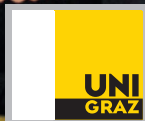


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## Welcome at REWI Graz

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

I am pleased to offer you an insight into research and teaching at REWI Graz.

While this brief overview does not do justice to the wide spectrum of the Faculty's activities, we selected to highlight aspects which truly represent what we strive for and who we are in the eyes of our students and colleagues:

a community of scholars committed to a tradition of academic openness, which equips us to address contemporary challenges and to foster legal scholarship that is built on the pillars of curiosity and diversity.

**Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christoph Bezemek**  
Dean







**Univ.-Prof. Dr. Eva Schulev-Steindl**  
Vice Dean and Dean of Research

### Space for Creativity and Networking of Scholars

Gone are the days of legal scholarship in the proverbial ivory tower of academia. It is much more open to practical, international and interdisciplinary pursuits. It thrives in a state-of-the-art environment, which fosters creativity, networking and support of legal scholars.

We offer this and much more: Curious, creative and open minds will find their home at REWI Graz!



**Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gabriele Schmölzer**  
Dean of Studies

### Internationality, interdisciplinarity and effective transfer of knowledge

The Faculty of Law offers a legal curriculum of exceptional breadth and depth, which treats legal doctrine and practical orientation as complementary rather than opposing elements of legal education. This approach ensures outstanding preparation of students for numerous career paths.

Internationality, interdisciplinarity and effective transfer of knowledge build the pillars of the ambitious goals the Faculty has set out to achieve.



### Facts & Figures

#### The University of Graz ...

- was founded in 1585
- has six faculties and
- 76 institutes
- employs 3,000 researchers
- has 31,000 students
- has a library with more than 4 million volumes and other media items

#### The Faculty of Law ...

- was founded in 1778
- employs more than 250 lecturers
- offers 800 courses in German and English each year
- has about 4,000 students  
... and cares about each one in particular

## Diploma Programme in Law at REWI Graz

The interdisciplinary and internationally focused Diploma Programme in Law offers a broad legal education of distinguished quality. In addition to scholarly excellence, the Programme places strong emphasis on practical relevance: The Faculty has a designated in-house moot court room, hosts regular internship fairs and employs many legal practitioners as part of the full-time and adjunct faculty.

Graduates of the Diploma Programme in Law acquire broad expertise not only on the core subjects of Austrian law – public law, private law and criminal law – but also on other legal disciplines, such as labour and social security law, fiscal law, insolvency law and corporate law. They obtain advanced knowledge in international dimensions of law, such as European Union law, international law and comparative law, and enjoy vast opportunities to specialize in diverse fields, such as IT law, business law, governance, human rights or conflict management.

Most importantly, graduates of the Diploma Programme in Law master the art of convincing argumentation, articulation of standpoints and effective communication. They excel at teamwork and boast excellent oral and writing skills. In addition, they acquire outstanding organizational abilities as well as the aptitude to apply their knowledge broadly and across disciplines.

Equipped with broad-range skills, our graduates are confident to face the challenges of the ever-changing world.

### HARD FACTS

**Duration:** 8 semesters

**ECTS:** 240

**Academic Degree:**  
Magister Juris (Mag.iur)

**Language:** German  
(a wide range of lectures is offered in English)





## Range of Studies

### Range of Studies at the Faculty of Law

- Diploma Programme in Law
- Bachelor Programme Business Law for technical professions
- Doctoral Programme in Law
  - Doctoral Programme Public Law and Political Science
  - Doctoral Programme European Private Law
  - Doctoral Programme Synergies in Business Law
- PhD Law and Politics

### Doctoral Programmes with participation of the Faculty of Law

- Doctoral Programme “Interdisciplinary Gender Studies”
- Doctoral Programme “Ancient Cultures of the Mediterranean World”
- Doctoral Programme “Collecting, Organizing and Mediating. The Habsburg Monarchy of the 18th Century in International Comparison”
- Doctoral Programme “Migration – Diversity – Global Society”
- Doctoral Programme “Human Rights and Democracy”

