

Curriculum Vitae

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University Education, Qualifications, Positions

- Since 2023 **Schlegel Chair in Civil Law, Common Law and Comparative Law and
Director of the Institute of International and Comparative Private Law,
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn**
- 2018–2022 **Director of the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford**
- 2016–2022 **Statutory Chair in Comparative Law, University of Oxford, and
Professorial Fellow, Brasenose College, Oxford**
- 2011–2016 **Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public
Finance, Munich**
- 2011–2015 **Lecturer in Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich**
- 2009–2011 **Professional Legal Qualification (*Referendariat*) in Munich**
November 2011: Second German State Examination in Law
- 2009–2011 **Research Associate, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich**
- 2007–2008 **Stipendiary Lecturer in Law, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford**
- 2001–2008 **Fellow by Examination, All Souls College, University of Oxford**
2004–2007: Doctoral research (D.Phil.) in comparative private law with thesis entitled
Consequences of Impaired Consent Transfers (published 2009, republished 2013)
- 2001–2004 **German law degree, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn**
August 2004: First German State Examination in Law
- 1997–2001 **English law degree, Brasenose College, University of Oxford**
June 2001: Final Honour School in Jurisprudence
- 1996–1997 **First year of German law degree, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen**

Other Affiliations, Roles and Functions (selection)

- Since 2023 Member of the Executive Board of the **German Academic Scholarship Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*)**
- Since 2023 Member of the Editorial Board, ***Zeitschrift für Europäisches Privatrecht (ZEuP)***, previously corresponding editor (2017–2022)
- Since 2023 Visiting Fellow, **Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL)**, University of Stockholm
- Since 2023 Member of the Executive Board of the **Rhenish Institute for Notarial Law (*Rheinisches Institut für Notarrecht*)**, University of Bonn.
- Since 2023 Member, **Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS)**, University of Bonn.
- Since 2021 Elected Member of the **Academy of Europe (*Academia Europaea*)**
- 2020–2022 Member of the Editorial Board, **Oxford University Comparative Law Forum (OUCLF)**
- Since 2019 Honorary Bencher of **The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn**, London
- Since 2019 General Editor (with Prof. H. Beale), **Contract Law in a Comparative Context** book series
- Since 2019 Member of the **German Association of Private Law Professors (ZLV)**
- Aug. 2019 Visiting Academic (by invitation), **Singapore Management University (SMU)**, Singapore
- Since 2018 Series Editor (2018–2022), since then Member of the Editorial Board of the book series **Studies of the Oxford Institute of European and Comparative Law (SOIECL)**
- 2016–2022 Council Member, **British Association of Comparative Law (BACL)**
- Since 2016 Member of the British and Irish **Society of Legal Scholars (SLS)**
- Since 2016 Research Affiliate, **Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance**, Munich
- Since 2015 Academic Member (by invitation), **Chancery Bar Association**, London
- 2017–2019 Visiting Professor (*professeur invité*), **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**
- 2012–2017 Member of the 'Faculty of the Future' Group within the Interdisciplinary Research Network 'Law in Context', **Institute for Advanced Study (*Wissenschaftskolleg*) Berlin**
- 2011–2016 Fifty-Pound Fellow, **All Souls College, University of Oxford**
- Since 2011 Fellow of the **European Law Institute (ELI)**, Brussels/Vienna
- March 2009 John Fleming Visiting Fellow, **Australian National University (ANU)**, Canberra
- Since 2007 Member of the **German Association of Comparative Law (*Gesellschaft für Rechtsvergleichung e.V.*)**

Research Interests

German and English Private Law, esp.

- Foundations and structural questions,
- Law of obligations (contract, tort, restitution of unjust/unjustified enrichment),
- Property law (personal and real property, including equity and trusts),
- Succession law and related questions of family law,
- Interactions with commercial, company, insolvency and tax law.

European Private law and Comparative Law within Europe, esp.

- (beside Germany and England) France, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain,
- European private law and supranational instruments,
- European comparative legal history.

Comparative Law between Common Law Systems ('Comparative Common Law'), esp.

- Historical evolution and spread of the common law,
- Substantive divergences between common law systems, incl. institutional backgrounds,
- Methodological implications for the new field of 'comparative common law' (see below).

Methodology in Private and Comparative Law, esp.

- Historical-comparative approach towards private law and private law doctrine,
- Structural and systematic comparison,
- Development of a distinct 'comparative common law' methodology.

Awards and Prizes (selection)

2023	Awarded Honorary Doctorate in Law, University of Stockholm
2021	Elected as Member of the Academia Europaea
2019	Elected as Honorary Bencher, Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London
2016	Therese von Bayern Prize 2015, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2001–2008	Fellowship by Examination ('Prize Fellowship'), All Souls College, Oxford
2001–2004	Scholar of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung</i>)
2001	Oxford University Wronker Prize for Best Performance in Jurisprudence
1999	Lovell White Durrant Prize for Best Performance in Law, Brasenose College, Oxford
1998	Oxford University Prize for Best Performance in Constitutional Law