

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education

- 10/2021 – 09/2025 **Doctor iuris** (Doctoral degree in law, *passed with distinction*) – University of Salzburg
Title: ‘The Creation of Intertemporality: Unearthing a General Principle of International Law’
- 04/2014 – 09/2021 **First States Exam** (law degree, equivalent to combined LLB and LLM program, passed with 9,04 points, ‘voll befriedigend’) – University of Hamburg
Specialisation in Public International Law and European Union Law (equivalent to one-year LLM program, passed with 13,16 points, ‘gut’)

Research Stays

- 04/2025 – 07/2025 **University of Cambridge** – Lauterpacht Centre for International Law
- 11/2023 – 12/2023 **University of Technology Sydney** – UNESCO Chair in International Law and Cultural Heritage
- 08/2019 **Lund University** – Department of Public International Law

Other Academic Education

- 07/2026 **The Hague Academy** of International Law Summer Courses on Public International Law
- 09/2017 – 03/2018 25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration **Moot Court**
- 01/2017 – 06/2017 **Erasmus+** – Panthéon Sorbonne Paris 1, Law

Academic Work Experience

- 10/2025 – present **Postdoctoral Researcher** – Public International Law, Department for Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law, University of Salzburg
- 10/2021 – 09/2025 **Research Assistant** – Public International Law, Department for Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law, University of Salzburg
- 09/2019 – 09/2021 **Student Assistant** – Law of the Sea and International Environmental Law, International Public Law and National Public Law, University of Hamburg
- 05/2019 – 08/2019 **Research Assistant** – United Nations International Law Commission
- 09/2018 – 12/2021 **Student Assistant** – Institute for International Affairs, University of Hamburg, Union of the German Academies and Sciences

Teaching

- 04/2026 – present **Völkerrecht II** (Public International Law II)
University of Salzburg (3 ECTS; mandatory course; approx. 25 students on LLM level; student evaluation scores SS 26 available upon request)
- 04/2026 – present **The Other in Public International Law: From Twitter Posts to Indigenous Peoples**
University of Salzburg (4 ECTS; elective course taught in English; students on LLB and LLM level; student evaluation scores SS 26 available upon request)
- 10/2025 – present **Völkerrecht I** (Public International Law I)
University of Salzburg (4.5 ECTS; mandatory course; approx. 25 students on LLM level; student evaluation scores WS 25-26 available upon request)
- 10/2022 – present **Internationale und europäische Dimensionen des Rechts: Grundlagen und Methoden** (International and European Dimensions of Law: Legal Basics and Methods)
University of Salzburg (5 ECTS; mandatory course; approx. 60 students on LLB level; student evaluation scores SS 23, WS 23-24, and SS 24 available upon request)
- 6-12/09/2024 **Intangible Cultural Heritage and Cultural Appropriation**
University of Hamburg International Law + Summer School on ‘Bringing together Global North and Global South’ Voices (elective course taught in English; approx. 40 students on LLM level)
- 10/2018 – 06/2020 **Moot Court Coach** for the Netherlands International Law of the Sea Moot Court Team
University of Hamburg (elective course; 4 students on LLM level)

Publications and Other Academic Activities

Monographs

1. **'Seenotrettung? Klare Antworten aus erster Hand'**
1st edition 2023, utb, Munich
Co-authored by Nassim Madjidian

Journal Articles

2. **'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'** (*peer-reviewed*)
Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, Vol. 42(2)/2024, p. 195-217
3. **'The Draft International Convention on the Right to Development and Its Implications for Cooperation in Global Health Crises'** (*peer-reviewed*)
Law and Development Review, Vol. 17(2)/2024, p. 417-451
4. **'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 (with Valentin Schatz)
5. **'Vom Winde verweht (Übungsfall im Immissionsschutzrecht)'**
Verwaltungsrundschau, Vol. 9/2021, p. 312-317 (with Valentin Schatz)
6. **'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 (with Valentin Schatz and Annika Fischer-Uebler)
7. **'Hidden Figures: Internationale Moot Courts aus der Coaching Perspektive'**
Zeitschrift für Didaktik der Rechtswissenschaft, Vol. 1/2020, p. 49–59 (with Alina Funk)
8. **'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 (with Valentin Schatz and Robert Steenkamp)
9. **'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 (with Valentin Schatz)
10. **'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 (with Zabrina Welter)
11. **'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 (with Ammar Bustami)

