

Curriculum Vitae



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Personal Data

Date of Birth: September 12, 1967; Place of Birth: Graz, Austria

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Main Areas of Research

Private international law (conflict of laws), consumer law, contract law, family law, digitalization and private law, sustainability and private law, empirical legal studies (inter- and trans-disciplinary legal research mainly with sociologists, psychologists, economists) property law, European private law, comparative private law.

Main Research Projects

1995 – 1998 **APART-Scholarship** of the Austrian Academy of Sciences 1995-1998 for the project “Basic Questions of the Unification of Contract Law in the European Union”, principal investigator.

- 2005 – 2011 **“Transfer of Movables” – TOM:** Austrian Research Fund (FWF) and the EU (FP 6 EU Framework Program project: EU Network of Excellence ‘Common Principles of European Contract Law’); principal investigator.
- 2001 – 2009 Member of the **“Study Group on a European Civil Code” - SGECC;** co-author of Book VIII (Acquisition and Loss of Ownership of Goods) of the DCFR (Draft Common Frame of Reference) 2009
- 2011 – 2016 **“Tenancy Law and Housing Policy in Multi-Level Europe” – TENLAW:** FP 7 EU Framework Program, Austrian legal expert (principal investigator: Christoph Schmid, University of Bremen) <https://www.uni-bremen.de/jura/tenlaw-tenancy-law-and-housing-policy-in-multi-level-europe>.
- 2014 – pres. **“Contract Decisions of Consumers between Law and Psychology” - CLP:** interdisciplinary research project (law, psychology, economics) funded by the University of Graz (program “Unconventional Research” and area of excellence “Smart Regulation”), “Land Steiermark” (state government of Styria), OeNB (Austrian National Bank); principal investigator; <http://consumer-law-and-psychology.uni-graz.at/>
- 2011 – 2013/21 Publication of handbook and student book in **Private International Law** (Verlag Österreich) – standard textbook for students and practitioners, together with *Martina Melcher*. Most recent editions in 2026 and 2024.
- 2015-2017 **Notaries for Europe – Formation II :** EU JUST project, CNUE (Conseil des notariats de l’Union Européenne), scientific advisor, topic : The EU Regulation 650/2012 on Successions.
- 2019-2020 Publication of treatise on **EU Private Economic Law** together with *Martina Melcher*.
- 2021-2023 **“Justice Without Litigation” – JuWiLi:** EU JUST project, scientific lead Law, analyzing the conditions of non-contentious proceedings (by courts and notaries) under EU and national law, 6 EU Member States: <https://www.notar.at/juwili/>.
- 2021-2023 **“Map Europe” - MAPE:** EU JUST project – evaluation of the application EU Succession Regulation 2012, scientific co-lead, co-ordinator: CNUE (Conseil des Notariats de l’ Union Européenne).
- 2021-2024 **“Energy Citizenship and Energy Communities” - EC2:** Horizon 2020 project lead of several Work Packages. Project combines psychology, law, economics: <https://ec2project.eu/>
- 2025-2028 **„Empowering European Energy Consumers” - 3EC:** FWF project, psychology and law.
- 2023-2026 **“Good Divorce”** sociological study (Austrian Institute of Family Research, University of Vienna), and comparative law study (Institute of Civil Law, University of Graz), sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice.
- 2024-2026 **“Justice Without Litigation II” – JuWiLi II:** EU JUST project, scientific lead Law, analyzing the contribution of non-judicial authorities to the administration of justice in 22 Member States under EU and national law [Justice without Litigation II](#).

Academic Career

- 1988 - 1989 Research Assistant
Institute of Private Law, University of Graz, Austria

1990 - 1991	Assistant Institute of Private Law, Department of Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law and Uniform Private Law, University of Graz, Austria
1991 - 1999	Assistant Professor Institute of Private Law, Department of Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law and Uniform Private Law, University of Graz, Austria
1995 - 1998	Research Fellow, APART Scholarship of the Austrian Academy of Sciences Max-Planck-Institute of Foreign and Private Int'l Law Hamburg, Germany
1999 - 2000	Associate Professor of Law Institute of Private Law, Department of Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law and Uniform Private Law, University of Graz, Austria
2000 - 2003	Full Professor of Law Head of the Institute of Comparative Law and Conflict of Laws, Paris-Lodron-University Salzburg, Austria
2003 – pres.	Full Professor of Law Institute of Civil Law, Foreign Law and Private International Law, University of Graz, Austria
2014	Seminar for diploma candidates (English section) – Private International Law – The Hague Academy of International Law, NL
2028	Special Lecture – Private International Law – The Hague Academy of International Law

Education

1985	'Matura' (Abitur, final exam in high school) with distinction (A+)
1989	Magister iur. (Master of Law), University of Graz, Austria
1992	Doktor iur. (Ph.D.) summa cum laude University of Graz, Austria
1994	LL.M. (cum laude), Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass./USA Joseph H. Beale Prize in "Conflict of Laws", Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass/USA
1994	New York Bar Exam
1995	Attorney-at-Law (New York)
1995	Diploma of International Law , Hague Academy of International Law, NL
1999	Habilitation thesis 'Grundfragen der Vereinheitlichung des Vertragsrechts in der Europäischen Union' (Basic Questions of the Unification of Contract Law in the European Union) – Venia Docendi for 'Civil Law, Private International law, Comparative Law, Uniform Pri-

Awards, Prizes, Scholarships, Juries for Research Grants and Prizes, Editor of Journals

Scholarships awarded for excellent grades in 1986/87, 1987/88, University of Graz, Law Faculty

Fulbright Scholarship and Frank Boas Scholarship for International Legal Studies 1993/94

Scholarship of Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass./USA 1993/94, World Fellowship of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Austin, Texas/USA 1993/94

Joseph H. Beale Prize for Conflict of Laws 1994, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass./USA

Diploma of International Law, Hague Academy of International Law, 1995

APART-Scholarship of the Austrian Academy of Sciences 1995-1998 for the project 'Basic Questions of the Unification of Contract Law in the European Union'

ERC (European Research Council): Member of the panel SH2 of the ERC Starting Grant 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025.

SNF (Schweizer Nationalfonds): Member of the panel for the SNF Starting Grant 2022.

ÖAW (Austrian Academy of Sciences): Member of the Young Academy 2008-2016.

Co-editor of scientific journals like the Austrian Law Journal, IHR until 2022 (Internationales Handelsrecht) and EPLJ (European Property Law Journal); member of scientific or advisory boards of journals: like ERPL (European Review of Private Law), ECLJ (European Contract Law Journal).