected as a member of the Governing Council of the Institute for the Unification of Private International Law (UNIDROIT) for the term 2019-2023, and 2023-2028. Prof. alıřkan has authored numerous publications in private international law, investment law, and related fields. Throughout his distinguished career, he has acted as arbitrator, counsel, and legal expert in a wide range of international and domestic disputes, providing expert opinions and representing parties before arbitral tribunals and courts.

Prof. Dr. Ceyda Süral Efeçınar

Prof. Dr. Ceyda Süral Efeçınar has finished her LLB in Dokuz Eylül University and LLM in Stockholm University. She obtained her PhD degree from Dokuz Eylül University on private law. She has worked as a research assistant at Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Law. Between 2009-2021, she worked as the head of the department of private international law at Kadir Has University Faculty of Law. Since 2022, she is a full professor at Piri Reis University, which is a specialized university in the maritime sector. She has published four books; Nautical Berthing Contracts in Private International Law; The Limited Immunity of Foreign States from Jurisdiction and Execution in Private International Law; UNIDROIT Principles as Applicable Law to International Commercial Contracts; and The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments within the European Union. She has a number of articles in the fields of private international law, international litigation, international arbitration, sea tourism, law of foreigners and international commercial law. Prof. Dr. Süral Efeçınar is lecturing on private international law, international trade law and international commercial arbitration law at Piri Reis University. She is also a lecturer at Salzburg University European Private Law Summer School and she has given lectures on international litigation at Bilkent University; Coimbra University and Coventry University.

Prof. Dr. Cemile Demir Gökyayla

Prof. Gökyayla has served as counsel and arbitrator in numerous ad hoc and institutional international arbitration proceedings conducted under UNCITRAL, ICC, DIAC, ICSID, TOBB, and ITOTAM rules, involving the laws of various jurisdictions. She also represents parties before Turkish courts in matters concerning the enforcement and recognition of foreign arbitral awards and court judgments.

She previously served as a member of the Istanbul Arbitration Centre's National Court and Advisory Committee, contributing to the drafting of the Centre's Arbitration Rules. She also took part in the subcommittee responsible for reviewing the provisions on domestic arbitration in the Turkish Civil Code. Prof. Gökyayla is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR as well as the National Committee. She currently serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Law at Istanbul Kultur University.

She frequently speaks and moderates at international arbitration conferences and is the author of several books and articles in the field of private international law.

Dr Doğan Gültutan

Doğan is a practicing academic dual-qualified in England & Wales and Türkiye. He is a partner and solicitor-advocate at Greymore and Senior Lecturer at the City Law School. He advises clients on dispute resolution matters, focusing primarily on international commercial and investment arbitration, and commercial litigation. He has represented multinational corporations and sovereign states in high-stakes commercial and investor-state arbitrations and litigation proceedings. Doğan also serves and accepts appointments as arbitrator, having been listed on the lists of arbitration of arbitral institutions such as DIAC, HKIAC, TIAC, arbitrateAD and LMAA. He frequently publishes on contract law, arbitration and commercial dispute resolution.

Ruth Hosking

Ruth is a commercial litigation and arbitration specialist, with particular expertise in shipping, civil fraud private international law and commodities. She works both as sole counsel and junior, and also accepts appointments as an arbitrator.

She has appeared in the House of Lords, Court of Appeal and High Court, and in major international arbitrations (including ICC, LCIA, LMAA, GAFTA and FOSFA). She has been involved in a number of high profile cases, including "*The Achilleas*", a leading case on the contractual principles of remoteness of damage and "*The Atlantik Confidence*", the first case in which an English Court has determined that a person was barred from relying on the limits provided by the Limitation Convention.

Ranked as a Leading Junior by Chambers UK and the Legal 500, she was named Shipping Junior of the Year at the 2022 Chambers UK Bar Awards.

Prof. Dr. Zeynep Derya Tarman

Prof. Dr. Zeynep Derya Tarman is a full professor and the Dean of Koç University Law School, She obtained a doctoral degree in law from the University of Konstanz School of Law in 2007. She joined Koç University as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor and promoted to a full professor in 2019. She has been appointed as the Dean of Koç University Law School in September 2024. She has held guest professorship positions in various universities She has conducted research at various institutions as a visiting academic amongst which are Harvard Law School, Max Planck Institutes in Luxembourg and Munich.

Prof. Tarman's areas of research and specialization include international private law, international commercial arbitration, foreign investment law, law of foreigners, refugee law and

business and human rights. She has authored numerous research articles, book chapters and books in the said fields. She is teaching at undergraduate and post-graduate level while advising doctoral and master's students in international private law.