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EDUCATION

Master of Laws (LLM), with Merit, on Law and Development, November 2005

University College London, London, United Kingdom

- Attended: International Economic Law; Law and Development; Law and Governance in the Developing World
- Certificate: Program for Law Teachers
- Dissertation: *The Erosion of State Powers under the US Constitution, and the Lessons for the EU Constitution*

Juris Doctor (JD), in International Trade Law, May 2001

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Certificate: International Law
- Certificate: Western European Studies

Bachelor of Science (BS), on Economics and Finance, May 1998

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

- Degrees in Economics and Finance

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Professor of Practice (Global Law), University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

February 2020 - present

Teach core US law courses to students at the Ocean University of China (OUC), in Qingdao China, as well as courses for the UA on-line LLM and MLS programs. Courses taught include:

- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law (International Economic Law)
- International Business Transactions (International Commercial Law)
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing
- Public Law (Constitutional Law)
- Procedure (US Common Law)
- Property Law (US Common Law)
- Business Organizations (Introduction to Corporate Governance)
- Introduction to the US Legal System

Director, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Center for Federalism and Regional Integration (CEFARI)

January 2021 – present

Lead the work and mission of the Center, which is to promote the study of comparative Federalism and Regional Integration around the world by:

- Promoting innovative research on issues related to comparative Federalism and select Regional Integration efforts,
- Facilitating the training of a new generations of scholars and experts in issues pertaining to Federalism at the national level, as well as the evolution of select Regional Integration efforts (like the African Union and ASEAN, and many others), and
- Serving as a forum for vibrant discussions on legal, political and economic developments and contemporary international affairs which nurture the exchange of ideas across disciplines, nations, and generations.

Course Facilitator/Instructor, eCornell

February 2020 – January 2024

Facilitate eCornell on-line courses for Certificate Programs like:

- The 'International Public and NGO Management' Certificate Program.
- The 'Legal Essentials' Certificate Program.

Lecturer, Otterbein University

January 2022 – May 2022

Teach undergraduate and MBA courses on international business, like:

- Global Dimensions of Business. (An introductory survey course on International Business, covering political economy, international trade, international finance, and international strategic management.)
- Cross-cultural Management and Organization. (A senior level course on the role of culture in the management of international companies.)
- Global Competition and the World Economy. (MBA capstone course on the world economy and global competition, which heavily relied on group research, writing and presentation.)

Visiting Research Associate, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

January 2019 – December 2021

Business and Law Research Division:

- Conduct independent research in Comparative Federalism
- Organize special panels, small symposiums and conferences sponsored by the Business and Law Research Division of ATINER
- Member of the Editorial Board, “*Athenian Academic Periodical*”: Review and Edit submissions for ATINER's e-journals and the publications of books

Lecturer, Nazareth College

August 2019 – December 2019

Taught undergraduate courses in:

- International Law. (An introductory survey course on International Law, covering sources and actors of international law, State dispute resolution, and State responsibilities and compliance with international law obligations.)
- International Business & Economics. (An introductory survey course on International Economics, covering globalization, political economy, international trade, regional integration and international finance.)

Director – Internship Program, United Nations Association of Rochester (UNAR)

September 2018 – May 2019

Recruit, screen, train, and place college interns in Monroe County, NY, with the UN Association of Rochester and not-for-profit agencies & organizations with an international focus.

Assistant Professor for International Business, SUNY Brockport – School of Business & Management

August 2012 – July 2018

Taught undergraduate courses in:

- Business, Government & Society. (This course focuses on the role of business in society, with an emphasis on the impact of government in regulating business activity, on behalf of society. This is accomplished through a rigorous historical study of the political, legal, and social evolution of the US. The course also includes coverage of business ethics, corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, and the impact of multinational corporations internationally.)
- International Business Environment. (An introductory survey course on International Business, covering political economy, international trade, international finance, and international strategic management.)
- International Business Seminar. (Senior level, capstone course, which heavily relied on group research, writing and presentation, augmented by guest speakers from the local business community.)

Committee Responsibilities:

- Library Liaison for School of Business (09/2013 – 08/2018)
- College Senate Representative (09/2014 – 05/2016)
- New MBA Organization and Curriculum Committee – Member (09/2014 - 05/2015)
- Library Redesign & Reorganization Committee – Member (09/2012 – 05/2014)

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University New York Tirana: Tirana, Albania. LLM International and Commercial Law.

June 2010 – December 2011

Taught graduate level course in International Trade Law, which covered:

- International Trade Law. (A combination of ‘International Political Economy’ and ‘International Economic Law’, which included coverage of the WTO, IMF, WB and the EU.)
- International Business Transactions. (A course on the basic legal challenges of imports and exports, including arbitration, choice of law, the UN Convention on CISG, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, etc.)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications:

- Mihalakas, Malkawi & Valiullina (2025, accepted and pending publication with “Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution”) *“Regional Integration in North Africa – The Agadir Agreement and the EU”*
- Mihalakas, Athanasios P. and Macy, Taylor (2025) "Governance of the Global Commons: The Role of the UN and International Law in Addressing Climate Change," California Western International Law Journal: Vol. 55: No. 2, Article 2. (<https://scholarlycommons.law.cwsl.edu/cwilj/vol55/iss2/2>)
- Mihalakas & Malkawi (2023, advance article) "Regional Integration in Africa - The Role of the AfCFTA in Advancing Political Integration" (TDM, ISSN 1875-4120) November 2023 (<https://www.transnational-dispute-management.com/journal-advance-publication-article.asp?key=1999>)
- Mihalakas & Hyde (2020) *“Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement – Comparing the Approach of China and the EU”* Athens Journal of Law - Volume 6, Issue 4, October 2020, Pages 407-430 (<https://www.athensjournals.gr/law/2020-6-4-6-Mihalakas.pdf>)

