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## **GENERAL**

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*Born* 26 June 1950 in Bad Aussee  
*Nationality* Austrian

## **EDUCATION**

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*1986* DR. HABIL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA  
*1975* LL.M COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY NEW YORK  
*1973* DR. IURIS UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

## **PRESENT FUNCTIONS**

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*since 2007* UNIVERSITY CHAIR FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

- Established in 2007 at the University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Department for European, International and Comparative Law;
- Funded by OMV, the Austrian National Bank, Berndorf AG, Raiffeisen Central Bank, and Hermann and Marianne Straniak-Foundation.

*since 2004* U.N. SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT

- Fact-finding missions to China, Nepal, Mongolia, Georgia, Jordan and Paraguay; joint report on Guantánamo Bay;
- Reports to the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council.

*since 2000* HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT THE AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

- The Commission carries out preventive visits to places of police detention and controls the use of force by Austrian law enforcement personnel;
- It reports to the Human Rights Advisory Board of the Ministry;

- Mandate until 2008.

*since 2000*

EMA CHAIRPERSON

- The European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA) was initiated by the European Commission and is jointly organised by 39 European Universities;
- The Chairperson is elected annually by the Council of EMA Directors;
- For its pioneering role, EMA was awarded an Honourable Mention of the 2006 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education.

*since 1998*

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA IN THE EMA PROGRAMME

- EMA is based in the Monastery of San Nicolò, the Lido, Venice;
- Appointed by the Rector of the University of Vienna.

*since 1995*

MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ)

- Fact-finding mission on Tibet;
- Consultations and trainings on human rights in Taiwan.

*since 1992*

CO-DIRECTOR OF THE LUDWIG BOLTZMANN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (BIM) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

- Founded together with Felix Ermacora and Hannes Tretter in February 1992;
- In this function coordinator of NGO-parallel events during the 1993 U.N. World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna;
- For this and its research project on ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and Herzegovina the Institute received the Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Prize in 1995.

**FORMER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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*2002-2006*

MEMBER OF THE EU NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- The network was set up by the European Commission on the Initiative of the European Parliament and published, inter alia, annual reports on the situation of human rights in the EU and its member States.

*2001-2006*

U.N. EXPERT ON DISAPPEARANCES

- Examination of the existing international criminal and human rights framework for the protection of persons from enforced or involuntary disappearances;

- Adviser to the Working Group of the UN Commission on Human Rights drafting a Convention on Disappearances.
  
- 2001-2006* CONSULTANT TO THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

  - On a human rights approach to poverty reduction strategies.
  
- 2004* VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE EUROPEAN INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATISATION (EIUC) IN VENICE
  
- 2002-2003* OLOF PALME VISITING PROFESSOR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

  - At the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the University of Lund.
  
- 1996-2003* JUDGE AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBER FOR BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA IN SARAJEVO

  - 1998 Vice-President;
  - The Human Rights Chamber was established under the Dayton Peace Agreement of 1995;
  - The judges were elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.
  
- 1989-2002* PROFESSOR OF LAW

  - At the Austrian Federal Academy of Public Administration in Vienna.
  
- 1993-2001* EXPERT MEMBER OF THE U.N. WORKING GROUP ON INVOLUNTARY AND ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

  - Fact-finding missions to Yemen and Sri Lanka.
  
- 1994-1997* U.N. EXPERT IN CHARGE OF THE SPECIAL PROCESS ON MISSING PERSONS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

  - Started a process of identification of missing persons through exhumation of mortal remains;
  - Initiated International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP).
  
- 1986-1993* MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO THE U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
  
- 1987-1989* DIRECTOR OF THE NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (SIM) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT
  
- 1973-1987* ASSISTANT AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE INSTITUTE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA (WITH FELIX ERMACORA)

- During this time altogether six sabbatical years for research and field-studies in the USA (Columbia University New York), Latin America, Africa, UK (LSE London), Netherlands (Institute of Public and European Law, University of Amsterdam), Germany (Institute of Public and International law, University of Bielefeld), and the United Nations at Geneva.

