

Curriculum vitae

Current positions

- Since 04/2026 Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and Public International Law, Heidelberg (part time; full time from 1 September 2026 onwards)
- Since 10/2016 Professor of Public and International Law, Department of Law, Freie Universität Berlin

Academic appointments

- 12/2025 Offer of a position as Scientific Member and Director of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law, Heidelberg (accepted)
- 12/2023 Offer of a W3 professorship for public law and international law at the Department of Law, Freie Universität Berlin (accepted)
- 08/2022 Offer of a W3 professorship for public law with an international focus at the Faculty of Law, Leibniz University Hannover (declined)
- 06/2016 Offer of a W2 professorship for public law and international law at the Department of Law, Freie Universität Berlin (accepted)
- Summer term 2016 Visiting professor (*Lehrstuhlvertretung*), Department of Law, University of Konstanz
- 11/2009-03/2016 Senior Research Fellow at the Chair for Public Law, Public International Law and EU Law, Faculty of Law, Humboldt University of Berlin (Prof. Dr. Georg Nolte)
- 01-10/2009 Research Fellow at the Chair for International Law and Human Rights, University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich (Prof. Dr. Bardo Fassbender)
- 02-2006-12/2008 Research Fellow at the Chair for Public Law, Public International Law and EU Law, Faculty of Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Prof. Dr. Georg Nolte)

Research stays, visiting professorships and honorary positions abroad

- 11/2025-11/2027 Visiting Professor, SMU Urban Institute, Singapore Management University
- 04/2024 Visiting Professor, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, USA, Centre for the Study of Metropolitan Growth

03/2024	Visiting Professor, Buchmann Faculty of Law, University of Tel Aviv
03-04/2022	Professeur invité, Institut des hautes études internationales, Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas
Since 2019	Fellow, South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
10/2014-03/2015	Visiting Scholar, Melbourne Law School, Institute for International Law and the Humanities
09-12/2008	Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge

Education

01/2016	“Habilitation” at Faculty of Law, Humboldt University Berlin, <i>venia legendi</i> for Public Law, Public International Law, EU Law and Comparative Law
05/2011	Second State Examination in Law, Munich
12/2009	Dr. jur., Humboldt University Berlin, <i>summa cum laude</i> “Complicit States in International Law” Examiners: Prof. Dr. Georg Nolte, Prof. Dr. Christian Tomuschat
08/2007	Hague Academy of International Law, Public International Law Session
12/2005	First State Examination in Law, Göttingen
10/2000-12/2005	Law Studies at the Universities of Göttingen and Paris XII (2002/2003)

Awards and Scholarships

2022	ESIL Collaborative Book Prize, awarded for the “Research Handbook on International Law and Cities” (Edward Elgar, 2021, co-edited with Janne E. Nijman)
2022	Teaching award (Lehrpreis), Department of Law, Freie Universität Berlin for the winter term 2021/2022, awarded on the basis of a vote among the student body
2013	Hermann Mosler Prize of the German Society of International Law (for “Complicity and the Law of State Responsibility”, CUP 2011)
2010	Thesis Prize of the Faculty of Law, Humboldt University Berlin (for the best doctoral thesis in the field of public law in the year of 2009)
2008	Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for Research Stay in Cambridge

- 2007 Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service for Participation in the Hague Academy of International Law
- 2002-2005 Scholarship of the German National Academic Merit Foundation
(*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*)

Research Grants (selected)

