

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

I am a lawyer and academic specializing in finance, restructuring and insolvency. Having practiced law in Amsterdam, Singapore and London, I excel in international high-end matters. I have been involved in some of the most prominent cross-border restructurings and insolvencies globally as well as in numerous financing transactions. I have been lecturing and conducting research at various top universities across the globe, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and Tilburg University.

Experience

2021-present Head of Financial Restructuring & Insolvency, Amsterdam
Partner – lawyer, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Amsterdam and London

2021-present Professor of Global Finance & Restructuring Law, Tilburg University

2018-2021 Senior associate – lawyer, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam

2015-2018 Registered foreign lawyer, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Singapore

2011-2015 Associate – lawyer, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam

2010 Seconded associate, King & Spalding, London

2009-2014 PhD candidate, Tilburg University

Education

2018-2019 Specialization Course Insolvency Law (INSOLAD), Grotius Academie (*cum laude*)

2009-2014 PhD on 'Sukuk Structures: Legal Engineering Under Dutch law', Tilburg University

2008-2009 LLM Dutch Law, Tilburg University (*cum laude*)

2005-2008 LLB International and European Law, Tilburg University (*with distinction*)

2005-2008 LLB Dutch Law, Tilburg University (*with distinction*)

Experience: Other present functions

2019-2021 Lecturer on distressed M&A in Specialization Course "Leergang Mergers & Acquisitions: Law, Finance, Skills", VU Amsterdam

2014-2021 Research fellow and guest lecturer, Tilburg University

2012-2021 Guest lecturer on financing & security rights, University of Amsterdam

2010-2021 Guest lecturer on international insolvency law and finance law, Leiden University

Experience: Other past functions

2015-2019 Visiting professor, IE University

2016 Guest lecturer, National University of Singapore

2013 Guest lecturer, University of Cambridge

2011 Visiting researcher, University of Melbourne

2010 Visiting researcher, University of Oxford

2008 Internship, Loyens & Loeff

2007-2009 Court clerk, District Court of Eastern Brabant

2007-2009 Teaching and research assistant, Tilburg University

Memberships, editorial boards and committees

2021-present Member, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Rechtsvergelijkend en Internationaal Insolventierecht

2021-present Nederlandse Vereniging voor Herstructurering

2021-present Member, Vereniging voor Financieel Recht

2020-present International correspondent, Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation

2020-present Correspondent, HERO (Herstructurering & Recovery Online; www.online-hero.nl)

2019-present Member, INSOLAD

2019-present Member, INSOL Europe

- 2017-present Member, INSOL International
- 2016-present Member, International Bar Association
- 2013-2021 Editorial member, Journal of Emerging Economies and Islamic Research
- 2015-2019 Expert member, Sukuk Standardization Working Group, IIFM
- 2015-2018 Member, Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- 2009-2014 Junior fellow, European Banking Center, Tilburg University
- 2009-2012 Editorial member, TISCO Working Paper Series: Banking, Finance and Services

Scholarships

- 2010 PhD Overseas Travel Fellowship, Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration
- 2009 Grotius Scholarship, Grotius Academie

Prices and acknowledgments

- 2018 'Dealmaker van de week', *Mr Magazine* 2018-7 (*Oi Telecom's global restructuring*)
- 2016 '35 onder 35', *Advocatenblad* 2016-4 (*35 leading lawyers under the age of 35*)
- 2014 'Mr. van de week', *Mr Magazine* 2014-6 (*PhD in addition to full-time practice*)
- 2012 Young Professional Award 2012, ARIA Students (*Best Young Professional*)
- 2010 RIMO Master Thesis Award 2009/2010 (*Best LLM thesis on Islamic law*)
- 2010 Harry Honée Master Thesis Award 2008/2009 (*Best LLM thesis on business law*)

