

Curriculum Vitae

Sara K. Wissmann

Academic Education

PhD Candidate – Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg – “The Creation of Intertemporality”

October 2021 – September 2025

Doctor iuris (*passed with distinction*, Paris Lodron University Salzburg 2025)

First supervisor: Prof. Dr Kirsten Schmalenbach

Second supervisor: Prof. Dr Alexander Proelß

Research Stay – University of Cambridge – Lauterpacht Centre for International Law

April 2025 – July 2025

Supported by the Funding Scholarship and the Grant for short-term, academic theses work abroad of the University of Salzburg

Research Stay – University of Technology Sydney – UNESCO Chair in International Law and Cultural Heritage (Prof. Ana Filipa Vrdoljak)

November 2023 – December 2023

Research Stay – Lund University

August 2019

Supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as a PROMOS scholarship holder

Participant in the 25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court

September 2017 – March 2018

Awards: ‘Eric E. Bergensten Award’ (Best Team Orals) and ‘Pieter Sanders Award’ (Best Memorandum for Claimant), participation in the final rounds ‘Round of 64’

Law Studies (Erasmus+) – Panthéon Sorbonne Paris 1

January 2017 – June 2017

Law Studies – Universität Hamburg

April 2014 – September 2021

‘Erstes Staatsexamen’ (9,04 Points, ‘voll befriedigend’)

Specialisation in Public International Law and European Union Law (13,16 Points, ‘gut’)

Higher Education Entrance Qualification – Erzbischöfliche Liebfrauenschule Bonn

Until June 2013 (final grade 1,2)

Work Experience

PostDoc – Prof. Dr Schmalenbach, Chair for Public International Law, Department for Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg

October 2025 – today

Research and teaching (“Public International Law”; “International Dimensions of the Law: Legal Basics and Methods”; “The Other in Public International Law: From Twitter Posts to Indigenous Peoples”)

Research Assistant – Prof. Dr Schmalenbach, Chair for Public International Law, Department for Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law, Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg

October 2021 – September 2025

Research and teaching (“International Dimensions of the Law: Legal Basics and Methods”; occasional substitute in the lecture on “Public International Law”); Representative of the mid-level faculty (academic staff) at the Department for Legal Theory, European Union and International Law, at the PLUS Faculty of Law and Economics

Student Assistant – Prof. Dr Alexander Proelß, Chair for International Law of the Sea and Environmental Law, International Public Law and National Public Law, Universität Hamburg

September 2019 – September 2021

Student Assistant – Dr Anne Dienelt, Institute for International Affairs, Universität Hamburg,

Union of the German Academies and Sciences
September 2018 – December 2021

Research Assistant – UN International Law Commission, Marja Lehto, ILC member,
Ambassador and Senior Expert at the Legal Service of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of
Finland

Mai 2019 – August 2019

Supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as a scholarship holder

Coach of the Netherlands International Law of the Sea Moot Court Team of the Universität
Hamburg– Prof. Dr Alexander Proelß

October 2018 – June 2020

Awards of the 2019/20 team: ‘Best Overall Team Score’, ‘Best Memorandum for the
Applicant’ and ‘Best Memorandum for the Respondent’

Awards of the 2018/19 team: ‘Best Overall Team Score’ and ‘Best Oral Argument for the
Applicant’

Internships

Trainee at the Administrative Court– Sabine Haase, President, Hamburg
September 2018

Trainee in the legal field ‘Intellectual Property’ – Rübben & Partner, Berlin
August – October 2015

Trainee Design Assistant – Magdalena Duma, Sydney
September 2013 – March 2014

Voluntary Commitment

Legal Team member of the non-governmental civilian sea rescue organisation Sea-Eye
December 2020 – today

Organiser of the University of Hamburg Willem C. Vis International Pre-Moot Court
(‘Breakfast Rounds’)
April 2018 – April 2019

Volunteer employee of the Social and Cultural Project ‘Les Grands Voisins’, Paris
February 2017 – September 2017

Mentor for Erasmus Students at the ‘Buddy Net Hamburg’
February 2015 – October 2019

Memberships

International Law Association (ILA) Austrian Branch
October 2025 - today

European Society of International Law (ESIL)
January 2024 – today

Arbeitskreis junger VölkerrechtswissenschaftlerInnen (AjV)
September 2023 – today