Contributions to Edited Volumes

12. **'Good Things Come to Those Who Wait? The Joint Reconciliation Declaration of Germany and Namibia for the Herero and Nama Genocide'** (*peer reviewed*)
German Yearbook of International Law. 64 (2021), p. 511-528 (with Julius Adler)
13. **'Sometimes Goodbyes Are Not Forever: Japan's Withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling'** (*peer-reviewed*)
Ocean Yearbook, Vol. 34, 2020, p. 164-187 (with Maurus Wollensak)

Editorials

14. **'Kultur(en) im Völkerrecht'**
ZÖR (Austrian Journal of Public Law) Vol. 80 No. 1 Special Issue 2025
External Special Issue Editor (with Kirsten Schmalenbach)
15. **'Progress in International Law: A Cursed Relationship?'** (*peer-reviewed*)
ZaöRV (Heidelberg Journal of International Law) Special Issue 2024/4
External Special Issue Editor (with Alexander Holzer, Lisa Kujus, Rebecca Kruse, Júlia Miklasová, Jasper Mührel, Paula Rhein-Fischer, Lorenz Wielenga)

16. **'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 (with Anne Dienelt, Britta Sjöstedt and Amanda Bills)

Blogposts

17. **'Elisabeth Mann Borgese: Mother of the Oceans'**

Verfassungsblog 2025

18. **"Introducing the Symposium 'Progress and International Law: A Cursed Relationship?'"** (*peer-reviewed*)

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

19. **"'Even the Eagle does not fly higher than the Sun' A critical Analysis of the Russian Draft Agreement submitted to NATO Member States"** (*peer-reviewed*)

Völkerrechtsblog 2022 (with Kirsten Schmalenbach)

Other

20. **'Elisabeth Mann Borgese' – Outstanding Women in International and European Law**

Short Portrait for calendar no. 4 (2025) by the University of Hamburg

Work in Progress

21. **'The Unconscious Judicial Creation of General Principles of International Law: A Case Study on the Principle of Intertemporality'** (*peer-reviewed*) Netherlands Yearbook of International Law, Vol. 45 (2025), p. tbd (*accepted – proof pages awaited*)

22. **'Reparatory justice for the trafficking in enslaved Africans: CERD's construction of "continuing breaches" in General Recommendation No. 40'** (*peer-reviewed*) African Human Rights Law Journal (*accepted – proof pages awaited*)

23. **'The Prayer of Intertemporality: Discursive Practice and Doctrinal Constraint in the Law of State Responsibility'** (*peer-reviewed*) European Journal of International Law (*accepted – proof pages awaited*)

24. **'Subsidiary Means and Structural Inequities: Diversity and Representation in the Identification and Determination of the General Principles of Law'** (*drafting stage*)

Presentations

25. **'Reparations for the transatlantic trade in Africans for chattel slavery: CERD's construction of "continuing breaches"'**

- 06-07/11/2026, Africa and the Challenge of Reparation in International Law, 15th Annual Conference of the African Society of International Law, Kigali, Rwanda (*planned*)
- 18/03/2026, International Law Round Table, University of Vienna

26. **'From Moral to Legal Debt? A Shifting Interpretive Field and Its Limits'**

10-12/05/2026, Fairness and International Law: across Space and Time | Workshop with Early-Career Scholars, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Walter Schücking Institute for International Law, and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Kiel, Germany

27. **'Before Reconstruction: Deconstructing the Prayer of Intertemporality'**

- 8-9/12/2025, Symposium on Decolonizing International Law: Part 2, Global South Rising: Towards Equity, Justice, and Decolonizing International Law, University of Pretoria (*online*)
- 11-13/09/2025, Reconstructing International Law, 20th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law, FU Berlin
- 3/07/2025, University of Cambridge, Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law, Internal Visitor Presentation

28. **'The ICJ and the Principle of Intertemporality: Rhetorical Fig Leaf or Realisable Promise?'**

8-9/09/2025, The International Court of Justice at 80, University of Glasgow

29. **'The role of judicial decisions and teachings in the creation of the general principles of law'**

23-24/06/2025, General Principles of Law Beyond State Recognition: Adjusting to the 21st Century, HIAS Hamburg

