

Curriculum Vitae

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Public law scholar with *venia legendi* in Constitutional Law, European Law and Public International Law. Leading expert in the internationalisation of law with a special focus on democracy, sustainability and global justice.

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 legal and institutional responses to sustainability and distributive challenges arising from trade liberalization
- Conceptual responsibility for research design and publication strategy
- Leadership of interdisciplinary team (law, political science, economics)
- Coordination of international research collaboration (collaborations, workshops, funding)

University of Zurich

Lecturer in International Trade Regulation (2021–present)

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

Zurich University of Applied Sciences

Lecturer in International Environmental Law (2024–present)

- Teaching in CAS program (approx. 20 students annually)

Previous Academic Appointments

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

Chair of Public Economic Law, International Law and EU Law (2023–2026)

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

- Teaching in Master's and Bachelor's programs international law, EU law, public economic law, and sustainability governance
- Development of institutional research profile in sustainability regulation
- Chair of the Research Commission and contributor to the institutional research strategy
- Supervision of research assistants and early career researchers

University of Lucerne

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

- Teaching in Master's and Bachelor's programs constitutional law, administrative law, EU law, and law of sustainable development
- Contribution to curriculum development and academic administration, so-supervision of Master and the PhD theses

DCU Brexit Institute, Dublin City University

PostDoc Researcher in EU Law and Bilateral Relations (2019)

- Research in third country integration in the EU market and in the regulatory emancipation of the UK from the EU
- Maintenance of the Institute's Blog

World Trade Institute, University of Bern

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

- Research in the impact of trade liberalisation on democracy and in the underutilisation of trade preferences in services trade agreements
- Teaching in Master's and Bachelor's programs, as well as in LLM programs (MILE) EU law and international economic law

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

- Research in international economic law (focus on GATS), and in the role of law in fostering sustainable economic growth in developing economies

Academic Qualifications

Habilitation (2018–2025)

- Award of the academic title Privatdozentin (PD) and the *venia legendi* in Constitutional Law, European Law and Public International Law, by the Law Faculty of the University of Bern, April 2025

PhD (2009–2014)

- PhD (Dr. iur.) in International Economic Law, *summa cum laude*, World Trade Institute of the University of Bern, May 2014

University Studies (2003–2009)

- Master of Arts Development Studies, University of Manchester, July 2009
- Master of Law, International and European Law, University of Bern, July 2008
- Bachelor of Law, University of Fribourg, July 2006

Research and Publications

In an interdependent world characterised by increasing regulatory complexity, I am interested in the role law plays in democracy, sustainability and global justice. As evidenced in my publications, I have acquired extensive knowledge in the matter in over 16 years of related legal research.

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)

On-going Research Projects

Primary research methods: empirical legal research and legal theory

- SNSF Sinergia Project: "Making Trade Agreements Work in the Service of Society"
- Normative Core of Sustainable Development in Customary International Law
- Conception of the Human Person in Law
- Comparative legal study on the impact on state order of the internationalisation of law
- Design of Lawmaking Processes (in collaboration with political sciences)

Teaching Experience

I have more than 12 years of 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- and CAS programs.

Core Areas

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

Teaching Roles

- University of Lucerne & Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences: Swiss Public Law, Swiss Public Economic Law, EU Law and Public International Law
- University of Bern: EU Law 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 Approach

- Emphasis on critical and independent thinking
- Interdisciplinary, research-led engagement and inter-active learning units
- Application of legal reasoning to real-world policy challenges

Academic Leadership

Academic self-governance and research leadership

- Chair, Research Commission, Kalaidos Law School (2023-2026): defining research priorities, deciding on research funding request, supervising funded research projects
- Scientific Lead, SNSF Sinergia Project (CHF 1.9 million) (2022–): allocating funding, defining research and outreach priorities, reviewing research output (incl. PhD theses), reporting
- Leadership of interdisciplinary international research teams and of disciplinary domestic research teams (2023–): acquiring funding as PI, allocating funding, defining research priorities, executing research strategy, delivering research output, reporting

- Elected Senator, University of Lucerne (2018-2021): representing the interests of non-professorial academic staff in the Senate of University of Lucerne
- Organisation of international academic conferences and workshops, founding of academic platforms (2016–): Organiser of conference panels and international workshops resulting in edited volumes and special issues addressing various aspects of the internationalisation of law, founder of two academic platforms devoted to legal research in sustainable development

Supervision and Mentorship

Trained in non-violent communication, with extensive coaching experience

- Supervision of more than 40 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

Multiple competitively funded research projects (total funding > CHF 500'000)

- Trade Packages: SNSF Sinergia Project (CHF 1.9 million) (Team Leader)
- Sustainable Development in Swiss Law: domestic disciplinary research project (PI)
- Law and Policy of Sustainable Trade in Europe and Latin America: International interdisciplinary research partnership (PI)

Pending

- Applied interdisciplinary empirical legal and machine learning research in SPS and trade-related sustainability standards: research collaboration between University of Zurich, ETH Zurich and private sector (PI)
- Trainings for Members of Parliament in internationalisation in lawmaking processes: based at University of Zurich, in collaboration with Bern-based communication agency

Impact, Engagement and Knowledge Exchange

My work has a strong policy and societal impact, bridging academia, government, and civil society. It has been featured in national and European media and contributes to public debates on trade, democracy and sustainability.

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

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)