

# DARIA LEVINA

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## EDUCATION

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### European University Institute, Florence, Italy

PhD Researcher, September 2020 – present (thesis: *The Rise of International Commercial Courts: The Driving Forces Behind the Phenomenon and the Choices of Institutional Design*)

Activities: Working Group on International Trade & Investment Law, Founding Member  
European Journal of International Law, Junior Editor

Research stay: UNIDROIT Institute, Rome, Italy, November – December 2021

Teaching & editorial training: *Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* course (20 hours of class time and 20 hours of practice)

*Editing a Law Journal* seminar (hands-on experience as a peer reviewer).

### European University Institute, Florence, Italy

LL.M. in Comparative, International, and European Laws 2019 – 2020

### Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, USA

LL.M. 2017 – 2018

### Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Ph.D. 2014 – 2020 (thesis: *Place of Performance of the Contractual Obligation as a Criterion Determining the Applicable Law and International Jurisdiction*; published as a book in February 2021)

Research stay: Max Planck Institute for comparative and international private law, Hamburg, Germany, January 2020 and September – November 2018

Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, April – July 2016

### Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Specialist in Law, With Honors, 2009 – 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Lecturer, European University Institute (designed and taught a postgraduate course in *Commercial, State-to-state, and Investment Arbitration: A Comparative Perspective*, 2022)
- Assistant Lecturer, Harvard Law School (co-designed a graduate course taught by Prof. Ko-Yung Tung in *International Investment Arbitration*, 2017 – 2018)
- Lecturer, Lomonosov Moscow State University (designed and taught an undergraduate course in *Private Law: Contractual Obligations* 2016 – 2017)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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- Daria Levina, ‘The Rise of International Commercial Courts Around the World’, Law & Society Annual Meeting in Portugal, Lisbon, July 2022;
- Daria Levina, ‘International Commercial Courts: The Driving Forces Behind the Phenomenon and the Choices of Institutional Design’, conference titled ‘Interdisciplinary Research Approaches in International Economic Law,’ European University Institute, Italy, Florence, June 2022.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, the Netherlands

*Assistant Legal Counsel*, November 2018 – August 2019

- Provided legal advice and services to the Secretary-General and the legal staff of the International Bureau; assisted with commercial and investment arbitrations under the Court’s auspices.

**Noerr LLP**, Moscow, Russia and Frankfurt am Main, Germany

*Associate in Dispute Resolution and Corporate Departments*, September 2014 – July 2017

- Advised clients on litigation, arbitration, and corporate law in Russia by researching and drafting memoranda on Russian law for Russian and foreign courts; represented clients in courts; conducted research on and drafted the Rules on Conflict of Interest for the Arbitration Center of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs; started the firm's *pro bono* practice, advised the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on data protection and a cinema studio for handicapped children.

**Higher School of Economics – National Research University**, Moscow, Russia

*Junior Research Fellow at the Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development*, April 2015 – February 2016

- Conducted research on the central counterparty and marginal requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives in Germany to develop recommendations for the Russian financial markets law; in collaboration with a team of researchers produced a law reform proposal later implemented by the Russian Central Bank.

**Association for International Arbitration**, Brussels, Belgium

*Intern*, May – July 2014

- Co-authored commentary to the EU Commission Online Public Consultation on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership; drafted articles on various issues in the field of arbitration; assisted with organization of a conference on the antitrust issues in international arbitration.

### **PRIZES, AWARDS & FUNDING**

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- Award of grant for fieldwork in Hamburg, Germany, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, by the European University Institute, August and September 2022
- Award of scholarship for the research stay at the UNIDROIT Institute, Rome, Italy, November – December 2021
- Award of the German-Russian Society of Lawyers for the best doctoral thesis in comparative law (*Deutsch-Russischer Juristenpreis* 2020)
- Award of grant for the research stay at the Max Planck Institute for comparative and international private law, Hamburg, Germany, January 2020 and September – November 2018
- Award of grant for doctoral research at the European University Institute by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Addison Brown Writing Prize for the best paper in conflict of laws at Harvard Law School 2018
- Harvard Law School Summer Research Fellowship 2018
- Harvard Law School Graduate Program Grant; Grant of the Harvard University Committee on General Scholarships; the Fellowship of the Russian – United States Legal Education Foundation for studies at Harvard Law School (over \$60,000 in total)
- DAAD scholarships for the research stay and exchange study at the Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, April – July 2016 and October 2013 – February 2014
- Grant of scholarship for studies in private international law at The Hague Academy of International Law 2016, The Hague, the Netherlands
- Grant of scholarship for studies in international arbitration at Paris Arbitration Academy 2015, Paris, France
- Distinction for the graduation thesis and the final examination at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, 2014
- Diploma of the winner of the All-Russian Olympiad for Students in Law, Private Law Section, Moscow, Russia, 2014
- Philip C. Jessup Competition in international law, 2<sup>nd</sup> place memorial and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team, national rounds (competition in international law), Moscow, Russia, 2013
- Award of the Francophone Association for the best first-time performance at the Concours Charles-Rousseau (competition in international law), Clermont-Ferrand, France 2012
- Award of scholarship for studies of the German law and language at the University of Regensburg, Regensburg, Germany, August 2011

### **BAR ADMISSIONS / QUALIFICATIONS**

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Russia (qualified to practice law since 2014); New York (admitted to the bar since 2020).

### **LANGUAGES**

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Russian (native); English (fluent); German and French (working proficiency); Italian (basic proficiency).