Current Research:

- Mihalakas, Chang & Valiullina *“Post Pandemic Application of the Paris Agreement – A Review of Law and Policies by China, the EU and the USA”*
- Mihalakas & Wang *“Regional Integration and Climate Change – A Blueprint for the Survival of Pacific Island Nations”*

Conference Proceedings:

- *“Governance of the Global Commons – The Role of the UN in Addressing Climate Change”*; presented at ATINER’s 19th Annual International Conference on Law, 11-13 July 2022, Athens, Greece.
- *“Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement – Comparing the Approach of China and the EU”*; presented at ATINER’s 17th Annual International Conference on Law, 13-14 July 2020, Athens, Greece.
- *“Regional Integration in Africa – The Role of Trade and the TFTA in Advancing Political Integration”*; presented at ATINER’s inaugural International Conference on International Trade, 13-14 June 2016, Athens, Greece.
- *“A New Global Trade Order – the TPP & the TTIP”*; presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Academy of International Business – US Northeast Chapter (AIBNE), 23-24 October, 2015, Boston, MA.
- *“Chinese Investments In Greece – Mutually Beneficial Or A Chinese Trojan Horse”*; presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Academy of International Business – US Northeast Chapter (AIBNE), 14-15 November, 2014, Providence, RI.
- *“Evolution Of Federalism In The USA – Economic Consequences From The Erosion Of States Rights”*; presented at ATINER’s 11th Annual International Conference on Law, 14-15 July 2014, Athens, Greece.
- *“A League Of Nations In Transitions – Regional Integration For The Arab Spring”*; presented at ATINER’s 12th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs, 16-17 June 2014, Athens, Greece.

GOVERNMENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Analyst - Economics & Trade,

U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Com., Washington, DC

June 2008- May 2010

Monitored and evaluated trade related issues pertaining to China, Taiwan, and the Eastern Pacific Region focusing on:

- China’s adherence to its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, to U.S.-China bilateral trade agreements, and to multilateral trade agreements to which the United States is a party.
- China’s economic and political activities in developing countries which have an impact on the global balance of power.
- China’s acquisition and use of energy and natural resources, as well as China’s export control of rare-earth minerals and import control of competing green technologies.

Researched and analyzed China’s economic strength, capability and the effects of its economic activities on the U.S. economy with a focus on:

- The trade balance between China and the U.S., China’s purchase of U.S. debt, and how the health of the U.S. economy including component industries and workforce are affected by trade with China.

- Issues pertaining to China's industrial policy; China's use of export-led growth and the effects on the U.S. economy and globalization.

Written and oral communication for Commissioners and Congressional staff on economic, legal and political issues pertaining to China.

- Wrote and edited extensive in-depth reports and memos for Commissioners, and for two of the Commissions annual reports to Congress, explaining research findings, monitoring, and analysis of economic, political, legal and trade issues of the U.S.-China relationship.
- Briefs and advises senior Congressional staff and government officials on key economic, political, legal and trade developments in China.
- Prepared communications related to macroeconomics, financial markets, international trade and development policy issues. Facilitated and participated in meetings with representatives of companies, labor unions, academia and government in preparation for Commission hearings.

Managed projects focused on research and analysis of specific trade topics, coordinated input from multiple team members, wrote and revised content and produced reports and memos as a result.

- Supervised interns and fellows to complete daily and long-term tasks. Mentored their professional development in technical areas such as international law and WTO cases, international and domestic economic theory, and U.S. trade relations with the rest of the world.
- Organized public hearings for the Commission and coordinated with administrative staff to facilitate budgeting, travel arrangements and other general administrative issues for hearings.

International Trade Policy Analyst,

U.S. Department of Commerce, IA Office of Policy, Washington, DC

November 2001- May 2008

Managed projects focused on foreign governments' trade remedies regulations and practices and their compliance with WTO obligations.

- Conducted legal research and analysis as a team leader on a variety of foreign country trade remedies legislation, including Argentina, Brazil, China, the EU, India and Turkey.
- Assessed and reported on foreign country compliance with WTO obligations, in the context of their trade remedies cases and their WTO cases.
- Researched China's current economic and legal framework to determine market economy status and contributed to the production of a 'Market Economy Status' report.

Advised and recommended policy positions on issues pertaining to foreign and domestic trade remedies cases to senior department officials.

- Coordinated briefing materials and negotiating positions with offices/agencies in the executive branch to distill the U.S. government policy position on a variety of trade issues.
- Represented the agency in meetings with private companies and advised them on foreign trade remedies proceedings.
- Prepared international trade background and briefing material for senior executive branch officials to use in economic summits and pre-summit meetings. Briefed and advised senior department officials on the differences between U.S. and foreign trade remedy cases.

Monitored and evaluated domestic trade remedies practices and advised agency officials in the formulation of a common U.S. policy on trade remedies cases.

- Wrote WTO reports on a biweekly and semiannual basis and submitted them to the WTO Secretariat as part of the U.S. governments WTO obligations.
- Participated in formulating and implementing agency policies pertaining to international trade remedies cases.

Organized conferences and technical exchanges through coordination with administrative staff.

- Coordinated briefing materials and participated in Technical Exchanges with delegations from other countries such as Egypt, China, Jamaica, Ukraine, Australia and the EU.

Researched and analyzed foreign submissions to the Rules Committee for the WTO Doha Round of trade negotiations and produced memos for executive branch officials in related trade negotiations.

- Researched the economic and legal framework of Vietnam and the three Baltic States to determine their market economy status and contributed to the production of 'Market Economy Status' reports.