Lectures, Addresses and Invitations

July 2021

 Lecture on "'Less democratic than the papal election?' – Election of German Constitutional Court Justices today" as part of the "Seminario libre y vocacional de Teoría Constitucional & Filosofía Política Anacharsis Cloots" at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

June 2021

- Expert statement at the public hearing of the Committee on Legal
Affairs and Consumer Protection of the German Bundestag on the
question of a possible replacement of the term "race" in art 3 para 3
German Basic Law (GG)

June 2021

 Chaired workshop on "Constitutional Identity in the Context of Recent Constitutional Developments in Russia" at the Round Table of the International Association of Constitutional Law on "Constitutional Identity: Universality of Constitutionalism vs. National Constitutional Traditions?", St. Petersburg, Russia

June 2021

 Lecture on "Rassendiskriminierung und Anti-Rassismus unter dem Grundgesetz" [Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism under the German Basic Law] at the lecture series "Juristische Grundlagengespräche in Oberfranken" [Discussions on Jurisprudence in Upper Franconia] at the University of Bayreuth, Germany

January 2020

Lecture on "Wie normativ ist Rechtsvergleichung?" [How normative is comparative law?] at the Charles University Prag, Czech Republic

September 2019

 Chaired discussion on "Equality as a cultural phenomenon" of the Section for Comparative Public Law at the 37th conference of the German Society of Comparative Law, Greifswald, Germany September 2019

Lecture on "Theorising legal transplants?" at the Annual Seminar of the British Association of Comparative Law on "Legal Transplants and Mixed Jurisdictions – In Honour of the Late Prof. Alan Watson" in Preston, United Kingdom

October 2018

- Lecture on "Waiting for Godot – The Prospects of Legal Realism and Critical Legal Studies in Germany" at the XIX. Jornadas de Derecho Constitucional on "¿El Estado constitucional en jaque?" at the Universidad Externado de Colombia

October 2018

Visiting Professor at the Universidad Externado de Colombia,
 course on "Comparative Constitutional Law"

October 2018

Lecture on "Regel und Ausnahme in der Rechtsvergleichung"
 [Rule and Exception in Comparative Law] at the symposium
 "Ausnahmen brechen die Regel" [Exceptions Break the Rule] in honor of Prof. Dr. Paul Kirchhof at the Institute of Financial and Tax Law, University of Heidelberg, Germany

October 2017

 Lecture on "Diskursvergleich im internationalen und nationalen Recht [Comparing Legal Discourses in International and National Law]" at the 77th conference of the Association of German Constitutional Law Professors, Saarbrücken, Germany

September 2017

Chaired discussion on "Law Enforcement by Military Means –
 Domestic Deployment of the Army and Militarization of the Police" of the Section for Comparative Public Law at the 36th conference of the German Society of Comparative Law, Basel, Switzerland

September 2017

Welcome remark at the XX. German-Polish Colloquium of Administrative Law on "Nationale und übernationale Mechanismen des Schutzes des Rechtsstaats" [National and Supranational Mechanisms to Protect the Rule of Law] and "Die Anwendung des öffentlichen Rechts durch einvernehmliche Lösungen" [The Application]

of Public Law Through Mutually Agreed Solutions], Warsaw, Poland

June 2017

Lecture at the opening panel on "Legislation, Administration, Adjudication: Boundaries and Overlappings" as part of the XXIV. Biannual Colloquium of the Italian Association of Comparative Law's conference on "Ius Dicere in a Globalized World", Naples, Italy

May 2017

Lecture on "Die Rolle von Normen in der Rechtsvergleichung – die kontextuelle Sicht" [The Role of Norms in Comparative Law – The Contextual Perspective] at the invitation of the Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law and the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

November 2016

Chaired discussion on "Datenschutz und Terrorbekämpfung/Protection de données et lutte contre le terrorisme" [Data Protection and Counterterrorism], at the conference on "Sicherheit und Freiheit/Sécurité et Liberté" [Security and freedom] of the 12th German-French Jurists Conference, Potsdam, Germany

November 2016

 Lecture on "Beyond norms?! – Comparative Law in Contextual Perspective", at the University of Vienna, Austria

November 2016

 Lecture on "Beyond norms?! – Comparative Law in Contextual Perspective", Research Seminar of the Budapest Research Group on Constitutional Theory at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

November 2016

 Lecture on "Kann man fremdes Recht verstehen? – Der Ansatz der kontextuellen Rechtsvergleichung" [Can We Understand Foreign Law? The Contextual Approach in Comparative Law], at the Faculty of Comparative Political Science and Jurisprudence, Andrássy University Budapest, Hungary