Language Skills

German (Mother tongue)
English (fluent, Cambridge Level C2)
French (fluent, Delf Level C1)
Dutch (Beginner, A1)

Publications

‘The Unconscious Judicial Creation of General Principles of International Law: A Case Study on the Principle of
Intertemporality’

Netherlands Yearbook of International Law, Vol. 45 (2025), p. tbd (*accepted*)

‘Berlin Techno Goes Intangible Cultural Heritage: Modern Music, the Cultural Appropriation Debate, and the
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination’

Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, Vol. 42(2)/2024, p. 195-217

- ‘The Draft International Convention on the Right to Development and Its Implications for Cooperation in Global Health Crises’
Law and Development Review, Vol. 17(2)/2024, p. 417-451
- ‘Port State Control of Civilian Search and Rescue Vessels before the European Court of Justice: The Sea-Watch Cases’
The International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law, Vol. 39/2023, p. 179-190
Co-authored by Valentin Schatz
- ‘Seenotrettung? Klare Antworten aus erster Hand’
1st edition 2023, utb, Munich
Co-authored by Nassim Madjidian
- ‘Good Things Come to Those Who Wait? The Joint Reconciliation Declaration of Germany and Namibia for the Herero and Nama Genocide’
German Yearbook of International Law. 64 (2021), p. 511-528
Co-authored by Julius Adler
- ‘Vom Winde verweht (Übungsfall im Immissionsschutzrecht)’
Verwaltungsrechtschau, Vol. 9/2021, p. 312-317
Co-authored by Valentin Schatz
- ‘Das europäische System der Hafenstaatkontrolle vor dem EuGH: Eine Anmerkung zu den Vorabentscheidungsverfahren in den Rechtssachen C-14/21 und C-15/21 – Sea Watch’
Recht der Transportwirtschaft, Vol. 7/2021, p. 269–273
Co-authored by Valentin Schatz and Annika Fischer-Uebler
- ‘Hidden Figures: Internationale Moot Courts aus der Coaching Perspektive’
Zeitschrift für Didaktik der Rechtswissenschaft, Vol. 1/2020, p. 49–59
Co-authored by Alina Funk
- ‘Sometimes Goodbyes Are Not Forever: Japan’s Withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling’
Ocean Yearbook, Vol. 34, 2020, p. 164-187
Co-authored by Maurus Wollensak
- ‘International Conference (2019): ‘25 Years of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea’
Zeitschrift für Europäisches Umwelt- und Planungsrecht, Vol. 4, p. 565–572
Co-authored by Valentin Schatz and Robert Steenkamp
- ‘International Workshop (2019): ‘The LOSC 25 Years After its Entry into Force: Between Comprehensiveness and Exceptionalism’
Zeitschrift für Europäisches Umwelt- und Planungsrecht, Heft 4, S. 573–578
Co-authored by Valentin Schatz
- ‘Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict – Beyond the ILC’. A Workshop Report’
Humanitäres Völkerrecht (HuV), 2019 Vol. 2, Issue 1–2, p. 111–114
Co-authored by Zabrina Welter
- ‘Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict – Beyond the ILC’. A Workshop Report from the International Environmental Law Perspective’
Europäisches Umwelt- und Planungsrecht (EurUP), 2019 Vol. 17, Issue 2, p. 268–272
Co-authored by Ammar Bustami

Editorials

- ‘Kultur(en) im Völkerrecht’
ZöR (Austrian Journal of Public Law) Vol. 80 No. 1 Special Issue 2025
External Special Issue Editor together with Kirsten Schmalenbach
- ‘Progress in International Law: A Cursed Relationship?’
ZaöRV (Heidelberg Journal of International Law) Special Issue 2024/4

External Special Issue Editor together with Alexander Holzer, Lisa Kujus, Rebecca Kruse, Júlia Miklasová, Jasper Mührel, Paula Rhein-Fischer, Lorenz Wielenga

‘Enhancing the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts – the Draft Principles of the International Law Commission and Beyond’

GoJil Special Issue Vol. 10 No. 1 (2020)

External Student Editor together with Anne Dienelt, Britta Sjöstedt and Amanda Bills

Blogposts

‘Elisabeth Mann Borgese: Mother of the Oceans’

in: Verfassungsblog 2025

“Introducing the Symposium ‘Progress and International Law: A Cursed Relationship?’”