- Doctoral Programme “Comparative Analysis of Society in the International Context”
- Doctoral Programme “Culture – Text – Action”
- Doctoral Programme “Southeastern Europe”
- Doctoral Programme “Philosophy”
- Doctoral Programme “Visual Culture”
- Doctoral Programme “Human Factor in Digital Transformation”
- Doctoral Programme “Climate Change”

### Advanced Training Programmes

- LL.M. in Business Law
- LL.M. Corporate Restructuring
- Mediation, Negotiation, Communication & Conflict Management
- MBA Insurance
- European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA)
- European Regional Master in Human Rights and Democracy in South East Europe (ERMA)
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Law for Business Economists
- Security Administrator
- University Course for Insurance Studies

## Institutes

- Civil Law, Foreign Private Law and Private International Law
- Civil Procedure and Insolvency Law
- Corporate and International Commercial Law
- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law and Criminology
- European Law
- International Law and International Relations
- Labour Law and Social Security Law
- Public Law and Political Science
- Tax and Fiscal Law
- The Foundations of Law

## Centres

- European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of the University of Graz (UNI-ETC)
- Centre for East European Law and Eurasian Studies (CEELES)
- Centre of European Private Law (CEPL)
- Cross-faculty Centre for Southeast European Studies (CSEES)





## Graz: City of Human Rights

- UNESCO World Heritage
- City of Design
- 290,000 inhabitants, of which 65,000 are students
- contrast between historic old town and futuristic architecture
- wide range of (cultural) events and recreational activities
- most bicycle-friendly city in Austria
- Austria's capital city of delight
- first City of Human Rights in Europe
- Human Rights Council
- Department of Integration
- Antidiscrimination Office Styria
- European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy – ETC Graz

## Centre for Human Rights – Uni-ETC

The European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of the University of Graz (UNI-ETC), established in 2009, undertakes and offers interdisciplinary teaching and research in human rights and democracy. It is the focal point for questions on human rights at the University of Graz and since 2016 hosts the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security.

The centre is active in the research core area Human Rights, Democracy, Diversity and Gender, coordinates the interdisciplinary doctoral programme Human Rights, Democracy, Diversity and Gender at the university and participates in international research and higher education cooperation programmes and networks.

Among the research areas of the centre are human rights education, human rights in the EU, globalisation, democratisation, human rights in Southeast Europe, human rights at the local level, peace and security as well as migration and refugee law.



### Internationality ...

Law is inherently bound by linguistic and geographical constraints. Legal scholarship is, however, not confined to the borders of the national state, in particular when it explores fundamental questions crossing the boundaries of a single legal order.

In this regard, REWI Graz embodies a long and living tradition of scholarship which approaches questions of national law by venturing also beyond the Austrian legal tradition. Our commitment to internationality rests on the notion that openness for the unknown is a prerequisite for academic progress. In our cross-border

research, we rely on a wide network of partner institutions on six continents, which lends a global perspective to scholarship conducted at the heart of Europe.

At REWI Graz, law encompasses far more than the mere knowledge of legal provisions or court judgments. On the contrary, law is mindful of social phenomena and technical progress, observing their impact on scholarship with great curiosity. Open to new perspectives and attuned to the knowledge rooted in other disciplines, the scholarship at the Faculty is inherently interdisciplinary.



### ... Interdisciplinarity

Accordingly, the research and teaching activities at REWI Graz are guided by the awareness that in-depth knowledge of legal regulation is an essential but not the only prerequisite for interdisciplinary-oriented legal scholarship.

The Faculty fosters interdisciplinarity through research profiles dedicated to Climate Change, Smart Regulation as well as Dimensions of Europeanisation.

These fields of excellence explore the major questions of today: What is the role of law in addressing the challenges of climate change?

How much regulation does the digital revolution need? How much legal integration is needed to foster the political integration in Europe?

In pursuit of these challenges, the scholars at REWI Graz draw on the findings of natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, mindful of the notion that only applied interdisciplinarity lives up to the ideal of law as an inclusive and receptive discipline.



## Research at the Faculty of Law

At REWI Graz, Austrian and international scholars find an inspiring work environment designed to accommodate a broad range of academic interests. The Faculty is actively involved in the University's fields of excellence, which are distinguished by outstanding results, international success and societal relevance.

