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Citizenship: German

Current Position

- Since 2010 **Associate Professor in Comparative Constitutional Law** (*Professore associato*)
at the Faculty of Law and at the School of International Studies, University of Trento (Italy)
- Since 2012 **Coordinator PhD Programme in International Studies**
at the School of International Studies, University of Trento
- Since 2000 **Senior Research Advisor** at the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism
Eurac - European Academy, Bozen/Bolzano (Italy)

Academic Career

- 2000 - 2010 Lecturer and Researcher, career track (*Ricercatore confermato*), University of Trento
- 2000 - 2007 Coordinator (Law), “*Joint Master for Comparative Local Development*”; joint degree of the Universities Trento, Regensburg, Budapest (Corvinus) und Lubljana - Erasmus Mundus Programme
- 1994 - 2000 *Senior Researcher* at the European Academy in Bolzano (Eurac), Research Area „Minorities and Autonomies“ (1996-2000 also Coordinator of this Research Area)
- 1998 PhD in Comparative Public Law, University of Regensburg (Germany)
- 1994 Bar exam, Regensburg (Germany)
- 1991 Law Degree, University of Regensburg (Germany)

Main Research Interests:

Comparative federalism and regionalism; governance and constitutional law of the European Union; minority rights; legal management of diversity; constitutional transformation in South-Eastern Europe

Teaching (Regular Courses at Trento University – Graduate and PhD level):

European Union Law; Comparative Constitutional Law of Groups and Minorities; Introduction into the Law of the German-speaking countries; Comparative Constitutional Law; Comparative Administrative Law

Teaching and Research Abroad:

Vermont Law School (USA, 2008-2012); University of Regensburg (Germany, 2008-2010, 2012-2014); University of Innsbruck (Austria, 2010-11); Visiting professor Global Law Program, University of Haifa (Israel, 12/2011); University of Graz (Austria, 2012, 2014); University of Belgrade (Serbia, 05/2014, 05/2015 and 05/2016), Visiting professor Hebrew University Jerusalem (Israel, 11/2014 and 01/2017).

Further Activities:

- Since 2002 Member State Expert for the EU Commission, TAIEX, DG Enlargement
(Rule of Law and Peer Review of Judiciary: Bosnia and Herzegovina; Macedonia)
- Since 2011 Member of Group of Independent Experts, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe (European Charter of Local Self-Government: Monitoring in Macedonia, UK and Armenia)
- Since 2007 Vice-President *Euroregional Association for Comparative Public and European Law*
[www.jus-euroregionale.org]
- Since 09/2016 Vice-President of Consulta, Trento (consultative expert body for reform of Autonomy Statute)

Languages: German (mother tongue); English and Italian (working level); French (basic)