together with Alexander Holzer, Lisa Kujus, Rebecca Kruse, Júlia Miklasová, Jasper Mührel, Paula Rhein-Fischer, Lorenz Wielenga, in: Völkerrechtsblog 2023

“‘Even the Eagle does not fly higher than the Sun’ A critical Analysis of the Russian Draft Agreement submitted to NATO Member States’

Co-authored by Kirsten Schmalenbach, in: Völkerrechtsblog 2022

Presentations

‘Before Reconstruction: Deconstructing the Prayer of Intertemporality’

8-9 Dezember 2025, Symposium on Decolonizing International Law: Part 2, Global South Rising: Towards Equity, Justice, and Decolonizing International Law, University of Pretoria (*online*)

11-13 September 2025, Reconstructing International Law, 20th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law, FU Berlin

‘The ICJ and the Principle of Intertemporality: Rhetorical Fig Leaf or Realisable Promise?’

8-9 September 2025, The International Court of Justice at 80, University of Glasgow

‘The Principle of Intertemporality’s Construction and Maintenance Through Discursive Practice’

3 July 2025, University of Cambridge, Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law, Internal Visitor Presentation

‘The role of judicial decisions and teachings in the creation of the general principles of law’

23-24 Juni 2025, General Principles of Law Beyond State Recognition: Adjusting to the 21st Century, HIAS Hamburg

‘The Draft International Convention on the Right to Development and Its Implications for Cooperation in Global Health Crises’

8-9 December 2023, Singapore University, 2023 Law and Development Conference: Law and Development Post the Pandemic

‘Berlin Techno Goes Intangible Cultural Heritage: the Cultural Appropriation Debate, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination’

24 November 2023, Sydney, UNSW International Law Junior Scholar Workshop

‘Berlin Techno Goes Intangible Cultural Heritage: Modern Music and the Cultural Appropriation Debate in the Context of Human Rights’

18 November 2022, Salzburg, Colloquium of the Department of Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law in celebration of Prof. Dr Kirste

‘Die rechtlichen Rahmenbedingungen der (zivilen) Seenotrettung’

14 Mai 2022, Halle, Sea Eye Academy

‘Völkerrechtliche Fragen und Antworten zum Ukraine Konflikt’

Organised Conferences/Workshops

‘General Principles of Law Beyond State Recognition: Adjusting to the 21st Century’

23-24 June 2025, HIAS Hamburg, Germany
together with Kirsten Schmalenbach

‘Kultur(en) im Völkerrecht’ (47th Austrian ‘Völkerrechtstag’)

6-8 June 2024, Mozarthaus St. Gilgen, Austria
together with Kirsten Schmalenbach; chair position
(acquired funding: 26.905€)

‘Progress in International Law: A Cursed Relationship’ (AjV/DGIR Conference)

22-23 September 2023, Cologne, Academy for Human Rights
together with Alexander Holzer, Lisa Kujus, Júlia Miklasová, Rebecca Kruse, Jasper Mührel, Paula Rhein-Fischer, and Lorenz Wielenga; chair position
(acquired funding: 31.620€)

‘Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict – A First Evaluation of the ILC’s Draft Principles’

6 November 2019, New York, United Nations Headquarters
as the student assistant to Anne Dienelt

‘25 Years United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea’ Conference

17-18 October 2019, Hamburg, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
as the student assistant to Alexander Proelß

‘The LOSC 25 Years After its Entry into Force: Between Comprehensiveness and Exceptionalism’

24 September 2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus
as the student assistant to Alexander Proelß

‘3rd Biennale Hamburg Young Scholars’ Workshop in International Law’

20-21 September 2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus
as the student assistant to Anne Dienelt

‘Workshop on Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts – Beyond the ILC’

7-8 March 2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus
as the student assistant to Anne Dienelt

External Teaching

‘Intangible Cultural Heritage and Cultural Appropriation’

University of Hamburg International Law + Summer School on ‘Bringing together Global North and Global South’
Voices, 6-12 September 2024 (Supported by ERASMUS+ via Teaching Staff Mobility)

Other

‘Lorenz-Wielenga-Award’ – Award Committee Member 2025

‘Elisabeth Mann Borgese’ – Outstanding Women in International and European Law
Short Portrait for calendar no. 4 (2025) by the University of Hamburg