Publication list

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Books

1. O. Salah, *Sukuk Structures: Legal Engineering Under Dutch Law*, The Hague: Eleven International Publishing 2014
 - Reviewed by Professor Biemans in: J.W.A. Biemans, 'Boekbeschouwingen: O. Salah, Sukuk Structures: Legal Engineering Under Dutch Law', *Rechtsgeleerd Magazijn THEMIS* 2016-1, p. 33-37
2. O. Salah (ed), *Islamitisch Bankieren: van Religieuze Principes naar Financiële Transactiestructuren*, Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011
3. O. Salah, *Islamic Finance: Structuring Sukuk in the Netherlands*, Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2010

Academic law reviews and journals

4. O. Salah, 'The WHOA: The Launch of the Scheme in the Netherlands', *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* (accepted, reviewed and approved by the editorial board; to be published in May 2021 edition)
5. O. Salah, 'De homologatie van een akkoord onder de WHOA', *Maandblad voor Vermogensrecht* (accepted, reviewed and approved by the editorial board; to be published in May 2021 edition)
6. O. Salah, 'Obligatieherstructurerings: Buitengerechtelijk, de surseance van betaling en de WHOA – Deel 2', *Tijdschrift voor Financieel Recht* 2021-5, p. 168-178
7. O. Salah, 'Obligatieherstructurerings: Buitengerechtelijk, de surseance van betaling en de WHOA – Deel 1', *Tijdschrift voor Financieel Recht* 2021-4, p. 124-131
8. O. Salah, Case note: Court order of District Court of The Hague of 15 January 2021 on first case under the WHOA, *JOR* 2021/77, p. 902-907
9. O. Salah, 'Grensoverschrijdende insolventieprocedures onder Chapter 15 U.S. Bankruptcy Code', *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Handelsrecht* 2020-6, p. 271-279
10. O. Salah, 'De markt voor leveraged acquisitiefinancieringen', *Tijdschrift Financiering, Zekerheden & Insolventierechtpraktijk* 2020-8, p. 31-38
11. O. Salah, 'Case note: Dutch Supreme Court rules on trading in NPL-portfolios', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2020-12, p. 151-152
12. O. Salah, 'De erkenning van Nederlandse insolventieprocedures in de V.S.', *Tijdschrift voor Insolventierecht* 2020/42, p. 300-313
13. O. Salah, Case note: Court order of Court of Appeals Arnhem-Leeuwarden of 20 January 2020 on composition plans in bankruptcy (*faillissementsakkoord*), *JOR* 2020/237, p. 3116-3122
14. R.D. Vriesendorp & O. Salah, 'De WHOA: een nieuw herstructureringsinstrument', *Maandblad voor Vermogensrecht* 2020-6, p. 205-216
15. O. Salah, 'Leveraged Finance: Recent Developments, Opportunities and Risks', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2019-6, p. 179-184
16. O. Salah, 'Understanding Sukuk: Sharia Scholars' Perspective Meets Lawyers' Perspective', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2017-3, p. 73-85
17. O. Salah & C. Rautenbach, 'Islamic Finance: A Corollary to Legal Pluralism or Legal Diversity in South Africa and the Netherlands', *Comparative and International Law Journal of South Africa* 2015-3, p. 488-515