- 2025 German Research Foundation (DFG) for a research project “RE_INFORM: Informalized International Law and Foreign Relations Law – Doctrine, Empirics, Reform”, together with Prof. Dr. Thomas Kleinlein, University of Frankfurt (project duration 2026-2029)
- 2025 German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), conference funding for the 20th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law, “Reconstructing International Law”
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- 2024 German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), Project “Thinking the War from the End: Insights from the War against Ukraine”, Member of a consortium with the Global Public Policy Institute (Berlin) and the University of Regensburg
- 2017-2020 German Research Foundation (DFG), Speaker of the International Research Training Group “Human Rights under Pressure” (Freie Universität Berlin and Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 2018 German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), workshop funding
- 2016-2019 Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, Research Group Linkage Programme, “Safe and Sustainable Cities – Legal Perspectives from Germany and South Africa in Context”, together with Prof. Dr. Anel du Plessis, North-Western University, South Africa
- 2011-2014 German Research Foundation (DFG), co-applicant of the project “Domestic Courts and the Interpretation of International Law”, joint project lead with Prof. Dr. Georg Nolte

Review activities (selected)

- Funding applications German Research Foundation (DFG), Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, FWF (Austria), Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study (NIAS-KNAW), National Research Foundation (South Africa), National Science Center (Poland)
- Peer Review American Journal of International Law, Brill Nijhof, Cambridge University Press, Constitutional Court Review (South Africa), Edward Elgar Publishing, Ethics & International Affairs, European Constitutional Law

Review, European Journal of International Law, European Yearbook of Constitutional Law, German Law Journal, German Yearbook of International Law, Global Constitutionalism, Global Governance, Goettingen Journal of International Law, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict and Security Law, Journal of the History of International Law, Journal of International Criminal Justice, Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law, Leiden Journal of International Law, Melbourne Journal of International Law, Nationalities, Oxford University Press, Urban Climate, The International Journal of Human Rights, Verfassung und Recht in Übersee

External reviewer PhD and doctoral examiner at the Universities of Amsterdam, Cambridge, Erlangen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Paris I Sorbonne, North-West University Potchefstroom (South Africa), Tilburg

External reviewer in appointment procedures for chairs in public law and international law in Germany

Other Activities and Functions

Since 03/2026	Academic Advisor, Council of Europe, CAHDI Drafting Group on Non-Legally Binding Instruments
Since 03/2026	Member of the German Red Cross Committee on International Humanitarian Law
Since 01/2026	Member of the Academic Advisory Committee and Advisory Council; German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP e.V.)
09/2025	Host and Co-Head of the programme committee of the 20 th Annual Conference of the European Society of International Law: “Reconstructing International Law”, Freie Universität Berlin, together with Heike Krieger
2023-2026	Deputy Member of the Investigatory Committee on Research Integrity, Freie Universität Berlin
Since 06/2023	Co-Chair, Committee “Urbanisation and International Law – Potential and Pitfalls”, International Law Association
2023-2025	European Society of International Law, Member of the Board (co-opted)
Since 2023	Member of the International Advisory Board, American Law Institute, Restatement on Foreign Relations Law Fourth
Since 2022	Associate Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP e.V.)
Since 2021	Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law, Peer Review Board
Since 2020	Elgar International Law Series, Editorial Board
Since 2019	FUELS – Freie Universität Empirical Legal Studies Center, member

2017-2026	Member of the Research Commission, Freie Universität Berlin (body responsible for internal seed funding)
Since 2017	Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional law, Scientific Advisory Board
05/2017-06/2023	Co-Chair, Study Group “The Role of Cities in International Law”, International Law Association
2016-2026	Vertrauensdozent, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Merit Foundation)
Since 2014	Advisory Board, Völkerrechtsblog
2014	Expert, Parliamentary Investigatory Committee of the German Federal Parliament on NSA surveillance
2008-2016	Goettingen Journal of International Law, Scientific Advisory Board
2007	Founding member of the “Arbeitskreis junger Völkerrechtswissenschaftlerinnen und –wissenschaftler” (<i>Working Group of Young International Lawyers</i>)
2007-2014	Participation in the “International Law in Domestic Courts” Project, an online database of Oxford University Press (2010-2014 as co-ordinator for the German reporting activities)
Working languages	German, English, French
Further information	Parental leave of six months (2012/2013)