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Education

November 2012 – June 2020 Habilitation in Constitutional Law [with specialization in Law and Religion and Comparative Law] at the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), under the supervision of Prof. Dr. René Pahud de Mortanges

March 2001 – 2007 PhD on EU Law and Minority Protection in the light of Enlargement to CEE at Queen's University of Belfast (Northern Ireland, UK), under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Antje Wiener [ESRC full scholarship]

1999-2000 MA in International Studies, University of Birmingham (England, UK)

1995-1999 Maîtrise en Droit, Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg III (France)

1988-1994 Lycée Franco-Hellénique d'Athènes (Greece)

Employment History

July 2019 – now

Senior Researcher and Head of Cluster on Culture and Diversity at the European Centre for Minority Issues, Germany

August 2018 – June 2019

Research Fellow & Expert Consultant at the European Centre for Minority Issues, Germany/Scientific Collaborator at the Centre for Law and Religion of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland

November 2008- August 2018

Senior Lecturer/ Associate Director of the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Law and Religion School of Law of the University of Lucerne, Switzerland

November 2006- November 2008

Researcher at the Chair of Comparative and Anglo-American Law/ School of Law of the University of Lucerne, Switzerland

October 2004 – October 2006

Instructor in Law at the American University of Athens, Greece /Institute of Legal Executives Course Leader

May 2003 – April 2004

Legal Project Associate at the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Germany

August 2000- July 2001

Parliamentary Assistant to Elspeth Attwooll, MEP (European Parliament, Brussels/Belgium)

Externally Funded Research projects

- HORIZON-Marie Curie Doctoral Network Application [co- applicant] on *Minority Rights and Protection* [under review]

- Research Project on 'Religious Diversity and Legal Empowerment in Public Education: A Comparative Study on Forms of Legal Pluralism in Schools', International Short Visit funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (October-December 2016)
- Annual Transnational Doctoral Research Programme on Law and Culture at the University of Lucerne (Doctoral Training Programme) co-funded by the Conference of Swiss Rectors (2010-2016) and the Faculty of Law of the University of Luzern
- Research Project on the 'Rights of the Roma EU Citizens' managed by the London School of Economics Enterprise and funded by the European Parliament (May 2010- February 2011)
- Research Project on 'Vulnerability as a concept of human rights law', Short International Visit funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (February – March 2009)
- Research Project on 'Post-EU enlargement Constitutionalization in Central and Eastern Europe' funded by the Gerbert R uf Stiftung (September 2008-February 2010)

Teaching Activities

Spring 2015	<i>Human Rights and Human Dignity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives</i>
2014 –2018	<i>Comparative Public European Law</i>
2013 –2018	<i>Introduction to Comparative Law and Court Systems</i>
2009- 2017	<i>Law, State and Religion</i>
2011 – 2012	<i>Advanced Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing</i>
2006 – 2008	<i>Ethnic Minorities Law</i>
2006-2008	<i>Public International Law and Diplomacy</i>
2004 -2006	<i>European Union Law</i>
2004-2006	<i>Introduction to the English Legal System</i>

Membership in scientific societies and individual scientific reviewing activities

- Editor of the *Journal for Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues* (JEMIE)
- Expert on religious minorities for the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities (Council of Europe) 4th report on Switzerland /5th cycle report on Germany
- Assessor for the Global Pluralism Monitor at the Global Centre for Pluralism (Ottawa/Canada)
- Board Member and co-Chair of Working Group on Migration of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (International Sociology Association)
- Associate Editor for the Berkeley Comparative Equality & Anti-discrimination Law E-journal (2018-2019)
- Scientific Collaborator at the Institute of Law and Religion at the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg/Switzerland
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies of the University of Flensburg/Germany
- Member of the *International Association of Comparative Law Younger Scholars Forum of the American Society for Comparative Law (outreach committee)*
- Member of the *Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group*
- Member of *Juris Diversitas*
- Scientific Expert for the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Law and Religion* (published by Cambridge University Press)
- Scientific Reviewer for Ashgate/Routledge, the online journals *Religions*, *Erasmus Law Review*, *South Asia Research*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Int'l Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, *Laws*
- Member of the *Assessing Accession Collaborative Research Network*
- Board Member of the Research Committee on European Unification (RC-3) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) (July 2006- July 2009)

