

Curriculum Vitae



I have an interdisciplinary background with a legal focus in Balkan studies and international studies, while my research has focused on the nexus between law and politics in the fields of human rights and constitutionalism.

Since completing my Master's in 2015, I have been lecturing, doing research and published in these fields. Furthermore, I have partaken as a student and as a lecturer in legal summer schools and online courses to expand my knowledge further. In addition to my research and teaching activities I have experience as a full-time project manager working with civic education in favour of democratic participation.

Publications

Peer-reviewed

- 'Kosovo and the oddities of not being a recognised state'. In: Agir, Bülent (ed.): Kosovo, Past, Present and Future. Nova. 2019
- 'In defence of the dynamic interpretation tradition at the European Court of Human Rights'. *The Universal*. Vol 2, Thinkrights 2018
- 'Book Review: 'Globalising transitional justice: Contemporary Essays' by Ruti Teitel.' *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. Vol. 8. December 2017.
- 'Politicisation of Enlargement: The future of the Balkans in Europe.' *Security Dialogues*. Vol. 8(1), 2017.
- 'The prohibition of retroactive law and other safeguards when conducting institutional reform: The right to non-recurrence in Bosnia and Herzegovina.' *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. Vol 7. December 2016. Pp. 138-146.
- 'Reviewing the narrative of the double standard Europe concerning collective minority rights'. *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. Vol. 6. December 2015. pp. 13-27.

Editor (translated title – Danish org.)

- *Can the EU make world peace?* DEO. 60 pages. 2018

Blogs and Editor-reviewed (a selection, 22 in all)

Translated titles when Danish

Degrees

Master of Arts

International studies 2013-2015

Aarhus University: A cross-disciplinary degree in law, history and political science. Conducted in English.

- Thesis: "*Constitutional Provisions for EU Accession and Sovereignty Transfer - A Comparative Constitutional Law study of the Croatian and Danish constitutions.*"

Bachelor of Arts and Political Science

Balkan studies and political science 2009-2013

Copenhagen University

Thesis: "*Secession and Accession – Disputes between Croatia and Slovenia regarding secession from Yugoslavia and the consequences for Croatian accession to the European Union*"

Additional Education

Academy of European Law Summer School 2017

European University Institute

- Human Rights Law and Global Governance

International Sarajevo Summer School (ISSS) 2015

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Rule of Law Programme and Association Pravnik

- Transitional Justice, Rule of Law, Human Rights, Constitutional Law, EU conditionality.

Leiden University Online 2017

International Law in Action: A Guide to the International Courts and Tribunals in The Hague

Experience

External lecturer

Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law, jur.ku.dk

January 2016 – June 2019

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- [English] Something Rotten in the State of Denmark?, *VerfassungsBlog*, 26.4.2018.
- [Danish] 'The Levakovic case and the difference between law and morality. *Magasinet Europa*. 9.11.2018.
- [Danish] 'An introduction to the European Convention on human rights in Danish jurisdiction' *Magasinet Europa*. 15.12.2017
- [Danish] 'CJEU demands freedom of movement – Now also for homosexual couples' *EU-Nyt*. 6.6.2018
- 'Criminalising the marginalised'. *Magasinet Europa*. 5.6.2017

Conferences

- **Lecturer - Forthcoming:** University of Leipzig: 1st International Summer School on Human Rights Protection under the ECHR. September 1st-7th 2019: *The reform process of the European Court of Human Rights*
- **Lecturer:** ISSS 2017 on Transitional Justice as a Response to Emerging Challenges In South-East Europe. (July 19-28 2017, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina): *The populist threat to transitional justice*.
- **First speaker:** International academic conference: The Balkans: Old/New security challenges, (September 5-7, 2017 in Ohrid, Macedonia). *EU conditionality*
- **Speaker:** ISSS Alumni-conference: Dealing with the past (July 28-31. 2016, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina): *Retroactive law and non-recurrence*

Volunteer

Editor

Magasinet rØST, magasinetroest.dk
Maj 2016 – Current (volunteer)
A Danish online magazine on Eastern European culture and politics. I oversee our coverage of the Balkans.

I've taught two courses of avg. 40 students:

- 2017-2019: Law, Morality, and Politics (6th semester, legal philosophy and legal sociology)
- 2016-2018 The fundamental Rights of the Individual (2nd Semester, Danish constitutional law + European human rights law)

Project manager

DEO – Demokrati i Europa Oplysningsforbundet (Democracy in Europe Organisation) deo.dk

November 2017 – January 2019

An NGO that conducts education of the public in EU law, institutions and policies. My tasks were varied but included:

- Team lead for the 'Citizens Dialogues' in Denmark project and national tour.
- Team lead for the 'Can the EU make World Peace' project which included publishing a book and conducting an un-conference.
- EU-expert: 13 appearances on national radio.
- Public speaker: 27 public meetings and lectures, avg. 80 participants per meeting.
- Team member: created 3 teaching materials on European values.
- Fundraising: Raised a total of almost 100.000 euros in funds for teaching materials, citizens dialogues and projects in favour of increased democratic participation among European youth.

Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

Pure-consultant in the library, diis.dk

January 2015 – May 2015

Project worker

August 2014 – September 2014

Student worker

April 2013 – June 2013

Intern

The Thinktank EUROPA, thinkeuropa.dk

September 2014 – December 2014

Undertook research, wrote a policy brief on debt collection in relation to the Danish opt-out to EU's judicial policies, IT-tasks, booking and assisting in conducting a political conference.

Danish ministry of agriculture

Student worker

August 2009 – May 2011

Case officer

September 2008 – May 2009