

Curriculum Vitae

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Public international law scholar with *venia legendi* in Constitutional Law, European Law and Public International Law and prior experience as Full Professor of Public Economic Law, International Law and EU Law.

Research Profile

I am a scholar of public international law, public law, and European law, with particular expertise in international economic law and global governance. My research examines how legal systems respond to conditions of increasing interdependence, regulatory complexity, and sustainability challenges, with a particular focus on the democratic legitimacy and institutional design of internationalised legal orders.

My work addresses questions concerning the relationship between domestic constitutional systems and international legal authority, the governance of global collective action problems, and the role of legal institutions in mediating tensions between economic integration, sustainability, and democratic accountability. Methodologically, I combine doctrinal, comparative, and interdisciplinary approaches, drawing on public law, political economy, and governance scholarship.

I have published in international and European law on issues including international legal legitimacy, sustainability governance, trade and regulatory cooperation, proportionality in international law, and institutional responses to global interdependence.

Current Academic Appointments

Geneva Graduate Institute

Senior Researcher in International Law and Team Leader (Sept 2022–present)

- Scientific lead of SNSF Sinergia project (CHF 1.9 million) examining international legal and institutional responses to sustainability and distributive challenges arising from economic integration
- Conceptual responsibility for research design and publication strategy
- Leadership of interdisciplinary team (law, political science, economics)
- Coordination of international research collaboration

University of Zurich

Lecturer in International Trade Regulation (2021–present)

- Teaching in Master's and LLM programs (approx. 100 students annually)

Previous Academic Appointments

Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences, Zurich (part-time)

Chair of Public Economic Law, International Law and EU Law

Full Professor (Feb 2025–April 2026); Assistant Professor (June 2023–Jan 2025)

- Lead research and teaching in public international law, EU law, public economic law, and sustainability governance
- Developed institutional research profile in sustainability regulation
- Chair of the Research Commission and contributor to institutional strategy
- Supervision of research assistants and early career researchers

University of Lucerne

Lecturer and Senior Academic Assistant in Public Law (2016–2021)

- Teaching in public law, EU law, and law of sustainable development
- Contribution to curriculum development and academic administration

World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Lecturer and Research Fellow in International Economic and EU Law (2014–2016)

- Teaching and research in international economic law and trade policy

Doctoral Research Fellow in International Economic Law (2009–2014)

- Research in international economic law and trade policy

Visiting Positions

- DCU Brexit Institute, Dublin City University (2019)

Qualifications

Habilitation (*venia legendi*), Constitutional Law, European Law and Public International Law, University of Bern (2025)

Full Professor (extraordinary/part-time), Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences (2025)

Assistant Professor (extraordinary/part-time), Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences (2023)

PhD (Dr. iur.), International Economic Law, *summa cum laude*, University of Bern (2014)

Master of Arts Development Studies, University of Manchester (2009)

Master of Law, University of Bern (2008)

Bachelor of Law, University of Fribourg (2006)

Research and Publications

My research contributes to debates in public international law, international economic law, and European law, with particular emphasis on global governance, democratic legitimacy, sustainability, and institutional responses to transnational interdependence.

Key Publications (selected)

The Internationalisation of Law in Switzerland (Mohr Siebeck, 2026)

Developing Countries and Preferential Services Trade (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

"Addressing Negative Effects of Trade Liberalization", *World Trade Review* (2024)

"Capacity Building through Trade Relations", *Legal Issues of Economic Integration* (2026)

Democracy and Globalization (co-edited, Springer, 2021)

Sustainable Development in Swiss Law (co-edited, Stämpfli, 2025)

Current Research

- SNSF Sinergia Project: "Making Trade Agreements Work in the Service of Society"
- Normative Core of Sustainable Development in Customary International Law
- Law and Politics of Regulatory Complexity and Legitimacy

Teaching Experience

I have extensive experience in teaching law, including in interdisciplinary settings and to students without formal legal training. I teach foundational courses as well as specialised courses for Bachelor students, Master students, and students in LLM- or CAS-programs.

Core Areas

- Public International Law
- EU Law
- Public Law and Constitutional Governance
- International Economic Law
- International Environmental Law
- Law and Sustainable Development

Teaching Roles

- University of Lucerne & Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences (Public Law, EU Law and Public International Law)
- University of Bern (EU and International Economic Law)
- Zurich University of Applied Sciences (International Environmental Law)
- Geneva Graduate Institute & University of Lucerne (Law of Sustainable Development)
- University of Zurich & Andrassy University Budapest (International Trade Regulation)
- University of St. Gallen (Global Trade Policy)

Teaching for Non-Law Students

I have significant experience teaching law to students in political science, international relations, and policy programmes (University of Zurich, Geneva Graduate Institute, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, University of St. Gallen). My teaching focuses on making legal reasoning accessible and relevant by situating legal rules within broader political, institutional, and economic contexts.

Teaching Approach

My teaching is research-led and emphasises:

- critical and independent thinking
- interdisciplinary engagement
- application of legal reasoning to real-world policy challenges

Academic Leadership

- Chair, Research Commission, Kalaidos Law School (2023-2026)
- Scientific Lead, SNSF Sinergia Project (CHF 1.9 million) (2022–)

- Leadership of interdisciplinary international research teams
- Elected Senator, University of Lucerne (2018-2021)
- Organisation of international academic conferences and workshops

Supervision and Mentorship

- Supervision of over 35 Master's theses across institutions
- Supervision and mentoring of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers in public law, public international law, sustainability governance, and international economic law
- Mentor in mentoring programmes supporting early career researchers

Research Funding & Projects

- SNSF Sinergia Project (CHF 1.9 million), Team Leader
- Multiple competitively funded research projects (total funding > CHF 500'000)
- Principal Investigator of international research partnerships

Impact, Engagement and Knowledge Exchange

My work has a strong policy and societal impact, bridging academia, government, and civil society.

- Legal advisor to government bodies, parliaments, and international organisations (e.g. SECO, EU Delegation, ECOWAS)
- Contributions to public debate through media, expert reports, and policy advice
- Strategic litigation in constitutional law (Swiss Federal Supreme Court case BGE 140 I 305)
- Conciliator, OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (appointed by Switzerland)
- Member of Foundation Board, Swiss Foundation for Consumer Protection
- Founder of research-based consulting practice and academic co-founder of Swiss reg-tech start-up Besso

My work has been featured in national and European media and contributes to public debates on trade, democracy and sustainability.

Awards and Fellowships

- Prof. Walther Hug Prize (PhD)
- Associate Fellow, CISDL
- Non-resident Fellow, World Trade Institute

Professional Memberships

ESIL | SIEL | ICON-S | SVIR | Trade Experettes

Languages

German (Native) | English (C2) | French & Swedish (C1) | Spanish & Italian (B1)