18. S. Mohamad, O. Salah, M. Mokhtar & S.F.S Alwi, 'Enhancing Cross Border Connectivity: Venturing into Islamic Finance as a New Source of Infrastructure Financing', *Journal of Emerging Economies and Islamic Research* 2015-3, p. 1-14
19. A. Saeed & O. Salah, 'Development of Sukuk: Pragmatic and Idealist Approaches to Sukuk Structures', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2014-1, p. 41-52
20. O. Salah, 'Het fiduciaverbod nieuw leven ingeblazen?', *Maandblad voor Vermogensrecht* 2013-5, p. 138-146
21. O. Salah, 'Certificering van aandelen en stemrechtloze aandelen na invoering flex-bv', *Bedrijfsjuridische berichten* 2013/16, p. 47-51
22. J.W.A. Biemans & O. Salah, 'Concernfinanciering en regres', *Bedrijfsjuridische berichten* 2012/65, p. 222-224
23. O. Salah, 'Legal Infrastructure of Sukuk Structures: Part II', *Company and Securities Law Journal* 2012-1, 61-69
24. O. Salah, 'Legal Infrastructure of Sukuk Structures: Part I', *Company and Securities Law Journal* 2011-4, p. 522-528
25. R.M. Wibier & O. Salah, 'The Credit Crunch and Islamic Finance: Shari'ah-compliant Finance against the Backdrop of the Credit Crisis', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2011-10, p. 509-515
26. O. Salah, 'Sukuk: Islamitische effecten', *Tijdschrift voor Financieel Recht* 2011-6, p. 148-158
27. M. Rainey & O. Salah, 'Why does categorisation of sukuk structures matter?', *ISRA International Journal of Islamic Finance* 2011-2, p. 113-131
28. O. Salah, "Nakheel Sukuk": Internationaal privaatrecht in de VAE', *Nederlands Internationaal Privaatrecht* 2010-4, p. 629-638
29. O. Salah, 'Islamic finance: The impact of the AAOIFI Resolution on equity-based sukuk structures', *Law and Financial Markets Review* 2010-5, p. 507-517
30. R.M. Wibier & O. Salah, 'De kredietcrisis en islamitisch financieren: Shari'a-conforme financieringen in het licht van de kredietcrisis', *Nederlands Juristenblad* 2010/1397, p. 1738-1746
31. O. Salah, "Dubai Debt Crisis": Enkele privaatrechtelijke aspecten van de 'Nakheel Sukuk', *Weekblad voor Privaatrecht, Notariaat en Registratie* 2010/6838, p. 271-272
32. O. Salah, "Dubai Debt Crisis": A Legal Analysis of the 'Nakheel Sukuk', *Berkeley Journal of International Law, Publicist* 2010-4, p. 19-32

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33. O. Salah, 'Dutch Corporate Debtors in Chapter 15 Proceedings', *INSOL World* 2020-4, p. 11-13
34. O. Salah, Case note: Court order of U.S. Bankruptcy Court of Southern District of New York of 15 January 2020 on cross-border recognition of Dutch bankruptcy proceedings, *JOR* 2020/211, p. 2777-2781
35. O. Salah, 'Court Confirmation of Extrajudicial Restructuring Plans (CERP/WHOA) to Be Introduced Soon as the New Dutch "Scheme"', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2020-9, p. 108-110
36. O. Salah, 'Netherlands: Government Measures to Address COVID-19 Impact on Economy', *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 2020-7, p. 83-85
37. O. Salah, Case note: Court order of District Court of Overijssel of 20 November 2019 on sale-and-leaseback transactions and *fiduciaverbod*, *JOR* 2020/121, p. 1485-1495
38. O. Salah, 'Restructuring Islamic Finance Transactions', *INSOL World* 2019-1, p. 33-34