- Member of the European Academy of Religion
- Member of the European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network (COST) (for Germany)
- Member of the Global Digital Human Rights Network (COST) (for Germany)
- (Co)-supervisor of the postgraduate theses at the University of Flensburg (Germany)

Organisation of conferences/ (post)-doctoral training

- Convenor of the expert workshop on Minority Identity in the Digital Age (December 2019)
- Convenor of the expert workshop on Minority Rights and Social Movements (May 2021)
- Convenor of the expert workshop on Religious Identity in the Digital Space (October 2021)
- Convenor and trainer for the annual Transnational Doctoral Training Programme workshops and summer school at the University of Lucerne, also in collaboration with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (November 2010 – December 2016)
- Organizer of Network Meetings and Final Conference of the project on ‘Post-EU enlargement Constitutionalization in Central and Eastern Europe’ (2009-2011)

Fellowships

- Visiting Research Fellow – Onati Institute for the Sociology of Law (Spain)
- Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law - University of Leipzig (Germany) /Summer School
- Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law- Technical University of Dresden (Germany)/Summer School
- Visiting Lecturer at the National Law University Delhi (India) / National Law University Patiala (India)
- Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law – University of Fribourg (Switzerland)
- Visiting Fellow - Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology (Germany) – Department of Law and Anthropology
- Recurring Visiting Professor - Radzyner School of Law, IDC Herzliya (Israel)
- Visiting Research Fellow - Fordham University, School of Law, New York (USA)

Languages

Greek: Mother tongue
 English: Excellent
 French: Excellent
 Italian: Very Good
 German: Good

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

(i) Books and edited volumes

EU Law, Minorities and Enlargement, Intersentia, 2010.

Constitutional Evolution in Central and Eastern Europe: Expansion and Integration in the EU, Ashgate, 2011 [together with Alexander H.E. Morawa].

Transnational Legal Processes and Human Rights, Ashgate, 2013 [together with Lauren Fielder].

Religion as Empowerment - Global Legal Perspectives, Routledge, 2016, [together with Lauren Fielder].

Normative Pluralism and Human Rights: Social Normativities in Conflict, Routledge, 2018

Law and Religious Diversity in Education: The Right to Difference, Routledge, 2020

Minority Recognition and the Diversity Deficit: Comparative Perspectives, Hart [together with Jessika Eichler], 2022 (forthcoming)

(ii) Chapters in books

'Legal Pluralism as Federalism?', in Martina Trettel and Nicolo Paolo Alessi (eds.), *Federalism and the Law of Diversity*, BRILL, forthcoming.

'Regulation of Muslim Religious Minority Groups and the European State: The Unique Case of Legal Pluralism in Greece' in R. Medda-Windischer and K. Wonisch (eds.), *Traditional Instruments for New Challenges: The Squaring of the Circle?*, BRILL, forthcoming, 2022.

'Religious Education Approaches to Diversity Management in Britain: From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism in English Schools', in Christophe Van der Beken and Beza Dessalegn (eds.), *Alternative approaches to ethno-cultural diversity management at sub-national levels: Ethiopia in comparative perspective*, Ethiopian Constitutional and Public Law Series, School of Law, Addis Ababa University 2022, 217-262.

'Socio-political Articulations of Minority Recognition in a Global Legal Context', [together with Jessika Eichler], in J. Eichler and K. Topidi (eds.), *Minority Recognition and the Diversity Deficit: Comparative Perspectives*, Hart [forthcoming]

'Religious Minorities' Agency and State Recognition in a European Context', in J. Eichler and K. Topidi (eds.) *Minority Recognition and the Diversity Deficit: Comparative Perspectives*, Hart [forthcoming]

'Ubuntu in the New Environmental World Order', in Domenico Amirante and Silvia Bagni (eds.), *Environmental Constitutionalism*, Routledge, 2022, 49-67.

'Minority Identity in Digital Governance and the Challenges of Online Hate Speech Regulation in Europe', in A-M. Biro and D. Newman (eds.), *Minority Rights and Unstable Orders*, Routledge, (forthcoming), 2022

'Fundamental Rights and Racial and Cultural Minorities in the EU: Carving out a Mandate to Protect 'Others'', in Tove Malloy and Balazs Vizi (eds.) *Elgar Research Handbook on Minority Politics in the EU*, Elgar (forthcoming), 2022.

