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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Apr. 2013 – May 2017	<i>Habilitation</i> *	University of Fribourg
Sep. 2009 – Jul. 2012	PhD in international law [†]	Graduate Institute, Geneva
Sep. 2003 – Apr. 2010	B.A. in translation studies (SP/RU → GE)	University of Innsbruck
Sep. 2007 – Jul. 2008	LL.M. in European Union law	College of Europe (Bruges)
Sep. 2002 – Mar. 2007	Magister iuris	University of Innsbruck
Sep. 2005 – Jul. 2006	Erasmus exchange year	IEP Sciences Po (Paris)

EMPLOYMENT

Since Sep. 2022	Legal advisor [‡]	Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
Since Mar. 2015	Titularprofessor [§] /Senior lecturer ^{**}	University of Fribourg
Jan. 2021 – Jan. 2022	Visiting professor	University of Ottawa
Jul. 2014 – Jan. 2022	Lecturer	Swiss Distance Learning University
Feb. – Jul. 2020	Guest lecturer ^{††}	University of Bern
Feb. 2015 – Jul. 2019	Visiting lecturer	University of St. Gallen
June 2017	Visiting Researcher	EUI Florence
Mar. – Apr. 2016	Visiting Researcher	Hebrew University Jerusalem
Jun. – Jul. 2015	Visiting Researcher	MPIL Heidelberg
Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2015	Post-doctoral researcher	University of Fribourg
Oct. 2011 – Jul. 2012	Visiting researcher	University of Michigan
Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2011	SNSF project-funded researcher	University of Fribourg
Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2009	Teaching assistant	College of Europe (Bruges)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Representative of the Association of the non-professorial teaching staff in the Commission on International Relations, University of Fribourg (2012-2017)

Representative of the Association of the non-professorial teaching staff in the Council of the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg (2015-2017)

External expert, PhD Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Basel (Sep. 2016)

Co-Master of the Moot (incl. fundraising), Regional Final, European Law Moot Court Competition (Feb. 2016, University of Fribourg)

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Feb. 2020 – Jul. 2021	Spark Grant SNSF (Nov. 2019)	99787 CHF
Mar./Oct. 2019	Conference funding (SNSF/ Fonds du Centenaire Unifr)	3000 CHF
Dec. 2018	Conference funding SNSF	4600 CHF
Mar. 2018	Publication grant SNSF	8000 CHF
2017-2018	Legal opinion on UNECE law	41000 CHF

* Highest academic qualification in German speaking academia; eligibility for full professorship; *venia legendi*: European law, international law and general public law.

[†] Date of PhD defence: 18 June 2012. Supervisor: Professor Joost Pauwelyn, Graduate Institute Geneva.

[‡] Since July 2023.

[§] 80 % position.

^{**} Lehr- und Forschungsrat/Maître d'enseignement et de recherche. Replacement of Professor Astrid Epiney during her tenure as rector. From Sep. 2022 onwards 20 % position.

^{††} Replacement of Professor Jörg Künzli for the spring term.

SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

Feb. 2020 – Jul. 2021 Dr. Izabela Skoczeń Senior researcher in Spark Grant

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Since 2010	International law and EU law courses, seminars and moot courts in English, French and German	University of Fribourg
2021 – 2022	Intensive course introduction to EU law, French	University of Ottawa
2014 – 2022	Master course international law, German	Swiss Distance Learning University
2020	Master course international law, German	University of Bern
2015 – 2019	Master course international law, English	University of St. Gallen
2008 – 2010	Tutorials on EU law	College of Europe (Bruges)

MEMBERSHIPS IN BOARDS AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Member, Editorial Board, European Forum, *European Papers* (since 2018)
Member, Editorial Board, *European Law Blog* (europeanlawblog.eu, since May 2012; associate member since 2022)
Member, National Board of Review (Switzerland), Telders International Law Moot Court Competition (2014 and 2015)
Review work (selection): *Oxford University Press, Hart Publishing, Routledge, Brill, European Law Review, Journal of International Dispute Settlement, Legal Issues of Economic Integration, Nordic Journal of International Law, International Journal of Language & Law*

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Co-President and Member of the Steering Committee, International Language & Law Association (2021-2023)
Member: European Society of International Law (ESIL); Society of International Economic Law; International Law Association; European Communities Studies Association Switzerland; Vereinigung der Deutschen Staatsrechtslehrer; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht; Österreichischer Völkerrechtstag; Österreichischer Europarechtstag

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES

Thematic area convenor and panel chair, International Language & Law Association General Conference (Sep. 2021, University of Alicante; Sep. 2023, University of Cracow)
(Co-)Organiser: International Language & Law Association Law Language & Law Talks Spring Series 2022 (online); Young European Law Scholars Conference (Feb. 2020, University of Salzburg); Workshop on law and language in EU and international law (May 2019, University of Fribourg, SNSF- and ESIL-sponsored); Workshop on Transatlantic Relations after the Mid-Term Elections (Nov. 2018, WTI Bern); BENEFRIC-Conference on EU external relations (May 2018, University of Fribourg)

PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

Shortlist positions in professorship applications;^{‡‡} special mention for conference paper (SIEL/PEPA Conference 2017, University of Tilburg); European Communities Studies Association Switzerland Best Article Prize 2015; Jean Nordmann Foundation Fellowship for a research stay (2015, University of Fribourg); grade *summa cum laude avec les felicitations du jury* for PhD manuscript (2012, Graduate Institute Geneva); Albert Gallatin Fellowship in International Affairs (2011, Graduate Institute Geneva); Scholarship for Young Researchers (2011, SNSF); runner-up for SIEL/CUP Essay Prize 2011; LL.M. *magna cum laude* (2008, College of Europe, 6th best result of the year); LL.M. Scholarship (2007, Austrian Exchange Service); grade *summa cum laude* for first year exams (2004, translation studies, University of Innsbruck); excellence scholarship for first year exam results (2003, law studies, University of Innsbruck).

^{‡‡} Ranked 1st of the list for an associate professorship at UWE Bristol (2023/declined for personal reasons); 2nd of the list at the University of Flensburg (2019), at the Swiss Distance Learning University (2020) and at the University of Basel (2022) and 3rd of the list at the University of Salzburg (2021).