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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Asia School of Business in Collaboration with MIT, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Associate Professor II, International Law and Philosophy, Academic Director, June 2025 – Present

Associate Professor I, International Law and Ethics, September 2023 – June 2025

Assistant Professor, August 2018 – September 2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, February 2018 – August 2018

MIT Sloan School of Management, Boston, USA

International Faculty Fellow, February 2018 – Present

Universität Halle-Wittenberg Law School, Halle, Germany

Visiting Research Fellow, 2025 - Present

Lecturer / Senior Researcher in International Economic Law, January 2015 – February 2018

EDUCATION

Transnational Economic Law Centre / Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany

Ph.D., International Law, submitted December 2017, awarded *summa cum laude*, July 2019

Thesis: *Beyond Judgment: International Law and Consensus in South Asia, 1955-1995*; Advisor: Christian Tietje

London School of Economics and Political Science / University of Southern California Law School,

London, United Kingdom / Los Angeles, USA

J.D. / LL.M. (Legal Theory & Philosophy), *honors*, November / August 2013

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

B.A., Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, March 2010

ATTORNEY QUALIFICATION

State Bar of California, License No. 305036

ATTORNEY AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Specialist Attorney (International Economic Law, Business and Human Rights, Private International Law)

Various Organizations, September 2021 – Present (pro re nata / remote)

Columbia University Freedom of Expression Initiative, New York City, USA

Research Affiliate, April 2015 – 2021 (pro re nata, U.S., German, Malaysian, and ECtHR cases)

Universität Halle-Wittenberg Law School, Halle, Germany

Lecturer & Senior Researcher, January 2015 – January 2018

Center of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts), Copenhagen, Denmark

Visiting Researcher, August 2017 – September 2017

Destination Justice, Phnom Penh, Cambodia / Geneva, Switzerland

Affiliate Counsel, January 2015 – January 2017; Associate Legal Consultant, September 2013 – January 2015

- Defense-side work with UN arm of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal (UNAKRT - ECCC); represented arbitrarily detained prisoners from a variety of jurisdictions before UN working groups (UNWGAD).

ARTICLES

- *Prominence and Dominance* (under review, forthcoming 2025-2026).
- *A Refractive Method* (under review, forthcoming 2025-2026).
- *Recalibrating Investment Arbitration: Lessons from ASEAN* (under review, forthcoming 2025-2026).
- *Medellín Manifesto on Transnational Value Chains and International Law* (with Lina Lorenzoni Escobar et al), 13 LONDON REV. INT'L L. 117 (2025).
- *What Does a Corporation Owe?: The Source of Obligations in International Investment Counterclaims* (with Lina Lorenzoni Escobar), 31 MINN. J. INT'L L. 1 (2022).
- *From Traction to Treaty Bound: Erga Omnes, Jus Cogens, and Corporate Subjectivity in International Investment Arbitration* (with Lina Lorenzoni Escobar), 13 J. INT'L DISPUTE SETTLEMENT 121 (2022).
- *International Corporate Constituency as a Human Problem*, 12 TRANSNAT'L LEGAL THEORY 159 (2021).
- *International Law and Corporate Participation in Times of Armed Conflict*, 37 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 64 (2019).
- *The Opacity of Proportionality in International Courts*, 51 GEO. WASH. INT'L L. REV. 289 (2019).
- *International Corporate Obligations, Human Rights, and the Urbaser Standard: Breaking New Ground?* (with Lina Lorenzoni Escobar), 36 B.U. INT'L L. J. 87 (2018).
- *The Concept of 'Development' in International Economic Law: Three Definitions and an Inquiry into Origin*, 14 MANCH. J. INT'L ECON. L. 148 (2017).
- *The Merits or the Messenger?: Complementarity and the Referral Process in the ICC's Application of Article 17 of the Rome Statute*, 26 J. TRANSNAT'L L. & POL'Y 53 (2017).
- *The Emerging Neoliberal Penalty: Foucauldian Punishment in a Profit-Driven Carceral System*, 52 CRIM. L. BULL. 1 (2016).

