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Curriculum vitae

Personal Details

o. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bea Verschraegen, LL.M., M.E.M.

Place of birth: Ghent (Belgium)
Nationality: Austria
Child: Jan Stormann (1998, born in Bielefeld, Germany)

Academic Career

1972 Koninklijk Atheneum Gent-Centrum: School leaving examination and qualification for university entrance (classical branch – Latin and ancient Greek)

1972-1973 Rijksuniversiteit Gent: Law and Musicology

1973-1978 University of Vienna: Law (Mag. iur. 1977; Dr. iur. 1978) and from 1985 on Ethnology and History of Arts

1973-1978 Various scholarships for gifted students und scholarships of the Senate of the University of Vienna

1976-1979 Research assistant at the Institute of Civil Procedure (Chair Prof. *H. W. Fasching*)

1979 Summer course at the Institut Universitaire International Luxembourg on „Problèmes institutionnels, monétaires et de défense en Europe », supported by a scholarship of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research

1979-1980 University assistant at the Institute of State Law and Administrative Law (Chair Prof. *Th. Öhlinger*)

1980 Leyden (Amsterdam-Columbia) Summer Program in American Law, supported by a Fulbright-scholarship

- 1980-1989 University assistant at the Institute of Comparative Law (Chair Prof. *Fr. Schwind*)
- 1980-1989 Examiner 1. Graduate Diploma Exam at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences (University of Vienna) of Civil Law, Commercial Law and Law on Securities
- 1981 Summer course of the University of San Diego, Institute on International and Comparative Law (Paris) on „EEC-Law“, supported by a scholarship of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- 1980-1992 Member of various commissions at the Law Faculty (University of Vienna), such as delegate of assistants, Board of Study Affairs, Commission on Nostrification, Disciplinary Commission
- 1981 Academic scholarship of the Cultural Office of the City of Vienna for the project “Der EuGH und der EGMR und deren rechtsvergleichende Interpretationsmethode” (The ECJ and the ECHR and their comparative method)
- 1982-1983 University of London (King’s College und LSE): LL.M. (Comparative European Law, Comparative Conflicts of Law, Comparative Family Law, European Institutions), supported by a scholarship of the British Council
- 1984 Research at the Council of Europe (Strasbourg)
- 1985-1998 Co-opted member of the „Kommission für Europarecht, Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht“ (Commission for European Law, Foreign Law and Private International Law) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) (until the Commission closed down)
- 1985 Salzburg Seminar: American Law and Legal Institutions (Schloss Leopoldskron), supported by a scholarship of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- 1986 (February / March) Research at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), supported by a scholarship of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- 1986-1987 van Calker Scholarship of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (Institut suisse de droit comparé, ISDC / Lausanne)

- 1988 Expert for the „Commission des questions juridiques“ of the Council of Europe - Resolution 894 (1988) on „Reservations of the Council of Europe’s Treaties“
- 1988-1989 Legal expert at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (ISDC, Dir. Prof. A. von Overbeck)
- Since 1989 Member of the Executive Council of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL)
- 1989 Habilitation at the University of Vienna for Comparative Law and Private International Law
- 1989 Sponsorship award 1989 (Humanities and Social Sciences) of the City of Vienna for all scientific contributions published, including the Habilitation thesis (at the time not yet published)
- 1989-1990 Main contribution to genesis, concept and realization of JAP (Zeitschrift für „Juristische Ausbildung und Praxisvorbereitung“, Journal for legal education and preparation for practice, Manz); editorship and coordination of Nr 1 / 1990
- 1989-1994 Associate Professor at the Law Faculty (University of Vienna)
- 1990 Short-listed for a chair „Civil Law“ at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (the subsequent transformation of the chair to “Business law” rendered the list obsolete)
- 1990 (February) Research at the Institute of Foreign, Private and Economic Law of the University of Heidelberg
- 1990 / 1991 / 1992 / 1994 / 1995 / 1997 Research at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and Private International Law (each time for several months), supported by scholarships of MPI Hamburg and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- 1991-1992 Humboldt-Scholarship for the research project on „Nebenpflichten des Käufers“ (subsidiary duties of purchasers) at the MPI Hamburg
- 1992 Head of the Department „Europäische Integration“ (European Integration) and deputy head of the Department „Europarat“ (Council of Europe) in the Austrian Parliamentary Administration / International Affairs (Parlamentsdirektion / Internationaler Dienstbereich)

