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EDUCATION

Yale Law School

J.S.D. (2015), LL.M. (2012)

- Senior Editor of *Yale Journal of International Law*; Awarded the *Holtzmann* Fellowship

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

LL.M., *Business Law* (2012) (*two-summer program*)

- *Certificate of Business Law* from Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy; Awarded the *Guzman* Fellowship

Florida International University

Ph.D., *International Relations* (2018)

- *Recipient of Best Dissertation Award*

University of Tehran

LL.M., *Private Law* (2008), B.A., *English Literature* (2007), LL.B. (2005)

- *Ranked 9th in the national university entrance exam with half a million participants; Awarded National Talent distinction*

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Nazarian College of Business, California State University, Northridge CA, 2020-present

Associate Professor of Business Law (Tenure-Track)

- *Courses*: Contracts, Business Associations, Commercial Transactions (Undergraduate and MBA)
- *Honors*: Awarded University 2024-2025 Academic Affairs Research Fellow; Inaugural recipient of the College *Georgio Family Faculty Fellowship* for excellence in research (2024-2026); Awarded early tenure based on ‘outstanding record of teaching, research, and service.’ Scholarship cited by courts (e.g., state supreme courts), media (e.g., Bloomberg), and fellow scholars.
- *Activities*: Founder of Autonomy in Law project at a NASA-sponsored autonomy research center (ARCS) on computational law and big data ([Link](#)); Academic Director for the Fintech Center; Faculty Director for the Technical Skills Bootcamp; Vice President for Programming at the California Lawyers Association; Member of the Nazarian College Strategic Planning Committee; Advisor to the Artificial Intelligence Task Force at the California Lawyers Association; Chair of the Impact Journal Task Force; Advisor to the Gateway Course Redesign Committee; Member of the Faculty Senate on Extended Learning; Vice President of the Yale Club of Riverside/San Bernardino; Academic Reviewer for various journals; Legal Advisor to various fintech and technology firms; Expert and Arbitrator.
- *Students’ Evaluation*: average 4.8 out of 5 (CSUN); 6.7 out of 7 (UC Berkeley); 86% (GW)

SELECT RESEARCH GRANTS

- National Science Foundation (NSF): *Workers & Technology Together* ([Link](#))
- The Knight Foundation grant in internet governance: *Seduction by Graphics (Dark Patterns and Textual Deception)* ([Link](#))
- Berkeley Hass-Ripple grant in Fintech & Blockchain: Project: *Smart Contracts* ([Link](#))

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- ***Against Sanctions: Economic Sanctions and a New Paradigm for Public International Law*** YALE J. INT'L L. (Forthcoming, 2025)
- ***Big Data on Contract Interpretation***, 57 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. (2024) ([Link](#)) (with Tal Kastner, PhD)
 - Won 2023 Best Disciplinary Paper from Academy of Legal Studies in Business; Featured in AI Law Blog ([Link](#))
- ***Arbitration Effect***, 60 AM. BUS. L.J. 235 (2023) ([Link](#)) (with Monica M. Sharif, PhD)
 - Reviewed by Orit Gan, *The Impact of Arbitration Clauses*, July 20, 2022, JOTWELL ([Link](#)).
- ***Crypto Litigation: An Empirical View***, 40 YALE J. ON REG. 87 (2022) ([Link](#))
 - Featured in Oxford Business Law Blog ([Link](#)) and Morrison and Cohen LLP's Crypto Litigation Tracker ([Link](#)), Interviewed by [Bloomberg Law](#), Decrypt, and Chair of Fintech Group at O'Melveny and Myers LLP.
- ***Contracting Risks***, 2022 U. ILL. L. REV. 805 (2022) ([Link](#))
 - Cited by a Delaware Superior Court in *Andor Pharmaceuticals, LLC v. Lannett Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. N22C-06-078-EMD CCLD (Del. Super. Ct. Apr. 15, 2024) ([Link](#)); Featured in Harvard Caselaw Access Project ([Link](#)), Private Law Theory Blog ([Link](#)) and ContractsProfBlog ([Link](#)).
- ***The Ethics of Blockchain in Organizations*** 178 J. OF BUS. ETHICS 1009 (2022) ([Link](#)) (with Monica M. Sharif, PhD)
 - The journal is continuously listed in the prestigious [Financial Times top 50 journals](#).; No. 1 journal in social sciences in terms of impact factor according to Google Scholar; "A" publication in the widely-adopted ABDC ranking list.
 - The article is ranked 2nd of the articles of a similar age in the journal in terms of access and downloads and in the top 5% of all research outputs by all journals tracked by Almetric.
- ***Justice in Arbitration: The Consumer Perspective***, 32 INT'L J. OF CONFLICT MGMT. 626 (2022) ([Link](#)) (with Monica M. Sharif, PhD)
 - The leading peer-reviewed conflict management journal ranked "A" in the widely-adopted ABDC ranking list.
- ***Contracting in the Age of Smart Contracts***, 96 WASH. L. REV. 51 (2021) ([Link](#))
 - Featured in Legal Theory Blog ([Link](#)), Machine Lawyering Blog ([Link](#)) and Harvard Caselaw Access Project ([Link](#)).
 - Selected for reprint at *Defense Law Journal* (quarterly publication by Lexis Nexis on challenging legal issues for large law firms and in-house corporate counsels). 70 DEFENSE L. J. 1 (2021)
- ***Binding Political Commitments***, 2020 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE 235 (Oct. 15, 2020) ([Link](#))
- ***Fall of Last Safeguard in Global Dejudicialization: The Problem of Protecting Public Policy in Private Business Disputes***, 98 OR. L. REV. 99 (2020) ([Link](#))