September 2016

- Lecture on "Vergleichende Rechtswissenschaft heute – methodische und praktische Perspektiven" [Comparative Law Today –

Methodological and Practical Perspectives] as part of the seminar "Methodik der Rechtsvergleichung" [Methodology of Comparative Law], at the 15th anniversary conference of the German-speaking program "Deutsches Recht" [German law] at the Legal Institute of the Siberian Federal University, Krasnojarsk, Russia

September 2015

 Chaired discussion on "Religious law and religious courts as a challenge to the State - Legal pluralism in comparative perspective" of the Section for Comparative Public Law at the 35th conference of the German Society of Comparative Law, Bayreuth, Germany

June 2015

Lecture on "Peut-on comprendre le droit étranger? – L'approche contextuelle en droit comparé" [Can We Understand Foreign Law?
 The Contextual Approach in Comparative Law], as part of the annual conference of the French Society for Comparative Law, Paris,

 France

May 2015

 Lecture on "Party, Pope – and Parliament? – A new development in the election of German Constitutional Court Justices", as part of the lecture series "International Dialogues in Constitutional Law", Law Faculty of the University São Paulo, Brazil

May 2015

Lecture on "Verfassungsrechtliche Kontrolle und Public Policies
(Jurisdição Constitucional e Políticas Públicas)" [Constitutional
Review and Public Policies], at the invitation of the "XII. Seminário Internacional de Demandas Sociais e Políticas Públicas na
Sociedade Contemporânea", University Santa Cruz do Sul, Brazil

May 2015

- Doctoral Seminar on "Die Dogmatik der grundrechtlichen Schutzpflichten in Deutschland" [The Doctrine of Obligations to Protect
Fundamental Rights in Germany], at the University Santa Cruz do
Sul, Brazil

April 2015

Visiting Professor at the University of Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, course on "Droit constitutionnel allemand" [German Constitutional Law] January 2014

 Guest Lecture on "La protection de la liberté d'opinion en droit constitutionnel allemand" [The Protection of the Freedom of Expression in German Constitutional Law],] at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Administrative Sciences, University of Rouen, France

January 2014

 Visiting Professor at the University of Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, course on "Droit constitutionnel allemand"
 [German Constitutional Law]

September 2013

 Expert statement at a public hearing of the Finance Committee of the parliament of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania on the constitutionality of transferring decision-making powers to a parliamentary committee

September 2013

- Chaired discussion on "Der Einfluss des deutschen Verfassungsrechtsdenkens in der Welt: Bedeutung, Grenzen, Zukunftsperspektiven" [The Influence of German Constitutional Legal Thought in the world: Importance, Limits, Future Prospects] of the Section for Comparative Public Law at the 34th conference of the German Society of Comparative Law, Marburg, Germany

September 2013

- Chairman of the Panel Discussion: "Erfüllung hoheitlicher Aufgaben durch Private?" [Fulfillment of Public Functions by Private Citizens?], XVIII. German-Polish Colloquium of Administrative Law on "Instrumenten- und Akteursmix im Verwaltungsrecht" [The Mix of Tools and Players in Administrative Law], Toruń, Poland

May 2013

- Laudatory speech at the symposium honoring Prof. Dr. Eibe Riedel on the occasion of his 70th birthday, Berlin, Germany

April 2013

Lecture on "La liberté d'opinion au défi du néonazisme – la culture juridique allemande évolue" [The Challenge of Neo-Nazism to the Freedom of Expression – German Legal Culture Develops] at the Doctoral School of Public Law and Tax Law, University of Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

April 2013

- Visiting Professor at the University of Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, course on "Droit constitutionnel allemand" [German Constitutional Law]

May 2012

- Lecture "Die gute richterliche Begründung: Möglichkeiten und Grundsätze" [Proper Judicial Reasoning: Options and Principles] at the Judicial Yuan (Constitutional Court), Republic of China (Taiwan)

May 2012

 Lecture on "The Codification of Human Rights at the National and International Levels – German National Report" at the Second Thematic Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan)

April 2012

Paper presentation and discussion: "Party, Pope, and Politics? –
 The Election of German Constitutional Court Justices in comparative perspective" as part of the workshop "The Changing Landscape of German Constitutionalism" at the invitation of the Jean Monnet Center at New York University, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law and the International Journal of Constitutional Law

March 2012

Visiting Professor at the University of Paris I: Panthéon-Sorbonne,
 France, course on "Droit constitutionnel allemand" [German Constitutional Law]

November 2011

Lecture on "Le néonazisme et la liberté d'opinion en Allemagne développements récents" [Neo-Nazism and the Freedom of Opinion
in Germany – Recent Developments] at the Toulouse 1 Capitole
University, France

