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Aylin Yildiz is currently writing her PhD thesis as a part of the research project titled “Framing Environmental Degradation, Human Mobility and Human Development as a Matter of Common Concern” which is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and led by Professor Elisa Fornalé.

Dr. Nilüfer Oral, the Director of CIL, is co-supervising Aylin’s PhD thesis. Her thesis conceptualises environmentally-induced migration under the notions of community interest and common concern of humankind, and investigates several fields of international law (general public international law, State responsibility, as well as international migration, refugee, disaster, climate change and trade law). She undertook a three-month fieldwork research in Fiji and Samoa and interviewed experts to align her theoretical framework with practical realities.

Aylin holds an LLB degree from LSE, an LLM degree from the University of Toronto, and an LLB equivalency degree from the University of Istanbul. She is a member of the Istanbul Bar, Rotaract Bern and the Gender Committee of the World Trade Institute, University of Bern.

( To learn more about Prof. Elisa Fornalé’s research project, please visit: <https://www.climco2.org/> )