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University of Vienna
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EDUCATION:

- 2008 April **University of Dublin – Trinity College Dublin**
Doctorate, with Distinction. Thesis Title: The End of Militarism in Germany
- 2001 June **Harvard University – Kennedy School of Government**
Master in Public Administration (MPA), McCloy Scholar (full board and tuition) of the German National Merit Foundation; Ray Vernon Prize Recipient; GPA: 3.7
- 1998 October **University of Dublin – Trinity College Dublin**
M.Phil. in Peace Studies (International Relations), Grade: Distinction; GPA: 4.0
Graduated top of class
- 1996 June **University of London – School of Oriental & African Studies**
B.A. (Hons) in Law; Grade: 2.2
- 1992 June **Liebig-School, Giessen**
Abitur (A-levels); Grade: 1.3 (“very good”)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2018 Sept. **University of Vienna – Faculties of Law and Philosophy, Austria**
Professor of Islamic Law and Ethics
- 2012 January (on leave) **University of Copenhagen – Faculty of Law, Denmark**
Tenured Associate Professor of Public International Law
- 2018 June – 2018 July **National University of Singapore – Faculty of Law**
Senior Fellow with the Centre for Asian Legal Studies
- 2018 January – 2018 June **Harvard Law School – Islamic Legal Studies Programme, Cambridge, Mass.**
Senior Fellow, Research Project on “*Waqf* and Trust: Economic & Social Implications”
- 2017 August – 2017 December **Centre for Advanced Studies, National Academy of Science, Oslo, Norway**
Senior Fellow, Research Group on “Civil Wars in Comparative Perspective”
- 2014 Nov. – 2015 March **European University Institute, Florence, Italy**
Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow
- 2013 March – 2014 October **Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Berlin, Germany**
External Legal Expert on Regional Counter-Narcotics Law in MENA
- 2010 Sep. – 2011 September **Deloitte Consulting LLP, Emerging Markets, Arlington, VA, USA**
Senior Manager, Legal and Public Administration Reform Expert
- 2008 January – 2010 May **Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law**
Visiting Scholar
- 2007 April – 2008 March **European Commission, Delegation Kabul, Afghanistan**
Senior Institutional Development Adviser, Support to Public Administration Reform
- 2005 June – 2008 December **Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Eschborn, Germany**
Independent Consultant and Evaluator on Rule of Law

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- 2007 December – **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna, Austria**
2008 March – Consultant, Independent Evaluation Unit
- 2005 August – **Middle East Institute for International Law, Amman, Jordan**
2006 April – Executive Dean, seconded from the Max Planck Society
- 2002 Nov. – **Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law**
2005 August – Research Fellow, building the still ongoing Afghanistan legal transfer project
- 2005 May – **European Commission, Delegation Kabul, Afghanistan**
2005 August – Consultant, Project Evaluation and Formulation Mission
- 2004 June – **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kabul Office, Afghanistan**
2004 July – Consultant, Administrative Reconstruction in the Justice Sector
- 2004 January – **World Bank, Kabul Office, Afghanistan**
2004 June – Consultant, Administrative Reconstruction in the Justice Sector
- 2000 June – **Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Iran**
2000 July – Harvard Exchange Fellow, Institute of Political & International Studies (IPIS)
- 1999 October – **Belfer Centre for Science & International Affairs, Harvard University**
2001 May – Research Assistant to Profs. Stephen Walt, Kenneth Winton & Antonia Chayes
- 1999 April – **Biogen S.A., Paris, France**
1999 July – Legal Assistant, Legal Department
- 1997 January – **United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Vienna**
1997 April – Trainee with the Arab Countries Bureau (CFD/ARAB)
- 1994 June – **German Embassy, Nairobi, Kenya**
1994 August – Trainee with the Legal & Consular and the PR Departments

SCIENTIFIC FOCUS AREAS:

Islamic Law; Comparative Public and Constitutional Law; International Law, especially Law of Armed Conflict; State-Building; Governance and Politics of the Middle East; Administrative Law, Legal History; Strategic Studies; Law and Development; International Relations.

Open online courses:

Constitutional Struggles in the Muslim World: www.coursera.org/teach/muslim-world

After the Arab Spring: Democratic Aspirations & State Failure: www.coursera.org/learn/after-the-arab-spring