'Accountability in the globalized digital age: online content moderation & hate speech in the EU' in Piotr Mikuli and Grzegorz Kuca (eds.) *Accountability and the Law: Rights, Authority and Transparency of Public Power*, Routledge, 9-27, 2021

'Faith Education in Britain: A normative pluralist scenario in the making', in Tove Malloy and Levente Salat (eds.), *Non-Territorial Autonomy and Decentralisation: Ethno-Cultural Diversity Governance*, Routledge, pp. 215-239, 2020

'The Culturalization of Religion and the Pursuit of Diversity: Co-existence within Religious Difference in South Africa and Europe', in Christa Rautenbach et al. (eds.), *In the Shade of an African Baobab: Tom Bennett's Legacy*, Juta Publishers, 2018, pp. 106-122.

'The Unfinished Education: Power, Religion and Education Struggles in Multicultural Israel, in Kyriaki Topidi (ed.), *Normative Pluralism and Human Rights*, Routledge, 2018, pp.141-166.

'(In)justice in times of Crisis and Austerity: The case of Greece', in Piotr Mikuli (ed.), *Current Challenges in Court Administration*, Eleven International Publishing, 2017, pp.85-117.

'Diplomacy and Education: A New Priority for Public Policy and a Cultural Fact with Emotional and Political Power', in Liviu Olteanu (ed.), *Diplomacy and Education for Religious Freedom: A New Priority for Public Policy*, Conference Proceedings, International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, Bern, 2018, pp.46-51

'Religion and the Constitutional Order in the Orbit of the European Union: De-Constructing State Neutrality in Germany and Turkey', in Anwar Alam and Konrad Pedzwiatr (eds.), *Multiculturalism, Secularism and Muslim Identity Politics in Europe and India*, New Century Publications, New Delhi, 2016, pp.133-176

'Law-Making & Law-Enforcement in the Age of Legal Pluralism: A view from Post-Multicultural Europe', in Howe and Lai(eds.), *Recht und der Weg in die Zukunft*, Schultess, Zürich, 2015, pp.53-72.

'Religion as Empowerment? Introduction'[together with Werner Menski] in Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder (eds.), *Religion as Empowerment? Global Legal Perspectives*, Routledge, 2016, pp.1-18.

'Public Education and Religious Rights: A Comparative Analysis', in Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder (eds.), *Religion as Empowerment? Global Legal Perspectives*, Routledge, 2016, pp.269-302.

'Conclusion: The Normative Dialogue between Religion and Law as a Cultural Endeavour: A Plea for Complexity and Context, in Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder (eds.), *Religion as Empowerment? Global Legal Perspectives*, Routledge, 2016, pp.303-315.

'Exercising Religious Rights in the European Classrooms: Value Conflicts between the National, the Supranational and the Transnational', in Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder (eds.), *Transnational Legal Processes and Human Rights*, Ashgate, 2013, pp.193-216.

'Introduction' [together with Lauren Fielder], in Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder (eds.), *Transnational Legal Processes and Human Rights*, Ashgate, 2013, pp.1-18

'Religious Diversity in Public Education: A Comparative European Perspective', in Cornelia Roux (ed.), *Safe Spaces: Human Rights Education in Diverse Contexts*, Sense Publishers, 2012, pp.109-128.

'Public Education and Religious Rights: Possibilities and Impossibilities', in Anja Mannjart et al.(eds.), *Recht und der Weg in die Zukunft*, Vol.60, Schultess, 2012, pp.205-218.

'Minority Issues in Europe and the EU experience with enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe,' 5th Warsaw Seminar on Human Rights, Conference Proceedings, Kontrast/Warsaw, 2012, pp.85-95.

'Constitutional Transition in Central and Eastern Europe', [together with Alexander Morawa], in Kyriaki Topidi & Alexander H.E. Morawa (eds.), *Constitutional Evolution in Central and Eastern Europe: Expansion and Integration in the EU*, Ashgate, 2011, pp.1-10.