## FURTHER CREDENTIALS

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### MEMBER OF SEVERAL NGOS

- Present or former member of the executive committee of various national and international non-governmental organisations active in the field of human rights and development;
- Including the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT, Geneva), the International Service for Human Rights (Geneva), the World University Service (WUS, Geneva) and WUS Austria, the Austrian Committee against Torture, the Austrian Information Service on Development Policy (ÖIE), the Austrian North-South Institute (ÖNSI), the Information Group on Latin America (IGLA), and the Austrian League for Human Rights.

### VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS FACT-FINDING MISSIONS FOR NGOS

- E.g. to Brazil (for the Brazilian Bishops Conference), Surinam (for International Alert) and India/Tibet (for the International Commission of Jurists).

### AUTHOR OF MORE THAN 400 PUBLICATIONS

- In the fields of constitutional, administrative and international law, human rights as well as development studies (see annex).

### EDITOR OF PERIODICALS AND SERIES

- E.g. Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, Austrian Review of International and European Law, BIM Human Rights Study Series.

1994

### UNESCO PRIZE FOR THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- On the basis of extensive human rights teaching in various universities and training centres in Europe and abroad.

## SELECTED BOOKS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Die Europäische Menschenrechtskonvention in der Rechtsprechung der österreichischen Höchstgerichte (edited together with Felix Ermacora and Hannes Tretter), Vienna 1983;
- Politische Grundrechte, Vienna 1988;
- Progress in the Spirit of Human Rights - Festschrift für Felix Ermacora (edited together with Dorothea Steurer and Hannes Tretter), Kehl am Rhein/Strasbourg/Arlington 1988;
- UNO-Pakt über bürgerliche und politische Rechte und Fakultativprotokoll - CCPR-Kommentar, Kehl/Straßburg/Arlington 1989;
- Human Rights in Developing Countries - 1989 Yearbook (edited together with Theresa Swinehart), Kehl/Strasbourg/Arlington 1989;
- Die Schweiz und die UNO-Menschenrechtspakte - La Suisse et les Pactes des Nations Unies relatif aux Droits de l'Homme (together with Walter Kälin and Giorgio Malinverni), Basel/Frankfurt 1991; second edition Basel/Frankfurt/Bruxelles 1997;
- Perspectives of an All-European System of Human Rights Protection (edited together with Zdzislaw Kedzia and Anna Korula), Kehl/Strasbourg/Arlington 1991;
- Menschenrechte - Grundrechte, Ihre Bedeutung für die Politische Bildung (together with Raoul Kneucker and Hannes Tretter), Vienna 1992;
- Monitoring Human Rights in Europe (edited together with Arie Bloed, Liselotte Leicht and Allan Rosas), Dordrecht 1993;
- U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, CCPR Commentary, Kehl/Strasbourg/Arlington 1993 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. published in 2005, Chinese translation published in 2003);
- International Human Rights, Documents and Introductory Notes (together with Felix Ermacora and Hannes Tretter), Vienna 1993;
- Europarat und Menschenrechte (ed.), Vienna 1994;
- World Conference on Human Rights - The Contribution of NGOs, Reports and Documents (ed.), Vienna 1994;
- EU-China Human Rights Dialogue (edited together with Xin Chunying), Vienna 2000;
- Einführung in das Internationale Menschenrechtssystem, Vienna 2002;
- Introduction to the International Human Rights Regime, Leiden/Boston 2003;
- Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina Digest, Kehl/Strasbourg/Arlington 2003;
- Human Rights Handbook for Parliamentarians (joint publication of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Inter-Parliamentary Union), Geneva 2005.

Presently working on an article by article Commentary on the UN Convention against Torture to be published by Oxford University Press in 2008.