These research profiles – Smart Regulation, Climate Change, and Dimensions of Europeanisation – bring together scholars of various disciplines to investigate pressing issues and develop viable strategies to tackle them.

This approach is reflected in the scholarly output of the Faculty, which encompasses not only countless legal publications but also numerous interdisciplinary projects with national and international partners.

Supported by a team of project management professionals, between 2014 and 2019 alone the Faculty implemented 76 research projects in cooperation with other faculties, universities and partners from the practice.



**Bernd Wieser**

Institute of Public Law and  
Political Science and Russian,  
Centre for East European Law  
and Eurasian Studies

**Is democracy on its way out?**

**When can we get by without going to court?**

**Bettina Nunner-Krautgasser**  
Institute of Civil Procedure and  
Insolvency Law

**Can financial failure be re-deemed?**

**Sascha Ferz**  
Institute of the Foundations  
of Law

## Research Topics

**How does law make history?**

**Brigitta Lurger**  
Institute of Civil Law, Foreign  
Private Law and Private International Law

**Do Bitcoins undermine the government?**

**Anita Ziegerhofer**  
Institute of the Foundations  
of Law

**How does psychology support consumer protection?**

**Tina Ehrke-Rabel**  
Institute of Tax and Fiscal Law



### How intelligent can rules be?

#### Smart Regulation

Excellence in research is achieved through exploring socially significant and future-oriented topics. The Faculty engages in interdisciplinary and inter-faculty cooperation as well as international research networks, thus contributing to the research profile dedicated to smart regulation.

Rapid technological innovation creates disruption in the prevailing legal, economic and social environment. Technological advancement raises new questions about the present and future models of governance, behavior control and the creation of incentives aimed at steering the decision-making of individuals, companies, and the society as a whole.

This research profile is devoted to topics such as:

- Development and adjustment of a legal framework for innovative technologies
- The impact of new information technologies on company management, incentive setting, contracts, markets and tax rates
- Creation and implementation of innovative mechanisms of regulation and governance

The underlying legal, economic and ethical challenges linked to innovative technologies and emerging approaches to regulation are scrutinized in close cooperation with research partners.

#### Climate Change

Disciplines such as normative theory and environmental law, innovation and sustainability research, climate and environmental economics, biology, organic and bioorganic chemistry, meteorology and earth sciences as well as physical climatology join forces to study the impact of climate change. Their findings expand the understanding of uncertainties, risks and opportunities relating to climate change, in particular with regard to critical tipping points and thresholds whose crossing may threaten the survival of various systems. In 2020, the Research Center for Climate Law (ClimLaw:Graz) was founded as a part of the interdisciplinary Field of Excellence „Climate Change Graz“.

### How much fever does the Earth have and how can we lower it?

### How does Europe tick?

#### Dimensions of Europeanisation

Contemporary Southeast Europe has been shaped by a nearly two-century-old tradition of transfer of external institutions, laws, ideas, ideologies and cultural as well as economic models. Legal and political science perspectives on Europeanisation engage in a dialogue on this history of transfer in Southeast Europe.

## Promotion of young researchers

Promoting young researchers is a key objective of the Faculty of Law. It is implemented through well-structured doctoral programmes: doctoral students develop research concepts and enter into a dissertation agreement involving a timeline and work plan. Throughout their studies, doctoral students are guided by a team of professors, who ensure interdisciplinary academic exchange, facilitate international networking and participation in the scientific community, thus fostering essential transferable skills.

In particular, this multifaceted approach lies at the core of the doctoral programmes dedicated to Synergies in Business Law and Climate Change, which are part of the Doctoral Academy of the University of Graz.

To promote scientific excellence and state-of-the-art doctoral studies, the Faculty of Law has also adopted a strategy for promoting young researchers and established an ombudsperson for young researchers.

Early-Stage Researchers engage in high-potential research projects and benefit from diverse institutional frameworks dedicated to fostering a dialogue and cooperation between young scholars (Habilitation Forum, Conventions of Research Assistants and more). Outstanding young scholars are awarded scholarships, grants and prizes. Moreover, in recent years the Faculty established numerous tenure-track positions to guarantee continued scientific excellence in Graz.



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