

Curriculum Vitae

Experience

- **Independent expert and consultant on legal systems in post-Soviet countries**
 - 2007 – present Authored various expert opinions on Russian law and private international law pursuant to requests made by courts and individual parties to a lawsuit
 - 2019 Participation as a consultant in a GIZ legal development assistance project, “Turkmenistan – Promotion of the Rule of Law in Central Asia” on the commentary of administrative procedures act
 - 2015 – 2016 Participation as a consultant in a GIZ legal development assistance project, “Turkmenistan – Promotion of the Rule of Law in Central Asia”, which included leading the efforts of local experts on the fourth volume of the commentary on the Civil Code of Turkmenistan, addressing the law of succession.
 - 2010 – 2011 Participation as a consultant in a GIZ legal development assistance project, which included counselling the Ukrainian government on privatisation questions in cooperation with local expert
- **Research and teaching since 2019**
 - Since 2020 Visiting professor at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), Georgia
 - Since 2020 Teaching assignment at Law Faculty of Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, lectures on East European and Russian Law, lecture “German-Russian Legal Relationships in the Judicial Praxis”
- **2007 – 2018 Senior research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Head of the Regional Unit for Russia and other CIS-Countries.**

- January - March 2018 Research stay at Law Faculty of the University of Cambridge. Project: “Estoppel in Russian Law”.
- 2007 – 2018 Post-doctoral project (Habilitation) “The Transformation of Russian Property Law – A Comparative Analysis from the Perspective of German Law”.
 - In 2018 the work was awarded the “Deutsch-Russischer Juristenpreis”
 - The work comparatively analyses the notion of property in Russian law. The study examines the Russian conception of property with reference to the country’s legal culture, tracing the continuity of Russian legal thinking from the Tsarist empire to the current era and considering how this thinking has impacted the modern legal rules on property law. The volume was published in February 2019 by the Mohr Siebeck Publishing House.
- 2016 – 2018 Project: “Integration of Ukrainian Private Law into the European Area of Justice”. Project partner: Research Institute for Private Law and Entrepreneurship of the National Academy of Law of the Ukraine, Kiev. Results: Conference “Integration of Ukrainian Private Law into the European Area of Justice”, 12.12.2016, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg; Project Volume Ukrainian Private Law and the European Area of Justice, (Ed. by Eugenia Kurzynsky-Singer and Rainer Kulms) was published in March 2019 by the Mohr Siebeck Publishing House.
- 2010 – 2012: Project sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation, “Comparative Legal Research on Eurasian Law”, with a budget of 300,000 €. I developed and led the project, which included supervising the research work of 8 long-term scholarship recipients from Caucasus/Central Asia and heading a unit of 4 staff members. Results: Project Volume: “Transformation through Reception? – The Potential and Limits of Legal Transplants as Exemplified by the Civil Law Reforms in the Caucasus and in Central Asia”, published in April 2014 by the Mohr Siebeck Publishing House; Conference “The Development of Private Law in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Transformation by Means of Legal Transplants?” 18-19 October 2012 in Tiflis (Georgia).
- 2012 – 2018 Cooperative partnership with Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), Georgia, which has included three joint conferences, supervision of the research work of Georgian scholarship recipients and a joint research paper authored together with Georgian scholar Prof. Tamar Zarandia, who is currently the dean of the TSU Law Faculty.
- 2007 – 2018 Organisation of a regular discussion forum on the legal, political and societal developments of post-Soviet countries at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law.
- 2008 – 2018 Authored various expert opinions on Russian law and private international law pursuant to requests made by German courts.

- **01.02.2002 – 10.11.2006 Referendariat (legal clerkship) in Hamburg,**
- including an internship with the IP unit of the law firm “Lovells” (now Hogan Lovells) in Hamburg.
- 15.05.2002 – 01.09.2004 Parental leave.
- January - October 2004 Research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law.
- **01.08.1998 – 31.03.2001 Research assistant in the Department on the Law of Eastern Europe at the University of Hamburg.**

Education

- 2018 Post-doctoral qualification (Habilitation) in the fields of civil law, comparative law and private international law (Dissertation titled: “The Transformation of Russian Property Law – A Comparative Analysis from the Perspective of German Law”), awarded by Law Faculty of the University of Hamburg.
- 2006 Second State Examination (final degree: “vollbefriedigend 9,69 Punkte”) in Hamburg.
- 2004 Doctor iuris (Dr. iur.) Dissertation Topic: “Agency in the Conflict of Laws”, awarded by Law Faculty of the University of Hamburg.
- 2001 First State Examination (final degree: “gut 12,08 Punkte”) in Hamburg.
- 1996 Final secondary-school examination in Hamburg (final degree: 1,4).

Languages

- German
- Russian
- English
- Ukrainian (reading ability)