

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Christina Seewald studied law in Graz and South Africa, at the Karl-Franzens University (KFU) and at Stellenbosch University (SUN). She now holds a diploma degree in law of the KFU and is specialised in international law and international relations. Christina's doctoral thesis deals with the EU's human rights clause from the perspective of international law and is supervised by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Erika de Wet, LL.M. (Harvard) as well as Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kirsten Schmalenbach.

EXPERIENCE

Before joining the Institute of International Law and International Relations as a university assistant, Christina worked at the institute as a student assistant from 2017-2019. She further interned at the Austrian Embassy in Nairobi/Kenya in 2018 and absolved her legal court traineeship at various Austrian courts in 2019 and 2020. She also gained working insights in various law firms in Austria and Liechtenstein. As a university assistant, Christina today tutors on international law and co-coaches the KFU students for the Telders Moot Court Competition. At this moot court, the KFU secured a hard-fought podium position in 2021, ranking 2nd overall place ('highest overall scores').

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Christina received merit-based scholarships of the KFU in 2015 and 2016. In 2019, she ranked 3rd in the "Best of REWI Award", an award given each year to the top graduating students of the Faculty of Law. Besides, she also received the GRAWE high potential award.

PUBLICATIONS

For the European Yearbook on Human Rights, Christina reviewed various books in 2020, 2019 and 2018, most recently Hannah Russel's book 'The Use of Force and Article 2 of the ECHR in Light of European Conflicts'. During her time as an intern at the Austrian Embassy in Nairobi, she further conducted field research on the role of female engagement in the 2008 Kenyan Peace Process. This field research – essentially a portrait of a female mediator of Kenya's Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission – was published in Ursula Werther-Pietsch (ed.), 'Inclusive Peace – Frauen als Akteurinnen in Friedensprozessen'.

LANGUAGES

Christina is fluent in German (mother tongue), proficient in English (C1-C2) and advanced in French (B2/2+).