

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Position & Qualification

- *Assistant Professor* (VA), Institute of International Law & International Relations, University of Graz (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz/KFUG) (2006 – present)
- *Mag. Iur., Dr. Iur.*, University of Graz (KFUG)

Education & Academic Career

- *Coordinator*, Academic Partnership on Legal & Human Rights Education (in cooperation with Addis Ababa University and Ethiopian Civil Service University); funded by the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (October 2011 – September 2014)
- *Visiting Fellow*, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, UK (spring term 2009)
- *Visiting Scholar*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (fall term 2006)
- *Emile Noël Fellow*, Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law and Justice, NYU School of Law, New York (September 2003 – February 2004)
- *Visiting Scholar*, Hauser Global Law School Program, NYU School of Law, New York (September 2002 – August 2003)
- *Erwin-Schrödinger Fellow* of the Austrian Science Fund (September 2002 – February 2004)
- Doctoral studies in law, University of Graz; *Doctor Iur.* with honors; PhD on ‘EU Development Cooperation and Human Rights’ (1997 – 2001)
- *Research Associate*, “The Realization of the Right to Development” (funded by the Austrian Science Fund), KFUG (1996 – 1999)
- *Research Associate*, ‘Curriculum Development and Capacity Building for Democratic Governance’ (funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European & International Affairs), KFUG and Austrian North-South Institute (Vienna) (1995 – 1998)
- *Lecturer* (‘Univ.-Ass.’), Institute of Int’l Law and International Relations, KFUG (1994 – 2005)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Institute of Int’l Law and IR, KFUG (1992 – 1994)
- Studies in law and political science, University of Graz; Master Thesis on ‘The Role of the Judiciary in Nazi Germany’ with distinction (1987 – 1994)

Expertise/Areas of Special Interest

- Democracy and international law
- Regional mechanisms for the protections of democracy & the rule of law
- Self-determination, secession, and recognition of states & governments
- Legality/legitimacy of the use of force in international law
- UN peace-keeping, peace enforcement & peace-building
- Human rights in EU external relations

Teaching & Presentations

- **Teaching at KFUG (selection):** Seminar on ‘Contemporary Issues of International Law’ (since 2008); elective course on ‘International Dimensions of Law: Int’l Law, European Law, and International Private Law’ (since 2006); joint lecture (with M. Oswald) on ‘Democracy’, lecture series ‘Introduction to Human Rights’ (since 2005); ‘Introduction to International Law’, lecture within the Master Program ‘Global Studies’ (2009 – 2017); compulsory and elective courses on ‘Public International Law’ and ‘Int’l Law & Law of International Organizations’ (1999 – 2008)
- **Teaching abroad (selection):** ‘Election Monitoring: International Legal Context’, International Peace-Keeping and Peace-Building Training Program, Peace Castle, Schlaining (2016); ‘Protecting Democratic Governance in Europe and in Africa’, Ethiopian Civil Service University, Addis Ababa (2013); ‘Right to Political Participation’, Human Rights Academy, Addis Ababa University (2012); ‘Fundamental Rights in the European Union’, Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, Slovenia (2009 – 2010); ‘EU – Western Balkans Relations’, Master in European Integration and Regionalism (M.E.I.R.), European Academy, Bolzano (2007); courses on selected issues of EU and int’l law at Utrecht-Network Summer Schools in Bologna (2007), Belfast (2008), and Rijeka/Motovun (2013); courses on EU law at the University of Pristina, Kosovo (2002) and the University of Shkodra, Albania (2001)
- **Presentations at conferences, symposia, workshops etc. (selection):** Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the Treaty of St. Germain, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (2018); Conference on Democratic Governance and International Law, Univ. of Manchester (2017); Developing Democracy Conference, St. John’s College, Cambridge (2015); Workshop on Constitutionalism as a Global Value, City University London (2014); DGVN Annual Meeting, Berlin (2012); 3rd Biennial Conference, Asian Society of International Law, Beijing (2011); 8th Convention of the Central and Eastern European International Studies Association (CEEISA), Istanbul (2011); SGIR Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm (2010); 7th CEEISA Convention, St. Petersburg (2009); Annual Meeting of the International Law Association/UK, Hull (2009); Annual Meeting of the Austrian International Law Association, Bolzano (2015), Conegliano (2008) & Munich (2006); European Society of International Law Research Forum, Budapest (2007); Academic Council on the United Nations System, Ottawa (2005); Inaugural Conference of the European Society of International Law, Florence (2004); Hauser & Emile Noel Fellows Forum, New York University School of Law (2003); 3rd CEEISA Convention, Moscow (2002); Human Rights Centre Pristina, Kosovo (2002); ADA International Workshops in Kampala (1998), Maputo (1996), and East London (SA) (1995)

Scholarships & Awards

- State of Styria Research Grant, Science and Research Fund of the State Government of Styria (June 2009)
- Josef Krainer Award, State Government of Styria (March 2003)
- Erwin Schrödinger Fellowship, Austrian Science Fund (June 2002)

Memberships, Affiliations & other Activities

- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member, Central & Eastern European Int'l Studies Association (CEEISA)
- Member, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR/SGIR)
- Member, Austrian Association of International Law

- Member ('Mittelbau') of the Faculty Board, Faculty of Law, KFUG
- Member, Curriculum Commission, Master 'Global Studies', KFUG
- Vice Chair, Electoral Commission, Austrian National Union of Students, Medical University of Graz
- Alternate Member, Advisory Board for Development Co-operation of the State Government of Styria (full member 2004 – 2011)
- Member (STO), EU/OSCE Election Observer Missions in Ethiopia (2005), Belarus (2006), Armenia (2007) and Kosovo (2010)
- National Rapporteur, ESIL Mapping the Discipline Project (2004 – 2010)
- Secretary-General, Society of International Law, KFU Graz (2000 - 2006)

- **Peer reviewer:**
 - Die Friedenswarte – Journal of International Peace and Organization (Berlin)
 - European Yearbook of Human Rights (Vienna)
 - International Journal of Law in Context (Cambridge)
 - Journal of International Constitutional Law (Vienna)
 - Journal of International Relations and Development (Ljubljana)
 - Leiden Journal of International Law (Leiden)
 - Review of International Studies (Cambridge)