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Main Fields of Research

International labour law, international economic law, law and development, human rights law

Academic Career

Since 6/2013: Research Fellow at Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative Public and International Law

2009, 2011-2013: Research Officer at the International Labour Organization, Geneva (Switzerland)

2010: Visiting Professional at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José (Costa Rica)

2008-2009: Research Assistant of Prof Deirdre Curtin Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance, University of Amsterdam

2008-2012: LL.M. Legal Research, Utrecht University (Netherlands) (with distinction)

Since 2008: Consultancy work for NGOs and international organisations

2005-2008: Internships at the Chamber of Industry and Commerce Oldenburg (Germany), the German Trade Union Confederation (Berlin), Caritas Quiché (Guatemala) and the International Labour Organisation (Geneva)

2005-2006: Student Assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Economic Law, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg

2004-2007: LL.B European and Comparative Law, University of Bremen, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, and University of Geneva

Languages

German, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch

Working Papers

"Labour Standards in Mega-Regional Trade Agreements: the Case of TPP and TTIP", Working Paper (November 2015), Forthcoming in Thilo Rensmann (ed.): Mega-Regional Trade Agreements and the Future of International Trade and Investment Law (2016). Available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2696713

"Labour Provisions in Free Trade Agreements: Fostering their Consistency with the ILO Standards System", with Jordi Agustí-Panareda and Desirée LeClercq, ILO Background Paper (Geneva 2014). Available at: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/genericdocument/wcms_237940.pdf

"Labour Market Concerns and Trade Agreements: The Case of Employment Policy Provisions", with Quentin Delpech, ILO Background Paper (Geneva 2014). Available at: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/documents/publication/wcms_237711.pdf

"Cross-Border Collective Action: Jurisprudential Conflicts between European Courts over the Right to Strike", with Marie Walter, GURN Discussion Paper Series, Global Union Research Network (Geneva 2013). Available at: <http://www.gurn.info/en/discussion-papers/cross-border-collective-action-jurisprudential-conflicts-between-european-courts-over-the-right-to-strike>

"Aligning Private Sector Investment and Labour Standards? The Case of Policies of Development Finance Institutions", with Anne Posthuma, Conference Paper for the ILO Research Conference "Key Lessons from the Crisis and Way Forward", 16 -17 February 2011. Available at: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/genericdocument/wcms_192387.pdf

„Between Human Rights, Political Goodwill and WTO-Law: Political Conditionality in the EC's New Scheme of Generalized Tariff Preferences“, ZERP Working Paper Series 8/2009, Zentrum für europäische Rechtspolitik (Bremen). Available at: http://www.zerp.uni-bremen.de/deutsch/pdf/wp8_2009.pdf

Institutional Publications

Main author of the study "Social Dimensions in Free Trade Agreements" (International Labour Organisation, 2013), available at: http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/publication/wcms_228965.pdf (also available in French and Spanish at: http://www.ilo.org/global/research/publications/WCMS_228966/lang--fr/index.htm)

Publications

Recent

- International Financial Institutions' Approaches to Labour Law: The Case of the International Monetary Fund. In: Research Handbook on Transnational Labour Law, Adelle Blackett, Anne Trebilcock (eds.). Edward Elgar, Cheltenham 2015, 124-137.
- ILO Labor Standards and Trade Agreements: A Case for Consistency. In: Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal 36, 347-380 (2015) (with Jordi Agustí-Panareda, Desirée LeClercq).
- Preventing Violations of the Right to Life in the European and the Inter-American Human Rights Systems: From the Osman Test to a Coherent Doctrine on Risk Prevention? In: Human Rights Law Review 15/2, 343-368 (2015) (with Romina I. Sijniensky).
- The Integration of Labour Standards Concerns into the Environmental and Social Policy of the International Finance Corporation. In: Verfassung und Recht in Übersee 47/2, 229-249 (2014).
- International Labour Law. In: Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Law, Rüdiger Wolfrum (ed.). OUP, Oxford 2013 (with Claire La Hovary).
- Kohärenz der Politik der Weltbank mit den arbeitsrechtlichen Mindeststandards der Internationalen Arbeitsorganisation?. In: Arbeitsvölkerrecht. Festschrift für Klaus Lörcher, Wolfgang Däubler, Reingard Zimmer (eds.). Nomos, Baden-Baden 2013, 72-83.
- Bridging the Gap between Labour Rights and Human Rights: The Role of ILO Law in Regional Human Rights Courts, 2012, ILS Discussion Paper Series 212/2012 (ILO, Geneva) (with Martin Oelz). http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/publication/wcms_192786.pdf

Further

- Book Review: Ebert, Franz Christian: Claire La Hovary: Les droits fondamentaux au travail. Origines, statut et impact en droit international, PUF, 2009. In: International Labour Review, 149/3, 429-435, 2010.
- Labour provisions in trade arrangements: current trends and perspectives, 2011, ILS Discussion Paper Series 205/2011 (ILO, Geneva) (with Anne Posthuma). http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/publication/wcms_192807.pdf
- Labour Standards and Development Finance Institutions: A Review of Current Policies and Activities, 2011, ILS Discussion Paper Series 204/2011 (ILO, Geneva) (with Anne Posthuma). http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---inst/documents/publication/wcms_192837.pdf
- Restricting Freedom of Contract through Non-Discrimination Provisions? A Comparison of the Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR) and the German 'General Equality Law'. In: German Law Journal 10/11, 1419-1438 (2009) (with Tobias Pinkel).

- Rebalancing Globalisation: The Role of Labour Provisions in Existing International Trade Arrangements and Development Finance Policies. In: World of Work Report. The Global Jobs Crisis and Beyond, Raymond Torres (ed.). ILO, Genf 2009, 63-95 (with Anne Posthuma).

Presentations

08 Jul 2015 - Luxembourg-Strasbourg-Geneva: The Contradictions Surrounding the Right to Strike at the European Level. 22nd International Conference of Europeanists "Contradictions. Envisioning European Futures", hosted at SciencePo Paris, 8-10 July, Paris

26 Jun 2015 - Labour Provisions in Trade Agreements: A “mixed blessing” for the ILO’s Standards System? Labour Law Research Network Conference University of Amsterdam 25 -27 June 2015 - Amsterdam

22 Jun 2015 - The Implications of New Governance Mechanisms for Collective Bargaining: An International Law Perspective. Given at the Workshop "New Governance Institutions in the Work Arena" at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona

28 Nov 2014 - Los mecanismos de rendición de cuentas del Banco Mundial como instrumento para evitar violaciones de derechos humanos por las empresas. Seminario internacional sobre "Los principios del ICCAL y el derecho internacional económico. Posibles fortalecimientos recíprocos entre constitucionalismo transformador y un derecho sostenible del mercado globalizado", MPI Völkerrecht 27.-28. November 2014 - Heidelberg

24 Oct 2014 - Introducing Labour Standards into Mega-Regionals. Conference on “Mega-Regionals and the Future of International Trade and Investment Law”, Technische Universität Dresden, 23.-24. Oktober 2014 - Dresden