

CURRICULUM VITAE

(as of May 2022)

Academic Positions

Current Position:

[Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law](#)

Director

[Queen Mary University of London](#)

Chair in Global Law

[University of Hamburg](#)

Professor

Visiting Professor:

[Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law](#) (June 2017)

[London School of Economics and Political Science](#) (November 2011)

[University of Toronto Faculty of Law](#) (January 2011)

[University of Pennsylvania Law School](#) (Fall 2010)

[Princeton University](#) (Spring 2010)

[Université Paris II, Panthéon-Assas](#) (Spring 2009)

Special Courses:

[Hague Academy of International Law](#) (August 2015)

Theme: Non-State Law in Private International Law

[German National Academic Foundation \(*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*\)](#) (with Nils

Jansen; Summer University 2005, Salem, Germany)

Theme: Private Law Beyond the State

Fellowships:

New York University, [Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law](#),

Scholar-in-Residence, February 2020

[Princeton University, Katherine and Martin Crane Fellow, Program in Law and Public Affairs,](#)
2009-10)

[Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany](#)

(Visiting Fellow, Spring 2006)

[American Academy in Berlin \(Lloyd Cutler Fellow\)](#), Fall 2005)

Lloyd Cutler Berlin Prize 2005

[Harvard Law School](#) (Joseph Story Fellow, 1999-2000)

Others:

[Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law,](#)

[Hamburg, Germany](#); Senior Research Fellow (*Wissenschaftlicher Referent*) (2001-2);

Research Fellow (*Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*) (1997-99)

[University of Passau, Germany](#)

Senior Research Assistant, Chair for Private Law, Conflict of Laws and Comparative Law
(Prof. Klaus Schurig) (1994-95, 1996-97)

Education

[University of Passau, Germany](#)

Dr. iur. (SJD equivalent), 2000, summa cum laude

First state examination in law (JD), 1994, magna cum laude (12.83 points, “*gut*”)

Scholar of the [German National Academic Foundation](#), 1992-97

Oberlandesgericht (Court of Appeals), Hamburg, Germany

Second state examination in law, 2000, magna cum laude (12.54 points, “*gut*”)

[Cambridge University, U.K. \(King’s College\)](#)

LL.M., 1995, First class honours

CJ Hamson Prize in Comparative Law, Cambridge University

Hurst Prize for Law, King’s College

Main Subjects Taught

Lecture classes:

Comparative Law (Introduction); Comparative Contract Law; Conflict of Laws; International Litigation; International Arbitration; Foreign Law in US Courts (in Duke’s Judicial LLM program)

Seminars:

Law and Globalization; The Globalization of Jurisdiction; Private Law beyond the State; Current Issues in International and Comparative Law (method/theory seminar); Global Law Workshop (speaker series); Globalization and Domestic Courts; Globalization of the Family; Law, Like Love; Non-State Law; Religious Laws; Comparative Law Methodology; Comparative Law and Private International Law

Membership on Boards etc.

Advisory Board: [Revista General de Derecho Europeo](#)
Academic Editorial Board: Chinese Journal of Transnational Law
Editorial Board: [The Annals of the Faculty of Law in Belgrade \(Belgrade Law Review\)](#)
Member of the Executive Committee [AISJ-IALS](#)
Executive Editorial Board: [American Journal of Comparative Law](#); [German Law Journal](#) (2003-17)
Advisory Board: [Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law](#); [Revista General De Derecho Europeo](#); [RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review](#); [Uniform Law Review](#)
Invited Fellow: [Maastricht European Private Law Institute](#)
Member: Teaching Committee, Dottorati in Diritto, Torino University

Peer Reviewer/Outside Evaluator

American University; Bar-Ilan University; University of Baltimore; Boston University; University of Cyprus; Harvard University; Hebrew University; University of Iowa; University of Illinois; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Los Angeles; London School of Economics and Political Science; University College London; Oxford University; University of California, San Diego; Stanford University; University of Toronto

[American Journal of Comparative Law](#); [American Journal of International Law](#); [American Journal of Legal History](#); [Constellations](#); [European Journal of Law and Economics](#); [German Law Journal](#); [International Criminal Justice Review](#); [International Journal of Law in Context](#); [International Theory](#); [Journal of the History of International Law](#); [Journal of Private International Law](#); [Law & Social Inquiry](#); [Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law](#); [Rechtszeitschrift für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht](#); [Rechtswissenschaft](#); [Stellenbosch Law Review](#); [University of Toronto Law Journal](#); [Yale Law Journal](#)

Ashgate Publishers; Aspen Publishers, Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Springer

[Alexander von Humboldt Foundation](#), [American Academy in Berlin](#); [Canada Council for the Arts](#); [European Research Council](#); [Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#), [German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development](#); [Hague Institute for the Internationalization of Law](#); [Holberg Memorial Prize Committee](#); [Marsden Fund](#), [Swiss National Science Foundation](#)

Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) and the University of Freiburg