BOOKS

- *ACCESSION, AGREEMENT, AND ACCEPTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: ADVERSARIALISM AND CONSENT AFTER BANDUNG* (forthcoming, Routledge 2025).
- *INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE PERSONHOOD: BUSINESS AND THE BODYLESS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Routledge 2021, paperback 2023).
- *THE PUSH AND PULL OF FAIRNESS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW* (co-edited with Prof. Ozlem Ulgen, forthcoming Edward Elgar 2026-2028).
- *'THE NATURAL' IN INTERNATIONAL LAW* (edited volume in planning phase, interest from Edward Elgar and Oxford University Press, anticipated 2026-2028).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- *[Sustainable] Development*, in Thomas Cottier & Krista Shefer (eds.), *Encyclopedia of International Economic Law* (Edward Elgar 2024).

- *The Right to Property and Development*, in Thomas Cottier & Krista Shefer (eds.), *Encyclopedia of International Economic Law* (Edward Elgar 2024).
- *International Law as Evangelism*, in Benjamin Porat & David Flatto (eds.), *LAW AS RELIGION, RELIGION AS LAW* (Cambridge 2022).
- *Bandung's Fate*, in Ingo Venzke & Kevin Jon Heller (eds.), *CONTINGENCY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: ON THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENT LEGAL HISTORIES* (Oxford 2021).
- *'Winds of Justice?': Post-Colonial Opportunism and the Rise of the Khmer Rouge*, in Morten Bergsmo, Wolfgang Kaleck & Kyaw Yin Hlaing (eds.), *COLONIAL WRONGS AND ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL LAW (TOAEP 2020)*.
- *DSB Supervision of Implementation at the WTO* (with Christian Tietje), *MAX PLANCK EIPRO ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Oxford 2020).
- *Corporate Persons and Crimes Against Humanity*, in Katia Fach Gomez, Anastasios Gourgourinis & Catharine Titi (eds.), *EUROPEAN YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW: INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT* (Springer 2019).
- *The Reform of Investment Protection Rules in CETA, TTIP, and Other Recent EU-FTAs: Convincing?* (with Christian Tietje), in Stefan Griller, Walter Obwexer & Erich Vranes (eds.), *MEGA-REGIONAL AGREEMENTS: NEW ORIENTATIONS FOR EU EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS* (Oxford 2017).

TEXTBOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- *On the Confirmation of Charges Against Charles Ble Goude* (ICC), André Klip & Steven Freeland (eds.), *ANNOTATED LEADING CASES OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS ("ALC")*, Vol. LXIV (Intersentia 2021).
- *Commentary on Prosecutor v. Duch* (ECCC), André Klip & Steven Freeland (eds.), *ALC Vol. LX* (Intersentia 2020).
- *The Scope of the ICC Registrar's Powers Under Regulation 135*, André Klip & Steven Freeland (eds.), *ALC Vol. LVII* (Intersentia 2019).
- *Commentary on Prosecutor v. Radovan Karadzic* (ICTY), André Klip & Steven Freeland (eds.), *ALC Vol. LIV* (Intersentia 2017).
- *Recent ICC Applications of Article 17 of the Rome Statute*, André Klip & Göran Sluiter (eds.), *ALC Vol. LII* (Intersentia 2016).

BOOK REVIEWS

- *Anne Saab, Narratives of Hunger in International Law: Feeding the World in Times of Climate Change*, 23 J. INT'L ECON. L. 1049 (2020).
- *Anthea Roberts, Is International Law International?*, 21 J. INT'L ECON. L. 739 (2018).
- *Diane Desierto, Public Policy in International Economic Law: The ICESCR in Trade, Finance, and Investment*, 21 J. INT'L ECON. L. 1 (2018).
- *Iryna Marchuk, The Fundamental Concept of Crime in International Criminal Law*, 15 J. INT'L CRIM. JUST. 2 (2017).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *'The Role of Economics in Legal Thought: A Reprise'* – Revisiting Duncan Kennedy's classic essay, flipping the perspective and updating the narrative: economic concepts inform what 'justice' is in law, in ways presented as 'natural' or 'necessary'. Essay project.
- The 'Material' in International Law / The 'Natural' in International Law
 - A broad multiyear international collaboration exploring 'the material', 'the natural', 'the true' and 'the real', assumed in judicial reasoning, legal texts, and market justifications in international law.

