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**CURRICULUM VITAE****Date of birth:** 2. April 1955**Place of birth:** Wagna/Leibnitz**Education:**1973 – 1977 Studies in Law and English at the University of Graz  
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1975/1976 Participation in the summer sessions of the Graz Center, sponsored by the Association of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural Studies, connected with field trips to the Soviet Union, Hungary and Yugoslavia

1978 – 1979 Postgraduate studies of Political Science, Sociology and International Law at the University of Munich, sponsored by a scholarship of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

1994 Habilitation at the University of Graz

Venia docendi for "Theory of State, Austrian and Comparative Constitutional Law and Political Science"

**Academic Career:**

2011 - 2016 Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Graz

since 2008 Member of the University Council of the Medical University of Graz

12/2010 – 01/2012 Chairman of the curricula commission for university courses of the University of Graz

2007 – 10/2011 Director of the Centre for South-East European Studies at the University of Graz

2007 – 10/2010 Member of the Academic Senate of the University of Graz, Speaker of the Curia of Professors

since 2006 Professor of Public Law and International Protection of Human Rights at the Institute for Austrian, European and Comparative Public Law, Political Science and Administrative Studies at the University of Graz

10/2006 – 03/2008 Head of the Institute for Austrian, European and Comparative Public Law, Political Science and Administrative Studies at the University of Graz

1997 – 2006 Associate Professor at the above-mentioned Institute

1989 – 1997 Assistant Professor with tenure at the above-mentioned Institute

1979 – 1989 University Assistant at the above-mentioned Institute

### **International Positions:**

Since 2016	Member of the OSCE international expert group for the Access to Justice Recommendations
Since 2016	Legal consultant of the Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on Cyprus
04 – 07/2007	Political Advisor to the High Representative and European Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling, seconded by the Austrian government
1999 – 2001	Vice-president of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina
since 10/1998	Director of the Institute for Minority Rights at the European Academy of Bolzano/Italy
1998 – 2002 and 2006 – 2008	Member of the Advisory Committee under the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities, elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
05/1997 – 05/2002	International judge of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, appointed by the President of the European Court of Human Rights

### **Employment:**

spring term 2010	Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento/Italy, teaching a seminar on „Comparative Constitutional Law and Federalism/Regionalism“
1998	2 <sup>nd</sup> in the ranking for the Chair for Comparative Constitutional Law at the Legal Department of the European University Institute/Florence
winter term 1994/95	Visiting Professor at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden/New Jersey, teaching a seminar on "Political and Constitutional Developments in East Central Europe"
spring term 1994	Filling a temporarily limited vacancy on the Chair of Political Science at the University of Graz
1990 – 1995	Lecturer in Political Science at the Department of History of the Philosophical Faculty at the University of Graz
spring term 1990	Lecturer in Political Science at the Department of History of the University of Klagenfurt
1977 – 1978	Legal clerkship at the district court of Leibnitz/Styria

### **Other Activities:**

#### **Research Projects:**

since 2010	Scientific Director of the research project “Affirmative Action as an instrument of Political Integration and Social Cohesion in a Framework of Diversity Management” (AFFA), financed by the Austrian Ministry of Science
2008 – 2011	Scientific Director of the research project “Practice of Minority Protection in Central Europe” (MiMi) in corporation with the European Academy Bolzano, the Institute for Ethnic Studies Slovenia, the Institute for Social and European Studies and István Kollai Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Research of Ethnicity and Culture Bratislava, financed by the Zukunftsfonds Österreich
2006 – 2008	Senior Researcher for the research project “Institutions of Research and Tertiary Education in Central and South East Europe.

Developments, Structures and Perspectives of these Institutions for their Integration into the Higher Education and Research Area”, financed by the Austrian Ministry of Science

- 2006 – 2008 Scientific Director of the research project “Human and Minority Rights in the Life Cycles of Ethnic Conflicts” (MIRICO), financed under the 6<sup>th</sup> EU-Framework program with 10 partners (London School of Economics, University of Bath, University of Frankfurt, University of Cologne, European Academy Bolzano, Institute of Ethnic Studies Ljubljana, University of Sarajevo, University of Belgrade, University of Pristina)
- 2003 – 2005 Director of the research project “European Integration and Its Effects on Minority Protection” within the framework of the research-program of the Austrian Ministry of Science “New Orientations for Democracy in Europe” (NODE) after having been ranked top ten out of 140 applications
- 2000 – 2002 Director of the research-project “Institutionalizing Ethnic Diversity in Post-Conflict Situations. The Role of Human Rights and Minority Protection in South-East Europe” after having won a competition at the Austrian Ministry of Science action program “University Research for Society”
- 1997 – 1998 Co-director (with Prof. Jan Zielonka) of the research-project “The Eastward Enlargement of the European Union: the case of the Czech Republic and Slovakia” in the framework of the European University Institute Robert Schuman Centre’s programme on Central and Eastern Europe at the European University Institute in Florence/Italy
- 1995 – 1999 Co-director (with A. Ableitinger) of the research-program “Law and Revolution”, a scientific collaboration with historians, political scientists and constitutional lawyers from the Czech and the Slovak Republic, sponsored by the Austrian Ministry of Sciences analyzing and comparing the revolutions of 1848 und 1989 with their effects on the transformation of the political systems and the constitution-making process
- 1990 – 1991 Director of a research-program on “Slovenia-Croatia-Serbia. The New Constitutions”, sponsored by the Government of Styria