Membership in Professional Associations

[Academia Europaea](#); [Académie internationale de droit comparé](#) (elected associate member); [American Branch of the International Law Association](#); [American Law Institute](#); [American Society of Comparative Law](#); [American Society of International Law](#); [American](#)

[Society for Political and Legal Philosophy; Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung](#) [German Society of Comparative Law] (corresponding member); [German Society for International Law – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerrecht](#); Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung für Internationales Verfahrensrecht [Academic Association for International Procedural Law]; [Selden Society; Société de Législation Comparée](#) [French Society of Comparative Law]; [Zivilrechtslehrervereinigung](#)

Service

Duke University School of Law:

Director, [Center for International and Comparative Law](#) (2007-9)

Director and Co-Director, [JD/LLM Program in International and Comparative Law](#) (2003-7)

Member, Executive Board, [LENS Center for Law, Ethics and National Security](#) (since 2008)

Faculty Advisor, [Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law](#) (since 2006)

Entry-Level Appointments Committee (2007-9); International and Comparative Legal Studies Committee (since 2002, chair 2003-4); Journals Committee (2006-7); Curriculum Committee (2006-7); Administrative Committee (2004-5); Workshop Committee (2002-4, 2011-12); ad hoc JD/LLM review subcommittee (2014, chair); Visitors Committee (2013-15); Dean's Award for Faculty Collaboration (2004)

Duke University:

Duke University Judicial Board (2007-2010); Advisory Committee, [DUCIS Duke University Center for International Studies](#) (since 2007); [Academic Council](#) (2003-5); Faculty Hearing Committee (2003-4)

Discipline:

[American Law Institute](#)

[Member](#) (since 2015)

Adviser, Restatement Fourth, The Foreign Relations Law of the United States (since 2013)

Adviser, [Restatement Third, Conflict of Laws](#) (since 2015)

[American Association of Law Schools: Section on Comparative Law](#) (Executive Committee 2006-8, chair 2008); [Section on Conflict of Laws](#) (chair 2019)

[American Society of Comparative Law](#): Chair, Programming Committee (2011-15); Member, Nominating Committee (2008), Strategic Oversight Committee (2016-17); Chair, Membership Committee (since 2018); American Journal of Comparative Law: Executive Editorial Board (since 2006)

[American Society of International Law: Private International Law Interest Group](#) (Co-Chair, 2011-14)

[International Law Association](#), Study Group on the Application of International Law by Domestic Courts, member (2011-15)

World Bank, Doing Business Group, Advisory Group (member since 2010)

Supervision of Doctoral Students

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law:

As chair and supervisor:

[Michael Cremer](#)

[Jakob Olbing](#)

[Christine Toman](#), Maîtrise en droit (Paris II), LL.M. (King's College London)

[Samuel Zeh](#)

[Philomena Hindermann](#)

Duke University School of Law:

As chair and supervisor:

[Jie \(Jeanne\) Huang](#) (now Associate Professor, University of Sydney), *Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments between Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau: A Multilateral Arrangement for Interregional Conflicts* (2010)

Published as [JIE HUANG, INTERREGIONAL RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL JUDGMENTS—LESSONS FOR CHINA FROM US AND EU LAW](#) (Hart, 2014)

Rasmus Goksor, *Scandinavian Private Law: Nationalism Realism and Instrumentalism* (2014)

As committee member:

Tao Huang (chair: Joseph Blocher)

As committee member:

[Christopher A. Whytock](#) (now Vice Dean and Professor, University of California at Irvine), *Domestic Courts and Global Governance: The Politics of Private International Law* (2007), PhD Duke (Political Science), committee member (chair: Bruce Jentleson)

[Sagi Peari](#) (now lecturer and researcher, University of Western Australia), *The Choice-Based Perspective of Choice-of-Law* (2013) University of Toronto, committee member (chair: Ernest J. Weinrib)

[Dian Abdul Hamed Shah](#) (now research fellow, National University of Singapore), *Constitutionalizing Religion and Religious Freedom: A Comparative Study of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka* (2014), committee member (chair: Donald Horowitz)

[Steve Kourabas](#) (now lecturer, Monash University), *Global Financial Regulation after the GFC: The Problems of Adopting National Approaches to Global Finance* (2017), committee member (chair: Lawrence Baxter)

Corinne Blalock (now Executive Director, Yale Law School), (chair: Michael Hardt)

Elad Gil (fellow, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) (chair: Madeline Morris)

University of Hamburg:

As committee member:

Matthias Huhn, *Ad-hoc-Publizität im Internationalen Privatrecht - Eine Untersuchung zur Berücksichtigung der regulatorischen Funktion der Haftungsansprüche im IPR* (Disputation: 27 October 2020)

Languages

German, English, French, Spanish, Latin

Publications and Presentations

Author of a book, co-editor of two books and three journal special issues; author of articles and book reviews in various American and European publications (see separate list).

Duke Law Faculty Scholarship award (2007)

Invited Academic Presentations, in English, German, and French, given in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and United States (see separate list).



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