November 2011

 Lecture on "Language and Culture in Comparative Law" at the University of Toulouse 1 Capitole, France

November 2011

Visiting Professor at the University of Toulouse 1 Capitole, France:
 course on "La liberté d'expression et la liberté de religion en Allemagne" [Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion in Ger-

many], Doctoral Seminar on "La critique de la comparaison fonctionnelle et les alternatives" [Criticism of Functional Comparison and Its Alternatives]

September 2011

Chaired discussion on "Ideologie und Weltanschauung im Verfassungs-, Zivil- und Wirtschaftsrecht" [Ideology in Constitutional,
 Civil and Commercial Law] at the joint meeting of the Sections for
 Foundations of Comparative Law and Comparative Public Law at
 the 33rd conference of the German Society of Comparative Law,
 Trier, Germany

September 2011

- Chairman of the XVII. German-Polish Colloquium of Administrative Law on "Unionsgrundrechte und Diskriminierungsverbote im Verfassungsrecht" [Fundamental Rights of the European Union and Discrimination Ban in Constitutional Law], Greifswald, Germany

March 2011

 Visiting Professor at the University of Paris I —: Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, course on "Droit constitutionnel allemand"
 [German Constitutional Law]

March 2011

Lecture on "Le néonazisme et la liberté d'opinion dans la culture juridique allemande - développements récents" [Neo-Nazism and the Freedom of Opinion in the German Legal Culture – Recent Developments] at the invitation of the Doctoral School of Public Law and Tax Law, University of Paris I: Panthéon-Sorbonne.
 France

November 2010

Lecture on "Der Inhalt der gerichtlichen Begründung" [The Content of Judicial Reasoning] as part of the international conference
 "The Judicial Opinion in Academic and Practical Perspective" at the invitation of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic

October 2010

 Lecture on "Legal Language in Comparative Perspective" at the invitation of ELSA Greifswald, Germany September 2009

- Chaired discussion on "Einfluss außerrechtlicher Faktoren auf Recht und Rechtsvergleichung" [The Influence of Non-Legal Factors an the Law and Comparative Law] at the joint meeting of the Sections for Foundations of Comparative Law and Comparative Public Law at the 32nd conference of the German Society of Comparative Law, Cologne, Germany

May 2009

Lecture on "Europarechtsfreundlichkeit oder Europarechtsskepsis,
 Unterwerfung oder Integration?" [Positive or Sceptical Attitude
 Towards European Law, Surrender or Integration?] as part of the
 workshop "Der 'offene Verfassungsstaat' des Grundgesetzes nach
 60 Jahren" [The 'Open Constitutional State' in the German Constitution after 60 Years] at the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law, University of Kiel, Germany

October 2008

Lecture on "Sprache und Rechtsvergleichung" [Language and
 Comparative Law] at the invitation of the Baltic-German University
 Liaison Office at the University of Latvia, Riga

September 2008

- Lecture on "Immunität als Recht des Abgeordneten" [Immunity as a Right of Individual Members of Parliament] as part of the conference "Die verfassungsrechtlich garantierte Stellung der Abgeordneten in den Ländern Mittel- und Osteuropas" [The Constitutionally Guaranteed Status of the Members of Parliament in Middle and Eastern European Countries] at the University of Pécs, Hungary

March 2008

Lecture on "Gleichheitssatz und Steuerrecht – Gefahren eines dogmatischen Sonderwegs" [The Principle of Equality and Tax Law – Dangers of Doctrinal Isolation] as part of the symposium honoring Prof. Dr. Paul Kirchhof on the occasion of his 65th birthday, Amorbach, Germany

February 2008

- Laudatory speech at the symposium "Praxis des internationalen Menschenrechtsschutzes" [International Human Rights in Prac-

tice] honoring Prof. Dr. Eibe Riedel on the occasion of his 65th birthday, Mannheim, Germany

September 2006

- Lecture "Parteienstaat und demokratische Stabilität" [Political Parties and Democratic Stability] as part of the conference "Parteienfinanzierung" [Funding of Political Parties] of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania and the Vilnius University Faculty of Law, Lithuania

May 2006

 Opening Lecture "Translation, Culture and Comparative Law" as part of the conference "Legal English Teachers in Germany (and Beyond)" at the Faculty of Law and Economics of the University of Greifswald, Germany

May 2006

Lecture on "Legal Cultures – Legal Languages" as part of the conference "Language and Law" of the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of English Language, Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf and the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, Düsseldorf, Germany