"EU Constitutionalism after Enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe: An exercise in constitutional 'translation?'" in Kyriaki Topidi & Alexander H.E. Morawa (eds.), *Constitutional Evolution in Central and Eastern Europe: Expansion and Integration in the EU*, Ashgate, 2011, pp.65-85.

'EU Constitutionalization in Turkey: Exchanging visions and values on tolerance and diversity', in Baillet and Aas (eds.), *Cosmopolitan Justice and its Discontents*, Routledge, 2011, at pp.91-115.

'Unaccompanied minors and the right to family unification: The Iraqi experience – A comparative study of IHL and HRL', in Quenivet and Arnold (eds.) *International Humanitarian law and human rights law: Towards a new merger in international law*, Brill Publishers, 2008, pp.411-428.

'Minority Protection & EU Membership in the Baltic States: Myths & Reality', in Kasekamp and Pääbo (eds.) *Promoting Democratic Values in the Enlarging Europe: The Changing Role of the Baltic States from Importers to Exporters*, Tartu University Press, 2006, at pp.28-39.

'Articles 24-26 of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities', in Weller (ed.), *The Rights of Minorities in Europe: A Commentary on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities*, Oxford University Press, 2005, pp.571-588.

'European Union standards and mechanisms for the protection of minorities and the prevention of discrimination' in Morawa (ed.) *Handbook on the Implementation of Minority Rights*, Council of Europe Publishing, 2005, pp.183-202.

(iii) Articles and studies in peer-reviewed journals and the internet

'Religious Minority Identity in the work of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: A Multifaceted Challenge in Evolution', in Special Issue on *Religious Minority Special Protection vs Freedom of Religion for All? A Critical Appraisal from Europe and Beyond*, ed. By Silvio Ferrari, Roberta Medda and Kerstin Wonisch, *Religions* 12, no. 10: 858, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12100858>

'The regulation and governance of online hate speech in the post-truth era: a European comparative perspective', in M. John, V.H. Devaiah, P.Baruah, M. Tundawala, N. Kumar (eds.) *Indian Yearbook of Comparative Law 2019*, Springer, 2021, 255-279.

'Religious pluralism and state-centric legal spaces in Europe: The Legacy and Implications of the European Court of Human Rights' *Molla Sali case, European Yearbook for Minority Issues*, Volume 18 (2021), 33-54.

'Εκπαίδευση και θρησκεία: Ο ρόλος του κράτους και οι νέες προκλήσεις' [Education and Religion: The role of the state and the new challenges] *Το Σύνταγμα*, Οκτώβριος 1-2/2020, 353-367

'Customary Law, Religion and Legal Pluralism in Israel: Islamic Law and Shari'a Courts in Constant Motion, *Revista General de Derecho Publico Comparado*, 2019, 26, available at https://www.iustel.com/v2/revistas/detalle_revista.asp?numero=26&id=14

'Words that Hurt (2): National and International Perspectives on Hate Speech Regulation, ECMI Research Paper 119 (2019), available <https://www.ecmi.de/publications/ecmi-research-papers/119-words-that-hurt-2-national-and-international-perspectives-on-hate-speech-regulation>

'Words that Hurt (1): Normative and Institutional Considerations in the Regulation of Hate Speech in Europe', ECMI Research Paper 118 (2019), available at <https://www.ecmi.de/publications/ecmi-research-papers/118-words-that-hurt-1-normative-and-institutional-considerations-in-the-regulation-of-hate-speech-in-europe>

'Religious Freedom, National Identity and the Polish Catholic Church: Converging Visions of Nation and God', *Religions*, Special Issue, 2019, 10(5), 293, <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/10/5/293>

'Faith-based Education and Equality: Towards an Education or Prejudice? – The Example of Faith Schools in England, *Berkeley Comparative & Anti-Discrimination Working Paper Series*, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3241652, 2018

'Θρησκευτική ορατότητα και απαγόρευση διακρίσεων στην Ευρώπη: Αλλαγή παραδείγματος;' [Religious Visibility and Non-Discrimination in Europe: A paradigm shift?], in *Εφαρμογές Δημοσίου Δικαίου* 2017, 30: 2-3, pp.139-146, in Greek)

'Post-multiculturalism and the Rise of culture in Europe', in Bagni, Silvia (ed.), *Lo Stato interculturale: una nuova eutopia? The Intercultural State: a new eutopia? El Estado intercultural: una nueva eutopia?* Bologna: Dipartimento di Scienze giuridiche, 2017, pp.86-98, DOI [10.6092/unibo/amsacta/5488](https://doi.org/10.6092/unibo/amsacta/5488) AMS Acta, University of Bologna

'Are the Copenhagen Criteria Undermined by the Lisbon Treaty?', *European Yearbook of Minority Issues*, Vol.10, pp.37-59, Martinus Nijhoff, Leiden, 2013.