- Bowring's Legacies and the 'Christian Subject'
 - Exploring impact of 1855 Bowring Treaty provisions on extraterritoriality and taxation.
- *Top Glove, Sime Darby, and the USCBP: International Law and Global Political Economy in Trade*
 - Ongoing research in the cross boarder legal structures and political economy of trade and labor/human rights enforcement.
- *Responsibility in Action: The Use of International Law in CSR and SCSR* (evolving database on file)
- *The Monetary Gold Doctrine at the ICJ* (with Andrej Lang)

POLICY PAPERS & ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- *A Pagan Christmas*, Critical Legal Thinking (December 2021), <https://criticallegalthinking.com/2021/12/22/a-pagan-christmas/>.
- *The Use of 'Human Rights' and 'Development' by Evangelical Organizations*, OpenDemocracy (June 2018), <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/how-us-evangelical-organizations-deploy-human-rights-and-development/>.
- *A Taxonomy of Proportionality in International Courts*, iCourts Working Paper Series No. 107 (November 2017), <https://jura.ku.dk/icourts/research-resources/working-papers/>.
- *Trump's Travel Ban v. Macron's Police Power Reforms*, Social Europe (June 2017), <https://www.socialeurope.eu/2017/06/trumps-travel-ban-v-macrons-police-power-reforms/>.
- *Four Key Features of the Emerging 'Trumpism'*, Social Europe (April 2017), <https://www.socialeurope.eu/2017/04/four-key-features-emerging-trumpism/>.
- *'Trumpism', the TPP, and the Politics of Uncertainty*, Pol'y Papers on Transnat'l Econ. L. No. 46, Transnational Economic Law Research Centre (TELC) (Feb. 2017), http://tietje.jura.uni-halle.de/sites/default/files/PolicyPaper/PolicyPaper_No46.pdf.
- *The TPP and Malaysia: Local Impact and Implications Following the Conclusion of the Partnership Negotiations*, Pol'y Papers on Transnat'l Econ. L. No. 44, TELC (Oct. 2015), http://tietje.jura.uni-halle.de/sites/default/files/PolicyPaper/PolicyPaper_No44.pdf.
- *The TPA in 2015: A Quick Look at the Latest Incarnation of the U.S. President's 'Fast Track' Trade Negotiation Authority*, Pol'y Papers on Transnat'l Econ. L. No. 43, TELC (June 2015), <http://telc.jura.uni-halle.de/de/node/24>.

TEACHING

- **Asia School of Business, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2018 – Present**
 - ACE Course: International Law and Global Business Strategy, Fall 2025 - Present
 - Ethics & Corporate Legal Accountability (lecture/discussion format), Fall 2018 – Present
 - Public International Law & the Private Sector (lecture/discussion format), Spring 2020 – Summer 2023
 - Law & Ethics in Central Banking (lecture/discussion format), Fall 2021 – Present
 - Legal Tender: Histories of Law and Money (seminar/reading group format), Summer 2024 – Present
 - International Law & Global Business Strategy (ACE hybrid format), Summer 2025
 - *Action Learning Projects Supervised:*
 - ACM-Boeing (Alor Setar, Malaysia); Ancora (Jakarta, Indonesia); Online Pajak (Jakarta, Indonesia); Asia Development Bank (Manila, Philippines); Microsoft (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); PNB (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); Sime Darby (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); Green Packet (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); CSR (Independent); SOCAR (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); CIMB (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); Khazanah (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); ABB (Independent & Zurich, Switzerland); AQEX (London, UK).

- **Universität Halle-Wittenberg Law School**, Halle, Germany, 2015 – 2018
 - International Economic Law, ELSA/WTO Moot, Fall 2015 – 2017
 - International Human Rights Law (lecture format, 100+ students), Spring 2015
 - International Investment Law, Skadden FDI Moot, Spring 2016 – 2017
 - Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law (lecture format, 200+ students), Fall 2015 – 2018
 - **Executive Education**, ASB Iclif Executive Education Center, 2020 – Present
 - Ethics & Legal Accountability
 - Emerging Norms in International Business Law
 - International Law & Global Business Strategy
 - Business and Human Rights: The ‘S’ in ESG
 - International Corporate Structuring
 - Custom courses

