

Tobias Stefan Traxler

Education

- 01.2025 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (EUI), Ph.D., Law.
- Thesis Title: The Power of Counsel: A Qualitative Socio-Legal Study in Investment Treaty Arbitration.
 - Supervisor: Prof. Jürgen Kurtz.
 - Examining Board: Prof. Freya Baetens, Prof. Sergio Puig, Dr. Taylor St John.
 - Degree awarded on 01/21/2025.
- 06.-08.2023 UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA SCHOOL OF LAW, Doctoral Exchange Student.
- Supervisor: Prof. Michael Waibel.
- 01.-05.2023 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Doctoral Exchange Student.
- Supervisor: Prof. Robert Howse.
- 06.2021 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (EUI), LL.M., Comparative, European, and International Law.
- 07.2020 UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, LL.M., European Private Law, cum laude.
- 07.2018 AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, B.A., Major in Law/Social Sciences, cum laude.
- 08.-12.2017 UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, Exchange Student.

Work Experience

- since 10.2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, National University of Singapore Centre for International Law.
- I currently work on three projects. The first is a book based on my Ph.D. thesis. The second is a signature article, based on part of the thesis and intended to increase interest in the book once published. The third is a broader law and society project, concerned with how lawyers indirectly influence legal outcomes through expert witnesses.
- 11.2020 Founding Member and Co-Coordinator, EUI International Economic Law and Policy Working Group.
- 06.2024 ◦ Together with other EUI Researchers, I founded and coordinated (09.2021-12.2022) a working group on issues of international economic law and policy. In this capacity I organized conferences and talks, and presented my own work several times.
- 10.2022 Lecturer, International Arbitration: a Comparative Perspective.
- ◦ Together with two other EUI Researchers, I came up with the concept for a doctoral seminar at the EUI's Law Department, and subsequently designed and taught the course.
- 10.2020 Assistant Editor, European Journal of International Law.
- ◦ I was part of the editorial team of the world's leading international law journal. The job consisted of screening and peer reviewing submitted articles.
- 09.2021
- 06.2019 Student Trainee/Law Assistant - International Arbitration, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek.
- 11.2019 ◦ I worked on several arbitrations arising under both contracts and treaties. I fulfilled a variety of tasks including researching legal doctrine, analyzing fact patterns and case law, drafting memos and briefs, and preparing (expert) witness testimony and cross-examination.
- 02.2018 Research Intern, University of Amsterdam.
- ◦ I was part of a team of research interns for the university's inaugural Chief Diversity Officer. I reviewed literature and conducted interviews on diversity initiatives at universities around the world, with a view to establishing best practices. This culminated in a publication titled 'Best Practices to Enhance Diversity in an Institutional Setting'.
- 06.2018

- 06.2016 Board Member and Head of Logistics, TEDxAU College.
 - ○ I was part of a team organizing a TEDx event with twelve speakers and 450 guests. As the Head
- 06.2017 of Logistics, I was responsible for running the event smoothly, which included coordinating and supervising a team of sixteen.
- 08.2014 Intern, Educational Projects Department, Anne Frank House.
 - ○ I was involved in all aspects of the work of the Anne Frank House's Educational Projects Department. These mainly pertain to organizing conferences, workshops, and study trips on the topics of Anne Frank, the holocaust, and anti-discrimination more broadly.
- 08.2015

Publications

Pro-Claimant Bias in Arbitrator Selection [2024] 27 Journal of International Economic Law. [Awarded the David D. Caron Prize for the best paper presented at the American Society of International Law Mid-Year Meeting by a junior scholar.]

Works in Progress

Investment Law 's Lawyers: A Qualitative Study of Counsel Influence in Investment Treaty Arbitration [book manuscript to be submitted in June 2025].

Counsel, Valuation, and Experts in Investment Treaty Arbitration. [journal article manuscript to be submitted in June 2025; awarded an Honourable Mention in the Nappert Prize in International Arbitration competition].

Lawyering through Expert Witnesses [early-stage manuscript].

Funding

- 2022 Competitive fieldwork funding, EUI Law Department. EUR 700.
- 2022 EUI-NYU exchange agreement grant. EUR 4000.
- 2020 Post-graduate scholarship, OeAD/EUI. Doctoral research, 48 months. EUR 74 830.
- 2019 Mobility scholarship for studies abroad, the Republic of Austria. Graduate studies. EUR 3982.
- 2015-2018 Mobility scholarship for studies abroad, the Republic of Austria. Undergraduate studies. EUR 17 376.

Prizes and Activities

- 2024 Nappert Prize in International Arbitration, Honourable Mention.
- 2023-2024 Mentor and participant in European Society of International Law Early-Career Mentoring Program.
- 2021-2024 Mentor in EUI Early-Stage-Researcher Mentoring Program.
- 2023 David D. Caron Prize for the best paper presented at the American Society of International Law Mid-Year Meeting by a junior scholar.
- 2022 EUI Teacher Training Certificate.

Languages

- German Native Speaker.
- English Fluent.
- French Intermediate.
- Dutch Intermediate.