39. O. Salah, 'Afghaanse vluchtelingen slachtoffer 1F-beleid', *Nederlands Juristenblad* 2009/2076, pp. 2683-2687

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40. O. Salah, 'Netherlands Chapter', in: J. Dewar & M. Hussain (eds), *The Islamic Finance and Markets Review*, London: Law Business Research 2016 – 2019 (First Edition – Fourth Edition)
41. O. Salah, 'De (on)zin van het islamitisch financieren: Voorbij een verbod op rente en onzekerheid', in: P. van Geest et al (eds), *Vrienden met de mammon: Over de levensbeschouwelijke dimensie in de economie*, Almere: Parthenon 2013
42. O. Salah, 'Sukuk al-ijarah: fiqh al-mu'amalat omtrent islamitische effecten', in: P. Kruiniger (ed), *Recht van de Islam 26: Medische wetenschap, islam en recht*, The Hague: Boom Juridische Uitgevers 2012
43. A. Saeed & O. Salah, 'History of Sukuk: Pragmatic and Idealist Approaches to Sukuk Structures', in: M. Ariff (ed), *The Islamic Debt Market for Sukuk Securities: Theory and Practice of Profit Sharing Investment*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing 2012
44. R.M. Wibier & O. Salah, 'The credit crunch and Islamic finance', in: R. Smits, *Islamic Finance and the Influence of Religion on the Law*, The Hague: Boom Eleven 2012
45. O. Salah, 'Sukuk Transactions: Legal and Structural Aspects', in: Mazars Hadj Ali (ed), *Finance islamique: regard(s) sur une finance alternative*, Hydra-Alger: Mazars 2011
46. O. Salah, 'Introductie tot Islamitisch Bankieren', in: O. Salah (ed), *Islamitisch Bankieren: van Religieuze Principes naar Financiële Transactiestructuren*, Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011
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<https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2732256> (62 downloads; 446 abstract views; 389,209 rank; 16 references)
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<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2199330> (261 downloads; 1,170 abstract views; 131,216 rank; 7 references)
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- <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2181290> (283 downloads; 1,901 abstract views; 120,533 rank; 10 references)
53. O. Salah, 'Islamic finance: The impact of the AAOIFI Resolution on equity-based sukuk structures', *TISCO Working Paper Series on Banking, Finance and Services* 2011/02, available at SSRN <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1799222> (934 downloads; 4,485 abstract views; 27,163 rank; 73 references)
 54. R.M. Wibier & O. Salah, 'The Credit Crunch and Islamic Finance: Shari'ah-compliant Finance against the Backdrop of the Credit Crisis', *TISCO Working Paper Series on Banking, Finance and Services* 2011/01, available at SSRN <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1742781> (558 downloads; 2,044 abstract views; 51,038 rank; 14 references)
 55. O. Salah, 'Structuring Sukuk al-Ijarah in the Netherlands', *TISCO Working Paper Series on Banking, Finance and Services* 2010/08, available at SSRN <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1718384> (737 downloads; 4,116 abstract views; 37,771 rank; 28 references)
 56. O. Salah, 'Dubai Debt Crisis': A Legal Analysis of the 'Nakheel Sukuk', *TISCO Working Paper Series on Banking, Finance and Services* 2010/05, available at SSRN <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1663276> (1,352 downloads; 4,893 abstract views; 15,665 rank; 1 citation; 12 references)

Other publications

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58. O. Salah, 'Are Sukuk structures possible under Dutch civil law?', *Islamic Finance News* 17 August 2011
59. J.I. Ali & O. Salah, 'An expert's view: The role of the sharia supervisory boards', *Practical Law Company* 2010
60. J.I. Ali & O. Salah, 'The role of the Shari'ah Supervisory Boards', *Zawya Select* 2 November 2010
61. J.I. Ali & O. Salah, 'Controlling scholar fatwa would harm Islamic Finance', *Gulf News* 6 October 2010
62. J.I. Ali & O. Salah, 'Controlling scholar fatwa would harm Islamic Finance', *Reuters News* 29 September 2010
63. J.I. Ali & O. Salah, 'Sector Report: Supervision of Shariah Supervisory Boards of Islamic Financial Institutions', *Islamic Finance News* 15 September 2010
64. O. Salah, 'Twee werelden op hoog niveau meemaken', *Univers, weekblad van de Universiteit van Tilburg* 24 June 2010
65. O. Salah, 'Maleisië als Islamitisch financieel centrum', *Nobiles Magazine Online* 28 September 2010
66. O. Salah, 'Concern' over het begrip 'concern', *SecJure* 2008/2009-4, p. 43-46
67. T. Dilien & O. Salah, 'Recht en Economie – De Kredietcrisis, het rad van fortuin: de juridische oorzaken en gevolgen', *SecJure* 2008/2009-3, p. 50-54
68. O. Salah & C. Rautenbach, 'Lief en leed van juridisch pluralisme in Zuid-Afrika: A Case Study', *SecJure* 2008/2009-2, p. 51-56
69. O. Salah, 'Confused lawyer: Turkish family law and the influence of Swiss family law on it', *SecJure* 2008/2009-1, p. 12-14