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- Co-Convenor, *Transnational Value Chains and International Law*, Eafit University Law School, Phase I Conference on TVCs, Medellín, Colombia, December 2025 (upcoming).
- Co-Convenor, *On What Basis Should International Law be Reconstructed?*, ESIL Interest Group on Legal Theory & Philosophy, ESIL Annual Conference, *Reconstructing International Law*, Berlin, Germany, 10-13 September 2025 (upcoming).
- The Christian Subject, *The 5th Asian Legal History Conference*, Doshisha University, July 31 – Aug 1, Kyoto Japan (2025).
- Participant, *Navigating New Horizons: International Economic Law in a Changing World*, TAIPEI, July 9-11 (Taipei, Taiwan 2025).
- *Prominence and Dominance: Central Banks and Dollar Hegemony in International Law*, EJIL/JIEL Joint Symposium Workshop, online, May 12-14 2025.
- *Missing the Medium: Monetary Orders and Gaps in Legal (Economic) Theory*, American Society of International Law, midyear meeting, University of Pittsburgh Law School, 20-22 November 2023.
- Co-Convenor, *The Push and Pull of Fairness: Theoretical Approaches to Fairness in International Law*, ESIL Annual Conference, Aix-en-Provence, France, 30 August-3 September 2023.
- *International Law and GVCs*, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Annual Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 July 2023.
- Co-Convenor, *Public and Private Commodity Production in International Law*, Eafit University Law School, Phase I Conference on TVCs, Medellín, Colombia, 17 July 2023.
- *Prominence and Dominance: Monetary Policy and International Economic Legal Theory*, SIEL Biannual Conference, Bogotá, Colombia, 12-14 July 2023.
- *The ‘Christian Subject’: Secret Societies and the Opium Trade in Siam and the Straits Settlements*, 3rd Asian Legal History Conference, CUHK, Hong Kong, China, 20-21 June 2023.
- *Prominence and Dominance: Monetary Policy and International Law*, Money as a Democratic Medium, Harvard Law School, Boston, USA, 15-17 June 2023.
- Participant, 4th UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights, Kathmandu, Nepal, 20-22 March, 2023.
- Co-Convenor, *The Natural’ in International Law*, Amsterdam Center for International Law, Asia School of Business, Graduate Institute Global Governance Centre, Amsterdam, 8-9 September 2022.
- Participant, Law & Society Conference, ‘Rage, Reckoning, and Remedy’, ICSTE University Institute Lisbon, 14-16 July 2022.

- Panelist, ICON•S Annual Conference, ‘Global Problems and Prospects in Public Law’, Wrocław, 4-6 July 2022.
- *Inequality, Silence, and ‘the Natural’ in International Law*, ANU Law School’s 60th Anniversary Conference: Public Law and Inequality, Canberra, February 2022.
- *Bowring’s Legacies*, Asian Legal History Conference, CUHK – Hue University, Vietnam, 24-25 July 2021.
- *Working Group on ‘The Natural’ in International Law*, Panel Organizer, ICON•S Conference, ‘The Future of Public Law’, Mundo, 8-10 July 2021.
- *Solidarity and ‘The Natural’ in International Law*, 2020 ESIL Research Forum, ‘Solidarity: The Quest for Founding Utopias in International Law’, Catania, April 2021.
- *Constituency and the International Corporate Person*, Transnational Law Institute, King’s College London, ‘Bringing the Human Problem Back: The Example of Corporate (Ir)responsibility’, October 2020.
- *From Traction to Treaty Bound*, presented with Lina Lorenzoni-Escobar, ESIL/Católica Global Law School, ‘Socially Responsible Foreign Investment Under International Law,’ Lisbon, October 2019.
- *Institutional Moralization and International Corporate Persons*, Taylor’s University Law School, ‘The Future of Law & Legal Practice,’ Kuala Lumpur, October 2019.
- *The Individual Moralization of Corruption and the International Corporate Person*, EUI, ‘Corruption, Democracy and Human Rights,’ Florence, June 2019.
- *International Anti-Corruption Law and the International Corporate Person*, Wharton/SciencesPo, ‘The Transnationalization of Anti-Corruption Law’, Paris, December 2018.
- *International Corporate Personhood: Future Roads*, UN 8th Annual Forum on Business & Human Rights, United Nations Palais des Nations, Geneva, November 2018.
- *Bandung’s Missed Legacies: Alternative Normative Approaches to International Law?*, ACIL Conference, ‘Contingency in International Law’, Amsterdam, June 2018.
- *Redesigning International Adjudication*, Howard League, ‘Redesigning Justice’, Oxford, March 2018.
- *International Human Rights Law as a Tool of Repression: International Evangelical Organizations, Development Funding, and LGBT Rights*, ARC Strategic Litigation Symposium, ‘The Use of Law by Social Movements & Civil Society’, Brussels, March 2018.
- *Human Rights and the Fluctuation of Executive Powers in the U.S.: From Nixon to Trump*, ‘Populism, Nationalism, and Human Rights’ at Maastricht University, The Netherlands, January 2018.
- *Corporate Subjectivity and Crimes Against Humanity: Can Arbitrators Push the Boundaries of Investor-to-State Financial Liability?*, Colloquium on ‘International Investment Law and the Law of Armed Conflict’, National University of Athens, Greece, October 2017.
- *Corporate Human Rights Obligations and International Investment Law: Urbaser’s Potential*, ESIL IHRL Interest Group at the 13th Annual ESIL Conference, Naples, September 2017.
- *Migrations of Power: International IP Law and the Implications of Eli Lilly*, ICON•S, ‘Courts, Power, Public Law’, Copenhagen, July 2017.
- *International Law as Evangelism: American Christianity and the UN Development Project*, Hebrew University, ‘Law as Religion, Religion as Law’, Jerusalem, June 2017.
- *The ‘Proportionality’ Delusion in International Law*, LUISS Guido Carli University, ‘Constitutional Adjudication: Between Pluralism and Unity’, Rome, May 2017.