- ***The Trump Effect: Assertive Foreign Policy Through Extraterritorial Application of Laws***, 51 GEO. WASH. INT'L L. REV. 661 (2019) (invited piece) ([Link](#))
- ***Arbitrating Public Policy: Why the Buck Should Not Stop at National Courts***, 20 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 237 (2016) ([Link](#))
- ***The Concept of Public Policy in Law: Revisiting the Role of the Public Policy Doctrine in the Enforcement of Private Legal Arrangements***, 94 NEB. L. REV. 685 (2016) ([Link](#))
 - Cited by Supreme Court of Alabama in *Sumter County Board of Education v. University of West Alabama, et al.* (2021) ([Link](#)); Cited by Supreme Court of Kansas in *First Security Bank v. Buebne* (2021) ([Link](#))
 - Featured in the most popular papers in *Nebraska Law Review's* history. ([Link](#))
- ***The Sanctions Theory: A Frail Paradigm for International Law?*** HARV. INT'L L. J. ONLINE (2015) ([Link](#))
 - Reviewed and recommended by the Legal Theory Blog. ([Link](#))
- ***Combatting Economic Sanctions: Investment Disputes in Times of Political Hostility***, 37 FORDHAM INT'L L. J. 1732 (2014) ([Link](#))
- ***The Limits of the Free Movement of Capital: The Status of Customary International Law of Money***, 7 N.W. INTERDISC. L. REV. 287 (2014) ([Link](#))

Book

- **INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND THE PUBLIC POLICY EXCEPTION** (2017, reprint 2018) (in Routledge Research in International Commercial Law series) ([Link](#))

Book Chapter

- ***Monetary Sovereignty and Capital Flow*** in *THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISES* (2020) (a publication by the Hague Academy of International Law in collaboration with Brill publishers) ([Link](#))

Other Writings

- *Amici Curiae* brief for the US Supreme Court which granted certiorari, [Morgan v. Sundance, Inc.](#), 2021.
- [Defining the Relationship: Terminology and the Iran Deal](#), FOREIGN AFFAIRS, (Apr. 5, 2015).
- Book Note, [The Idea of Arbitration](#), 39 YALE J. INT'L L. 401 (2014) (book review).
- Personal Remarks for Honoring [Judge Weinstein](#) at 2014 International Advocate for Peace Award, published in 16 CARDOZO J. CONFLICT RESOL. 857 (2014-2015). ([Link](#))

MANUSCRIPTS

- ***(Against) Against the Drafter: An Empirical Analysis of the Operation of Contra Proferentem*** (complete manuscript)
- ***AI Tokens: A New Challenge for Fintech Law*** (complete manuscript)
- ***AI and the Evolution of Precedent: How AI can Change the Development of Law*** (complete manuscript)

- ***Ontological Resilience Amidst Economic Sanctions and a Pandemic*** (complete manuscript)
- ***Negotiation and Settlement with AI: An Experimental Study***
- ***Crypto Privacy: A Theoretical Framework for Enforcing Private Arrangements in a Decentralized Network***
- ***Seduction by Graphics: An Experimental Study of the Qualitative Difference of Online Manipulation*** (Sponsored by the Knight Foundation)
- ***Contract Law of Settlement: An Empirical and Theoretical Analyses of Settlement Contracts in California***
- ***Network Contracts: How to Create Decentralized Firms?***
- ***Paradox of Fiduciary Duties: An Empirical Study of Fiduciary Duties in the Non-Profit Sector***
- ***Automated Compliance Enforcer: Reimagining Privacy Compliance in Firms Through Formal Methods***

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Graves School of Business at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, 2018-2020

Assistant Professor of Law and Management (Tenure-Track)

- *Courses:* Contracts, Business Law, Risk Management, Intellectual Property
- *Activities:* Faculty fellow at the Center for the Study of Blockchain and Financial Technology; Morgan State University Provost Research Grants.