November 2005

- Lecture on "Die erläuternde Verwaltung als gute Verwaltung" [Explaining Administrative Decisions as an Aspect of Good Administration] as part of the conference "Europäischer Kodex der guten Verwaltung und polnisches Verwaltungsverfahren und -praxis" [European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour and Polish Administrative Procedure and Practice] at the invitation of the Institute of Administration, University of Legnica, Poland

November 2005

Lecture on "Methode und Fehler in der Rechtsvergleichung"
 [Method and Mistakes in Comparative Law] at the invitation of the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wroclaw, Poland

November 2005

- Lecture "Absolute Verfahrensfehler" [Absolute Procedural Mistakes] at the invitation of the Collegium Polonicum of the Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań and the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder in Słubice, Poland

September 2005

- Lecture on "Souveränität, Einbindung, Autonomie - die Entwicklung der Kompetenzverteilung zwischen der Europäischen Union und ihren Mitgliedstaaten" [Sovereignty, Inclusion, Autonomy – The Development of the Allocation of Competences Between the European Union and Its Member States] as part of the XIV. German-Polish Administrative Law Colloquium "Die Verwaltung unter dem Einfluß des Europarechts [Administration Under the Influence of European Law] of the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Silesia in Katowice and the Facultas Iuridica Foundation, Katowice, Poland

June 2005

- Participation as expert in the discussion on "Von der Volkssouveränität zur Völkersouveränität – Legitimationsgrundlagen einer europäischen Verfassung" [From Sovereignty of the People to Sovereignty of the Peoples – Basis of Legitimacy for a European Constitution] at the invitation of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany

December 2004

 Lecture on "Menschenrechte - zwischen Sonntagsrede und Verbindlichkeit" [Human Rights – Between Sermon and Binding Authority] at the invitation of ELSA Greifswald, Germany

September 2004

Lecture on "Die Stellung nichttraditioneller Religionen in Rußland – Rechtsvergleichende Bemerkungen aus deutscher Sicht" [The Status of Non-Traditional Religions in Russia – Comparative Remarks from a German Point of View] as part of the symposium "Religionsfreiheit in Osteuropa zwischen Tradition und Europäisierung" [Religious Freedom in Eastern Europe Between Tradition and Europeanisation] of the National Law Academy of Ukraine, the Ivan Franko National University at Lviv and the University of Regensburg, in Lviv, Ukraine

August 2004

One week summer course "Human Rights" at the summer-school of the Institute of Law, Irkutsk State University, Russia

June 2004

- Inaugural Lecture "Vorsicht, Rechtsvergleichung!" [Warning: Comparative Law!], University of Greifswald, Germany

September 2003

Country Report USA on "Neue Entwicklungen im Einwanderungsund Asylrecht – Völker-, europa-, verfassungs- und verwaltungsrechtliche Aspekte" [New Developments in Immigration and
Asylum Law – Aspects of International, European, Constitutional
and Administrative Law] as part of the 29th conference of the
German Society of Comparative Law, Dresden, Germany

October 2002

Lecture on "Nicht nur Bananen – Verfassungsrechtliche Anforderungen an die Europäische Union im Grundrechtsbereich" [Not Only Bananas – Constitutional Demands on the European Union Concerning Basic Rights] as part of the Robert Schumann Project of the Thuringian Ministry of Justice, the University of Jena and the European Commission, Jena, Germany

March 2002

Opening Lecture on "Die universalen Menschenrechte und ihr Ausdruck in der Staatenwelt" [The Universal Human Rights and Their Manifestation in the International Community of States] as part of the scholarly colloqium on "Wie universal sind die Menschenrechte?" [How Universal Are Human Rights?] at the Social Sciences Research Institute of the European Academy of Otzenhausen, Germany

February 2002

 Three day course on "Human Rights" at the Estonian School of Diplomacy, Tallinn, Estonia

February 2000

Three day course on "Human Rights" at the Estonian School of Diplomacy, Tallinn, Estonia

November 1999

- One day course on "Grundlagen des Völkerrechts" [Foundations of International Law] at the German Federal Academy of Public Administration

August 1999

 One day review course on international law as part of the training of candidates for senior diplomatic services at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs

February 1999

- One week course on "International Dispute Settlement and Human Rights" at the Estonian School of Diplomacy, Tallinn, Estonia

October 1996

 Lecture on "Liberté et monopole de l'audiovisuel - Le système dual de radiodiffusion en Allemagne" [Freedom to Broadcast and Broadcasting Monopolies – The Dual Broadcasting System in Germany] as part of the 9th German-French Jurists Conference in Poitiers, France

August 1994

- Three weeks tutorial on international law as part of the summercourse of the Aristotle University Thessaloniki, Greece