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Public International Law & IHL Researcher | Research Fellow & PhD Candidate

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## PROFILE

International law scholar and PhD candidate focused on international humanitarian law, international criminal law, ICJ jurisdiction/compliance, human rights, asylum law and UN compensation law for peacekeeping missions.

## CORE EXPERTISE

- Public international law
- International humanitarian & criminal law
- ICJ jurisdiction and compliance
- Human rights, migration & asylum law
- Legal research, briefs & publications
- Conference and project outputs

## LANGUAGES

- German - mother tongue
- English - business fluent
- Spanish - intermediate
- Dutch – basic

## AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

- Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung academic scholarship for outstanding achievement and political activism (funded bachelors/master's Degrees)
- 1st place, Dr. Kırmılı Dr. Aziz Bey IHL Competition, Istanbul (2024) organized by the Red Crescent and the Istanbul Center for International Law.
- Coach, University of Groningen delegation, Frits Kalshoven IHL Competition (2024/25), Participant in the edition before.
- Presented academic work at Leuphana University Lüneburg, Hertie-School Berlin, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, TMC Asser Institute and University of the Bundeswehr München.

## EARLIER WORK

Freelance workshop speaker, video- and photographer in political/NGO contexts (2017-2025); election campaign assistance and political voluntary service with the Green Party in Lower Saxony.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### 09/2025-present Paris Lodron University Salzburg - Research Fellow & PhD Candidate | Salzburg, Austria

PhD candidate and former legal research project associate on the FWF-funded project "UN Compensation Law for Peacekeeping Missions".

### 04/2025-05/2025 Peace Palace Library - Visiting Researcher | The Hague

Completed a research stay using leading international law collections; drafted forthcoming book chapters, prepared a conference paper and co-authored research blog submissions.

### 10/2024-04/2025 T.M.C. Asser Instituut - Research Trainee | The Hague

Produced IHL/ICL legal briefs and project outputs for "Strengthening Ukraine's Capacity to Investigate and Prosecute International Crimes"; supported conferences and the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law.

### 03/2018-01/2025 German Federal Parliament - Office of Filiz Polat, MoP | Berlin

Conducted research on constitutional, migration and asylum law, PACE meetings, minority rights and citizenship law.

## EDUCATION

### 10/2025 - now Doctor iuris Candidate (PhD equiv.) in Public International Law | University of Salzburg

Dissertation project: "From Rulings to Reality – Compliance with the International Court of Justice".

### 2024 LL.M. in Public International Law, cum laude | Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Thesis in international law, grade 9.5/10.

### 2023 Double Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science | Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Thesis in international law, grade 1.3.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Drößler, Took & Lefkidou, Year in Review 2024, Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law Vol. 27, Asser Press/Springer (forthcoming 2026).
- Drößler & Kwik, "Hague We Have A Problem: What Law Applies When the Alien Worldship Attacks?", Völkerrechtsblog (14 Jan 2026).
- Drößler & Patassy, "Grey's Autonomy: Spiritual Access without Patient Consent and Proselytism under Article 9 ECHR", Verfassungsblog (25 Nov 2025).
- Drößler & Leotta, "Where Law Ends, Harm Begins: The Human Rights Failure of Germany's Pushback Regime", Völkerrechtsblog (23 Jul 2025).
- Drößler & Patassy, "Doctors Under Duress: Slovakia's 'Forced Labour' Law?", Human Rights Here / T.M.C. Asser Institute (10 Mar 2025).

## SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Conflict and Security Law (Oxford University Press, since 2026)
- Educational certificates: Dr. Kırmılı Dr. Aziz Bey IHL summer school on occupation law (2024); Asser Institute/SIPRI course on AI-driven military technologies (2025).