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, Washington, DC Summer 2019

Adjunct Professor

Course: International Business Transactions

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 2016

Legal Studies Program

Lecturer

Course: International Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Los Angeles, 2020-Present

Arbitrator

Three Crowns LLP, Washington, DC, 2016-2018

Associate Attorney

Keystone Strategy, San Francisco, CA, 2015-2016

Litigation Consultant

Jones Day LLP, Paris, France 2013-2015 (remote collaboration)

Of Counsel

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, 2012-2015

Research Assistant (Professor Bruce Ackerman and Professor W. Michael Reisman)

Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris, France, Summer 2013

Summer Associate

Yale Law School

Jerome Frank Legal Services, Transnational Development Clinic, New Haven, CT, 2012

Student Director

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

1. *AI and the Evolution of Precedent*, Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei (“CAA”) and the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy, College of Law, National Taiwan University (“ACWH”), Taipei City, October 29, 2024 (Invited).
2. *Economic Sanctions, Law and Geopolitics*, Law, Business, and Geopolitics Panel, Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB) Centennial Conference, August 9, 2024, Washington D.C., (Invited)
3. *Resilience Amidst Economic Sanctions and a Pandemic*, ALSB annual conference, August 9, 2024, Washington DC
4. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, ALSB annual conference, August 8, 2024, Washington DC
5. *Consent and Assent in Private Law (Traditional & Smart Contracts)*, The Center for Applied Scientific Education of the Central Bar Association, Virtual, July 14, 2024
6. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, 2024 Big Ten & Friends Business Law & Ethics Research Seminar, Kelly School of Business, Bloomington, IN (June 27-28, 2024) (invited).
7. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, The National Business Law Scholars Conference, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, CA (June 24, 2024).
8. *A Big Data View of Contra Proferentem*, 2024 KCON XVII Conference, University of Bristol Law School, Bristol, England (June 20, 2024)
9. *AI and the Law: Risks vs. Rewards*, Houston Muslim Bar Association, Virtual, (June 10, 2024).
10. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (June 8, 2024).
11. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, 2024 Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA (May 22, 2024).
12. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, Sokol Colloquium: Landmines, Blackholes and the Contract Production Paradox, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA (March 30, 2024)
13. *(Against) Against the Drafter*, BYU Winter Deals 2024, Park City, Utah (March 14, 2024)
14. *Sanctions and International Economic Law*, Yale Journal of International Law’s 50th Anniversary Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (March 8, 2024) (recording available at [Link](#)).
15. *Against Sanctions*, Pacific Southwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business 2024 Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA (Feb. 16, 2024)
16. *Against Sanctions*, ClassCrits XIV 2024 Conference, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 10, 2024)
17. *AI and Law*, CSUN Attorney Networking Group Alumni Chapter Monthly Meeting, November 2023)
18. *AI and Law*, 2023 NAML National Conference, Washington, DC (October 2023)
19. *Arbitration Effect*, 2023 Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (July 2023)
20. *Ethics of Blockchain in Organization*, 2023 Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (July 2023)
21. *Corporate Takeover of Contract Law*, 2023 Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (July 2023)
22. *Corporate Takeover of Contract Law*, 2023 National Business Law Scholars Conference, The University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, TN (June 2023)