#### **International Applied Research Projects:**

- 2005 on behalf of the European Training Foundation/Turin „Access of Ethnic Minorities in Education and the Labor Market in the Western Balkans“
- 2004 on behalf of the EuropeAid, EU-Commission „Re-enforcement of the Rule of Law in the Western Balkans“

#### **Development and Implementation of Master- and PhD-Programs:**

- since 2009 Curriculum development for an interdisciplinary Joint Degree Master in „South East European Studies“, in cooperation with the universities of Ljubljana, Zagreb, Belgrade, Skopje, Sarajevo, Tetovo, Poitiers and Bamberg
- since 2008 Curriculum development for an interdisciplinary Joint Degree PhD in „Diversity Management and European Governance“, in cooperation with the University of Bologna, the New Bulgarian University/Sofia and the University of Primorska/Slowenien; since summer term 2010 implementation

- 2004 – 2005 Curriculum development for the ULG-Master „South East European Law and European Integration“
- since 2002 Academic and Organizational Director of the ULG-Master in „European Integration and Regionalism“, in cooperation with the European Academy Bolzano and the Institute of Public Administration/Luxembourg; since 2007 in form of a Joint Degree in cooperation with further partners (University of Barcelona and University of Zagreb)

**Political- and Legal Advisor for:**

- 2007 Briefing for the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament: “Constitutional Reform Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (in collaboration with the Trans European Policy Initiative, Berlin)
- 2005 Expertise on the abolition of the autonomy of Kosovo 1989 – 1991 in the case MOS for the prosecution of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- 2004 Written statement on Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (Council of Europe)
- 2003 Briefing for members of an expert mission concerning a future charter of fundamental rights for Northern Ireland
- 1998 the general secretary of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, Dr. Albert Rohan, concerning the Kosovo conflict (1998/99) and the Austrian EU Council Presidency about the negotiations of the contact group concerning the Kosovo conflict
- 1996 and 1998 the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe concerning the compatibility of the constitutions of the Republika Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Dayton Constitution (1996) and the Kosovo conflict (1998)
- 1995 the prosecution of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) concerning questions about the constitution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 1974
- 1988 – 1992 the constitutional subcommittee of the Styrian Landtag concerning the reform of the Styrian constitution and the rules of procedure of the Landtag
- 1992/93 u. 1998 the Austrian Foreign Minister Dr. Alois Mock concerning the situation of Kosovo from a political, constitutional and international law perspective
- 1992 written statement for the Croatian constitutional court (“Neka razmišljenja o Ustavnom Zakonu o Ustavnom sudu“ – commentary to the law on the constitutional court)
- 1990 members of the constitutional committee of the Supreme Soviet of Estonia and Lithuania concerning the draft constitutions of these countries
- 1985 and 1986 Amnesty International and The International Lawyer concerning human rights in Yugoslavia

**Editorship of scientific journals and yearbooks:**

- since 2016 General Editor of the Review of Central and East European Law

since 1998	Europa Ethnica, Braumüller, Vienna (member of the scientific advisory board)
since 1998	Zbornik radova pravnog fakulteta u Zagrebu, University of Zagreb (member of the editorial board)
since 2000	Südosteuropa – Zeitschrift für Gegenwartforschung, Oldenbourg, Munich (member of the editorial board)
since 2001	European Yearbook on Minority Issues, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers (coeditor)
since 2001	ECMI Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE), Online-Journal (member of the editorial board, reviewer)
since 2003	European Diversity and Autonomy Papers, Online-Journal (member of the editorial board)
since 2006	Review of Central and East European Law, Martinus Nijhoff, The Netherlands (coeditor)
since 2008	Europe and the Balkans International Network, Online-Paper (member of the editorial board)
2008 – 2011	Southeastern Europe, Brill, The Netherlands (member of the editorial board)

#### **Membership in Scientific Associations:**

1994 – 1997	Member of the board of the Austrian Political Science Association
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1997 – 1999	Member of the board of the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies
since 2011	Member of the board of the Austrian Association of Comparative Law
since 1994	Member of the Association of German Scholars of Public Law
	Member of the Scientific Board of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe
	Member of the Görres-Association for the Advancement of Science

#### **Grants und Prizes:**

2006	Margaretha Lupac Prize for Democracy
2000	Wilfried-Haslauer Prize
1997	Josef-Krainer Prize
1995	Kardinal-Innitzer Prize
1992	Research prize of the Styrian provincial government
1978 – 1979	Grant by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
1975 – 1976	Grant by the Association of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural Studies

#### **Language Skills:**

German:	mother tongue
English:	business fluent
Serbo-Croatian:	advanced knowledge
French/Italian:	basics