'Minority Rights Protection & the Challenge of EU Membership: The case of Romania', *Romanian Journal of Society and Politics*, Issue 5(2), December 2006.

'Constitutionalising Minority Protection in the European Union: A Mission Impossible?', Working Paper of the IGC-NET, http://www.igcnet.org/Topidi_minority%20protection_Sept05.pdf .

'The Limits of EU Conditionality: Minority Rights in Slovakia', *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, Special Focus 2003/1', http://www.ecmi.de/jemie/download/Focus1-2003_Topidi.pdf

European Parliament, Measures to promote the situation of EU Roma citizens in the European Union –Slovakia Report <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies/download.do?language=en&file=34328>

Human Rights and Minority Rights in the European Union – by Kirsten Shoraka (Abingdon: Routledge, 2010) –Book Review, European Law Review, Vol.36, No.5, October 2011, pp.756-758

(vi) List of Main Conference /Workshop Papers/Guest Lectures/Webinars

28 January 2022: Colloque sur la Loi Confortant le Respect des Principes de la République, Université Paris II – Panthéon Assas

Title of paper: The Limits of Religious Education: Faith Schools in the UK as an alternative option to religious diversity management

10 November 2021: EURAC Webinar Series on Federalism and the Law of Diversity: Islands or Archipelago?

Title of paper: Legal Pluralism as Federalism? [available online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6aFvKtjhA2LrkZWdH2ojsg>]

27-28 October 2021: Symposium on Family and Vulnerability of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family, College of Law and Business, Ramat-Gan (Israel)

Title of paper: 'Regulation of Muslim Religious Minority Groups and the European State: The Unique Case of Legal Pluralism in Greece'

24-25 September 2021: 2nd ENTAN Conference, Budapest

Title of paper: 'Faith Education in Britain: A normative pluralist scenario in the making'

2-3 September 2021: Traditional Governance and Women Network – 1st Workshop (North West University, Potchefstroom)

Title of paper: Women, minorities and traditional governance

30 August 2021-2 September 2021: 18th Annual Conference of the EASR on Resilient Religion, Pisa (Italy)

Title of paper: 'Regulation of Muslim Religious Minority Groups and the European State: The Unique Case of Legal Pluralism in Greece'

23 August 2021: ECMI Summer School 2022 (Flensburg) -Keynote Lecture

Title of paper: Minorities and the Digital Paradigm

6-9 July 2021: ICON Mundo Conference: The Future of Public Law, online

Title of papers: 'Accountability in the globalized digital age: online content moderation & hate speech in the EU'; 'Hate Speech and Religious Minorities in the Digital Age'

9-11 June 2021: JURIS DIVERSITAS 7th General Congress: The Dark Side of the Law

Title of paper: Deconstructing State-Centric Legal Spaces in Europe: The Legacy and Implications of the ECtHR's Molla Sali Case

15 April 2021: Expert Workshop for the European Youth Parliament (Regional Selection Conference for Germany)

Title of workshop: Online Forms of Racism

13 March 2021: 4th Annual Thematic Conference of the School of Law/Alternative Approaches to Ethno-Cultural Diversity Management at Sub-National Levels: Ethiopia in Comparative Perspective (Addis Ababa University -Faculty of Law)

Title of contribution: From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism: Approaches to Religious Diversity Management in Education in England

25 January 2021: Expert Workshop on Anti-Semitism in Comparative Perspective: Recent Trends and Research Frontiers (Arizona State University)

Title of contribution: Commentary on Explaining Ethnoreligious Minority Targeting: Variation in Anti-Semitic Incidents