23. *Contractual Interpretation: A Macro View*, Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA (May 2023)
24. *Corporate Takeover of Contract Law*, Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business 2023 Annual Conference, Virtual (March 2023). ([*Received the Outstanding Presentation Award.*](#))
25. *Contractual Interpretation: A Macro View*, 16th International Conference on Contracts, Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (March, 2023)
26. *Contractual Interpretation: A Macro View*, 5th Annual BYU Winter Deals Conference, Park City, UT (March 2023)
27. *Autonomy in Legal Analysis*, JPL, Virtual (December 2022)
28. Crypto Litigation, *The Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business*, Virtual (December 2022)
29. Contractual Interpretation: A Macro Narrative, 16th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Virginia School of Law (November 2022). ([Link](#))
30. Contractual Interpretation: A Macro View, *Junior Scholar Work-in-Progress at Marquette University Law School*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (September 2022)
31. Arbitration Effect, *Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference*, Virtual (July 2022)
32. Contractual Interpretation: A Macro View, *Law & Society 2022 Annual Meeting*, Virtual (July 2022)
33. Arbitration Effect, *Law & Society 2022 Annual Meeting*, Virtual (July 2022)
34. *Natural Language Processing in Legal Studies*, ARCS-NASA Faculty Presentation, Virtual (April 2022)
35. Contracting Risks, *Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference 2021*, Virtual, (August 2021)
36. Foreseeability & Control in Force Majeure, *Law Insider Webinar Series 2021*, Virtual (August 2021)
37. Arbitration Effect, *American Business Law Journal Invited Scholars Colloquium*, Virtual, (August 2021)
38. Sanctions Ethics, *Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference 2021*, Virtual, (August 2021)
39. Internalizing External Conflicts, *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*, Virtual (August 2021)
40. Regulating Privacy Through Software: Legal, Behavioral and Technical Challenges of Automated Compliance, *ComplianceNet 2021*, (June 2021)
41. Contracting Risks, *National Business Law Scholars Conference 2021*, Virtual, (June 2021)
42. Contractual Allocation of Risks in Times of Crises, *Law & Society 2021 Annual Meeting*, Virtual, (May 2021)
43. Contracting in the Age of Smart Contracts, *University of Michigan Law School Doctoral Colloquium*, Virtual, (March, 2021)
44. Legal Allocation of Risks: A Computational Study of Force Majeure Clauses, *2020 Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business*, University of Georgia, Virtual, (November 2020)
45. Smart Contracting, *2020 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting*, Robotics and AI: Legal and Ethical Frameworks panel, Washington, DC (January 2020). Also presented at *Colloquium at Georgetown International Economic Law*, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (January 2020)
46. Digital Solidarity: Contractual Disputes in the Age of Smart Contracts, *American Business Law Journal Invited Scholars Colloquium*, Montreal, Canada (August 2019)
47. Fairness in Arbitration: the Consumer Perspective, *Academy of Management Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA (August 2019)
48. Why Don't They Sue? An Analysis of Impeding Factors in Employment and Consumer Arbitration and its Downstream Consequences for Organizations" *Junior Faculty Forum at University of Richmond School of Law*, Richmond, VA (May 2019).
49. Assertive Foreign Policy Through Extraterritorial Application of Laws, *American Bar Association, Section of International Law*, Washington, D.C. (April 2019)
50. Fall of Last Safeguard in Global Dejudicialization: The Problem of Protecting Public Policy in Private Business Disputes, *American Society of International Law Annual Meeting*, International Law in Domestic Court Interest Group, Washington, D.C. (March 2019)

51. Justice in Arbitration: The Consumer Perspective, *Consumer Law Scholars Conference*, Berkeley, CA (February 2019)
52. The Expansion of Extraterritorial Regulations under Trump Administration, *The George Washington University Law School*, Washington, D.C. (October 2018)
53. Economic sanctions and International Arbitration, *Georgetown Law International Arbitration Society*, Washington, D.C. (February 2017)
54. Transnational Public Policy: A Remedy or A Threat to International Dispute Resolution”, presented, *American Society of International Law Research Forum*, Washington, D.C. (October, 2015)
55. Erosion of Public Interest in International Dispute Resolution, *American Society of International Law – International Economic Law Interest Group*, Philadelphia, PA (January, 2015)
56. Revisiting the Doctrine of Public Policy in Enforcement of Private Legal Arrangements, *The Doctoral Colloquium at Yale Law School*, New Haven, CT (April, 2015)
57. Prospect and Challenges for ADR, *University of California at Hastings College of the Law and at JAMS Alternative Dispute Resolution Center*, San Francisco, CA. (October, 2014)

SELECT SERVICE AND HONORS

- Invited Academic Reviewer for *Yale Law Journal*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *American Business Law Journal*, *International Journal of Conflict Management*, *Harvard Journal of Islamic Law*, *Academy of Management Review* (ongoing)
- Vice Chair, Programs, California Lawyers Association (2024)
- Faculty Advisor, AI Task Force, California Lawyers Association (2023-2024)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Technology Section Award Nomination Committee (2022)
- Faculty Contributor, Amici curiae, *Morgan v. Sundance*, before the US Supreme Court (2021)
- Winner of Outstanding Reviewer in the 2021 Emerald Literati Awards (2021)
- Selected Best New *American Business Law Journal* Reviewer (2021)
- Judge (Reviewer) in American Bar Association James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution (2021)
- Executive Secretary, Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business (2021)
- Vice-Chair for Intellectual Property Interest Group in American Society for Int'l Law (2015)
- Co-President of Yale Society of International Law (2012-2014)
- A Weinstein Fellow at JAMS (2013-2014)
- Organizer of Yale Doctoral Scholarship Conference (2012-2014)
- Fellow at Harvard's Institute for Global Law and Policy (2014)
- Fellow at Stanford's AMENDS Program (2013)
- Organizer of Yale Law and Religion Series (2012-2014)
- Resident fellow at Hague's Center for Studies and Research in International Law and International Relations (2013)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

California State Bar (2021); New York State Bar (2013)