30. **'The Draft International Convention on the Right to Development and Its Implications for Cooperation in Global Health Crises'**
8-9/12/2023, Singapore University, 2023 Law and Development Conference: Law and Development Post the Pandemic
31. **'Berlin Techno Goes Intangible Cultural Heritage: the Cultural Appropriation Debate, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination'**
 - 24/11/2023, Sydney, UNSW International Law Junior Scholar Workshop
 - 18/11/2022, Salzburg, Colloquium of the Department of Legal Theory, European Union Law and Public International Law in celebration of Prof. Dr Kirste
32. **'Die rechtlichen Rahmenbedingungen der (zivilen) Seenotrettung'**
14/05/2022, Halle, Sea Eye Academy
33. **'Völkerrechtliche Fragen und Antworten zum Ukraine Konflikt'**
4/03/2022, Zoom Event Universität Salzburg, Moderation (available on Spotify: PLUSiuris episode 14)

Organised Conferences/Workshops

34. **'Institutional Capture of International Organisations'**
18-19/12/2025, University of Salzburg, Austria (with Kirsten Schmalenbach; chair position)
35. **'General Principles of Law Beyond State Recognition: Adjusting to the 21st Century'**
23-24/06/2025, HIAS Hamburg, Germany (with Kirsten Schmalenbach)
36. **'Kultur(en) im Völkerrecht' (47th Austrian 'Völkerrechtstag')**
6-8/06/2024, Mozarthaus St. Gilgen, Austria (with Kirsten Schmalenbach; chair position)
acquired funding: 26.905€
37. **'Progress in International Law: A Cursed Relationship' (AjV/DGIR Conference)**
22-23/09/2023, Cologne, Academy for Human Rights (with Alexander Holzer, Lisa Kujus, Júlia Miklasová, Rebecca Kruse, Jasper Mührel, Paula Rhein-Fischer, and Lorenz Wielenga; chair position)
acquired funding: 31.620€
38. **'Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict – A First Evaluation of the ILC's Draft Principles'**
6/11/2019, New York, United Nations Headquarters; as student assistant
39. **'25 Years United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea' Conference**
17-18/12/2019, Hamburg, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; as student assistant
40. **'The LOSC 25 Years After its Entry into Force: Between Comprehensiveness and Exceptionalism'**
24/09/2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus; as student assistant
41. **'3rd Biennale Hamburg Young Scholars' Workshop in International Law'**
20-21/09/2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus; as student assistant
42. **'Workshop on Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts – Beyond the ILC'**
7-8/03/2019, Hamburg, Aby Warburg Haus; as student assistant

Selected Academic and Voluntary Commitments

04/2026 – present	Family, Gender, Disability and Diversity Representative for the Department for Legal Theory, European Union and International Law, at the University of Salzburg
12/2025	Selection Committee Member – University of Salzburg Excellent Talents Program
11/2025	Award Committee Member – 'Lorenz-Wielenga-Award' (AjV)
10/2021 – 09/2025	Representative of the mid-level faculty (academic staff) at the Department for Legal Theory, European Union and International Law, at the University of Salzburg
12/2020 – present	Legal Team member of the non-governmental civilian sea rescue organisation Sea-Eye e.V.

Grants and Scholarships

2026	The Hague Academy of International Law (Merit-based scholarship)
2025	University of Salzburg scholarship for outstanding academic achievement
2025	University of Salzburg scholarship for the Promotion of Young Researchers (Research Grant for research stay at the Lauterpacht Centre)

2025	University of Salzburg Grant for short-term academic theses work abroad (Travel Grant for research stay at the Lauterpacht Centre)
2024	ERASMUS+ Teaching Staff Mobility (Travel Grant for external teaching at the University of Hamburg)
2019	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship (Travel Grant for position as research assistant at the ILC and research stay at Lund University)

Awards

2018	Eric E. Bergensten Award (Best Team Orals, Vis Moot Court)
2018	Pieter Sanders Award (Best Memorandum for Claimant, Vis Moot Court)

Memberships

10/2025 – present	International Law Association (ILA) Austrian Branch
01/2024 – present	European Society of International Law (ESIL)
09/2023 – present	Arbeitskreis junger VölkerrechtswissenschaftlerInnen (AjV ; founding member)

Language Skills

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