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

- *The Christian Subject During the Development of International and Extraterritorial Courts in Southeast Asia*, Lund University Law School, seminar on Law, Religion, and Culture, 24 January 2024.
- Discussant, Law & Society Conference, ‘Rage, Reckoning, and Remedy’, ICSITE University Institute Lisbon, 14-16 July 2022.

- Panelist, ICON•S Annual Conference, ‘Global Problems and Prospects in Public Law’, Wrocław, 4-6 July 2022.
- 2nd UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights, Online Forum, 15-19 March 2021.
- *Responsibility in Action*, Leadership Energy Summit Asia (LESA), Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, 16-18 November 2020, ASB Iclif Executive Education Center.
- *Comment on the ECCC and Colonialism and Post-Colonialism*, CILRAP Expert Meeting on Colonial Legacies and Access to International Law, Yangon, Myanmar, 16-17 November 2019, video available at <https://www.cilrap.org/cilrap-film/191117-crow/>.
- *The Evolving Status of Corporate Subjectivity to International Law: Developments in ISDS*, presented to the IFF Research Seminar Series at the MIT Sloan School of Management, February 2018.
- *A Taxonomy of Proportionality in International Courts*, presented to the iCourts Research Seminar at the University of Copenhagen Law School, 13 September 2017.
- *International Corporate Obligations, Human Rights, and the Urbaser Standard: Breaking New Ground?*, with Lina Lorenzoni Escobar, University of Halle-Wittenberg Law School, 27 April 2017.
- *Is There a Better Way to Approach Judgment’ in International Law?: International IP Law and the Case of Eli Lilly*, Asia School of Business, Research Seminar, 13 February 2017.
- *The Asymmetry of Investor-State Obligations Under International Investment Law*, World Bank in Kuala Lumpur, 6 December 2016.
- *Food Security and the Human Right to Knowledge*, Summer School on Food Security at the University of Halle-Wittenberg Law School, 15 September 2016.

ACADEMIC, PRO BONO, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES EDUCATION (JLSE) (5-year term, 2023 – 2028).
- European Society of International Law (ESIL), Coordinating Committee for International Legal Theory and Philosophy (4-year term, June 2021 – June 2025).
- Pro bono international lawyer for the Global Legal Action Network (GLAN), 2018 to present.
- Registered arbitrator at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), 2021 to present.
- Peer Reviewer:
 - AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL
 - EDWARD ELGAR PUBLISHING
 - JOURNAL OF BUSINESS ETHICS
 - JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW
 - JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
 - ROUTLEDGE
- Administrative Service at ASB:
 - Research Seminar Series, Co-Coordinator 2018 to 2019, Coordinator 2019 to 2021.
 - Admissions Committee, 2020 to 2022.
 - Ethical Research Review Board (IRB), 2018 to present.
 - MBA Values Committee, Chair, 2018 to present.
 - AACSB Board, 2022 to present.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

- **Harvard Business School**, Case Method Teaching, March 2018
- **HRD TTT Certificate**, TTT Certification, 2020 – Present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL)
- European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
- Society of International Economic Law (SIEL)
- International Society of Public Law (ICON•S)
- European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI)
- Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA)
- Law & Society Association (LSA).

LANGUAGES

- English: native; German: proficient (cert. Goethe Institute); Indonesian: intermediate (cert. U.S. State Dep't)

WEB

- [BePress Selected Works](#)
- [SSRN Author Page](#)
- [ASB Faculty Profile](#)
- [ECGI Profile](#)
- [Global FoE Profile](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)
- [Personal Website](#)