19-20 November 2020: Expert Workshop on 'Migrating Recognition' or 'Constitutionalism(s) Reversed' Colloquium, Sciences-Po (Paris)

Title of paper: Religious Education as a Socio-Legal Experiment on inclusive plurality: A European example

21-22 September 2020: UN European Regional Forum on Hate Speech, Social Media and Minorities
Expert Contribution on Causes, Scale and Impact of Hate Speech Targeting Minorities in Social Media

9-11 September 2020: 1st ENTAN Training School on Non-Territorial Autonomy, University of Southern Denmark
Title of Module: Institutionalizing Islam in Europe

4 June 2020: EURAC Webinar on Minorities and COVID-19 (Episode 4)

Title of contribution: COVID-19 and Religious Minorities [available at <http://www.eurac.edu/en/research/autonomies/minrig/services/Pages/Webinars.aspx>]

20 December 2019: Religion, Church and Constitution in Greece and in Europe - Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet for Religion and Constitutionalism/ Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

Title of paper: Εκπαίδευση και θρησκεία: Ο ρόλος του κράτους και οι νέες προκλήσεις' [Education and Religion: The role of the state and the new challenges]

22-23 November 2019: 1st Conference of the European Network on Non-Territorial Autonomy (ENTAN) – University of Belgrade (Serbia)

Title of paper: Managing Religious Diversity in Education: Addressing Competing (in)Equalities in Plural Societies

30 October- 4 November 2019: Post-Graduate Winter School on Legal Pluralism and Governance in the Global South/ National Law University Patiala (India)

Title of modules: The Importance of Being Empirical in Comparative Legal Studies/ The Role and Position of the State in Public Education: Challenges of Legal Pluralism

25-27 September 2019: Law and Development Research Network Annual Conference, Humboldt University (Germany)

Title of paper: Religious Otherness as a Source of Normative Conflict

17-18 June 2019: Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group Annual Conference, Stockholm University (Sweden)

Title of Paper: Comparative Constitutional Law and Diversity Management: Towards a Right to Difference

10-11 May 2019: 9th Annual Younger Comparatists Committee Conference, McGill University, Montreal (Canada)

Title of paper: Comparative Constitutional Law, Normative Pluralism and Diversity Management: Towards a Right to Difference

15-17 April 2019: Juris Diversitas 6th General Conference: Law, Roots and Space, North-West University, Potchefstroom, (South Africa)

Title of paper: Elastic Identities: Religious Diversity, Public Education and Non-Discrimination in Israel and South Africa

28 March 2019: 'How to Break Barriers and Achieve Results Beyond your Imagination', Community Leadership Training Workshop Bradford City Council (UK)

Title of Seminar: Religious Diversity and Conflict Management

8 March 2019, Guest Lecture at the Department of Comparative Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bologna (Italy)

Title of Lecture: Global Justice

4-7 March 2019, Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna (Italy)

Title of Paper: From Tradition to Modernity and back: Religious Diversity in English Schools as a Test-Case for Multicultural Societies

26 November 2018: Guest Lecture at the Europa University Flensburg (Germany)

Title of Paper: Education and Minorities

17-23 September 2018: Summer School on Comparative Law in the Age of Globalization, Università degli Studi di Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, Vatolla/ Italy
Trainer & Invited Speaker on *New Trends in Comparative Legal Scholarship in the North-South Debate*

12-14 September 2018: 5th ICLARS Conference: Living Together in Diversity: Strategies from Law and Religion, Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro/Brazil
Title of Paper: Faith-based education and equality: Towards an education of prejudice? – The example of faith schools in England

11-12 June 2018: Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group Annual Conference 2018, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne/ Australia
Title of paper: Faith-based education and equality: Towards an education of prejudice? – The example of faith schools in England

23 April 2018: International Association for the Protection of Religious Liberty/ Expert Contribution on the theme of 'Educators' Ways to Stop Discrimination and Extremism that affect the practice of Freedom of Religion and Conscience', Faculty of Law, University of Complutense, Madrid/ Spain

20 April 2018: Guest Lecture at the Faculty of Law University of Fribourg/ Switzerland
Topic: Law and Religion in Public Education: Religious Freedom, Equality and Education in Multicultural Settings

10-17 January 2018: National Law University Delhi/India – Winter School on Methodological Challenges of Comparative Law and Issues of Identity Formation – Trainer & Invited Speaker

26-28 October 2017: American Society of Comparative Law, American University Washington/ USA – Panel Convenor and presenter
Title of Panel: Challenging State Law: Religious communities as norm entrepreneurs in comparative perspective
Title of Paper: The Unfinished Education: Religion, Education and Power Struggles in multicultural Israel

18-21 September 2017: European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Annual Conference on Communicating Religion, University of Leuven/Belgium
Title of paper: Faith Education in Britain: A normative pluralist scenario in the making

14-16 June 2017: Berkeley Comparative Equality Conference, Trinity College Dublin/Ireland
Title of Paper: Elastic Identities: Religious Diversity, Public Education and Non-discrimination in Israel and South Africa

4-5 March 2017: Applying Non-Discrimination Law, Aristotle Faculty of Law, University of Thessaloniki/Greece
Title of Paper: Religious Visibility and Non-discrimination: A paradigm shift?

15 December 2016: Guest Lecture at the Faculty of Law, Martin Luther University, Halle/Germany
Title of Paper: Post-multiculturalism and the Rise of culture in Europe

23-25 November 2016: AIDLR Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security, Palais des Nations, Geneva/Switzerland
Title of Paper: Education Towards Religious Diversity: A Global Agenda

22 November 2016: Guest Lecture at the Max Planck Institute Law and Anthropology Halle, Germany
Title of Paper: Plural Public Education in Israel: For Equal or Different Student?

9-11 November 2016: International Conference on the Promotion of National Minorities by their 'mother countries' in Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st century, Bundesinstitut für Kultur und Geschichte der Deutschen im östlichen Europa/ Berlin, Germany
Title of Expert Report: Dual Citizenship and Minority Protection: Post-Modern Ethos or Cultural Sensitivities?

3-7 September 2016: Summer School on Comparative Law in the global age: Theoretical and practical challenges, Second University of Naples, Italy
Title of Module: Multiculturalism and Post-Multiculturalism in Europe

25-29 July 2016: Doctoral Summer School on Legal Pluralism and Human Rights, Luzern, UNILU/ Switzerland
Title of Module: Religious Symbols in Europe

21-22 March 2016: The Intercultural State: A new EUtopia?, University of Bologna, Ravenna, Italy
Title of Paper: 'Post- Multiculturalism in Europe'

15-17 July 2015: Fifteenth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Community and Nations: Affirming Diversity for Social and Educational Justice, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
Title of Paper: 'Education rights and freedom of religion: The "clash of civilizations" in (post)-multicultural learning spaces in Europe'

29-30 April 2014: International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, University of Heredia, Costa Rica
Title of Paper: 'Learning within Faith or Faith within Learning? Constructing the web of post-multiculturalism in public schools'

7-10 January 2013: International Conference on Migration and Well-Being: Research Frontiers, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Title of Paper: 'Education and children of immigrants in Western Europe: How much religious diversity for the public school classrooms?'

5-6 July 2012: The Contribution of Families to Peace, Human Development and Prosperity, GIA Youth Leadership Programme, ILO/UN, Geneva, Switzerland
Title of Paper: 'Can the World Faiths Provide a Pattern and Incentive for a Culture of Peace Rooted in Family Ethics?'

23 - 25 February 2012: 'The Competing Claims of Law and Religion: Who Should Influence Whom?', Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, USA
Title of Paper: 'Religious Diversity and Education in Multicultural Societies: Possibilities and Impossibilities in the European Continent'

29 September 2011- 01 October 2011: 5th Warsaw Seminar on Human Rights, National School of Public Administration, Warsaw, Poland
Title of Paper: Minority Issues and the Experience with Enlargement

18-20 April 2011: Human Rights Education in Diversity -HREID Conference 2011, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
Title of Paper: Religious Diversity in Public Education: A Comparative European Perspective

10-12 February 2010: 'Negotiating and Accommodating Religious Identity in Public Arena: Comparing Indian and European Experiences with Special Reference to Muslim Minorities', Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
Title of paper: 'Religion and the Constitutional Order: De-Constructing State Neutrality in Germany and Turkey'

15-16 October 2009: 'Cosmopolitan Justice and its discontents', Oslo University, Norway
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