- 1992-1994/1995-1997 Member of the Scientific Committee / Comité scientifique of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL)
- 1992-1994 First listed and offer of a full professorship (C 4) for Civil Law and subsidiary subjects (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany), teaching in the fields of Civil Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law, European Integration
- 1992-1994 Head of the Commission on PNDS (Prüfung Nachweis Deutscher Sprache, entry exam on German language; Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)
- 1993 Dean (rotating system) of the Law Faculty of the Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany
- 1993 Member of the Appointment Commission regarding the Jean Monnet-professorship (European Law, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)
- 1993-1994 Vice-Rector-designate for International Relations (Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt / Oder, Germany)
- Since 1993 Co-opted member of the German Academic Association on Family Law
- 1994-1998 First listed and offer of a full professorship (C 4) for Civil Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law, European Private Law and European Integration (University of Bielefeld) – Succession Prof. *H. Schack*
- 1994-1998 Examiner of the First State Examination in Law (Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany; Regional Appeal Court Hamm)
- Since 1994 Co-opted member of the German Society of International Law
- Since 1995 Member of the International Advisory Board of the International Encyclopedia of Laws (IEL)
- 1995-1997 Member of the Research Committee on the „Administrative Law Project“ of COLPI / CEU (Budapest) on comparative questions relating to administrative law, and main responsible supervisor for Estonia, on behalf of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) / Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques (OCDE)

- 1995-1998 Managing Director of the Institute of Business Law (Institut für Wirtschaftsrecht, IWB, founded by Prof. *Hommelhoff*, University of Bielefeld, Germany), direction together with Prof. *Oehler, Schön* und *Pfeiffer*
- 1996 (February / March) Research at the EC-Commission (Brussels), supported by a scholarship of the University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 1996-1998 Member of the Commission Equal Treatment of Women at the University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 1996-1998 Member of the Discussion Group regarding East European Studies (Gesprächskreis für Osteuropa-Studien) at the University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 1997 Member of the Selection Commission for Fulbright-Scholarships at the University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 1998 Appointment to Chair professor for Private International Law and Comparative Law with special regard to Private Commercial Law (o. Univ.-Prof. für Internationales Privatrecht und Rechtsvergleichung unter Berücksichtigung des Privatwirtschaftsrechts) at the University of Vienna
- Since 1999 Mediator
- 1999-2009 Development and coordination of the special program „Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution” (area of specialization within the law diploma program) at the Law Faculty, University of Vienna
- 1999-2008 Member of the Austrian Delegation of the “Commission Internationale de l’Etat Civil” (CIEC, Strasbourg)
- 1999-2001 Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (Sion) / Universitat de Barcelona (Les Heures): European Master in Mediation (E.M.M.) / Maître Européen en Médiation (M.E.M.)
- Since 2001 Regular further training in various countries on Mediation, ADR and Arbitration
- 2000-2001 President of the CIEC, Strasbourg
- 2000 Public expert hearing, Legal Affairs Committee, German Bundestag (Berlin) on „Registered Partnerships“ („Lebenspartnerschaften“)

- 2000-2001 Expert on behalf of the Ontario Department of Justice (CA) on „Marriage, Cohabitation, (registered) Partnerships and same-sex Marriage in Continental Europe, under the UN-Pacts, the EU-Law and jurisprudence, and the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights”
- 2002-2005 Head of the “Committee on Membership and Dues” of the International Society of Family Law, and interim of the “Committee on General Finances, Administration and Organization” of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL)
- 2002-2010 Associated Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL)
- Since 2002 Présidente honoraire of the CIEC, Strasbourg
- Since 2004 Coordinator of the special program (area of specialization within the law diploma program) on “International Private Commercial Law and Comparative Law” („Internationales Privatwirtschaftsrecht und Rechtsvergleichung“) at the University of Vienna
- 2004-2005 Deputy Head of the Institute of Comparative Law
- 2004-2014 Professor at Uninova Privatuniversität / Pan European University Bratislava (Private International Law, Comparative Law) – simultaneously with the full professorship at the University of Vienna
- Since 2005 Head of the Section for Comparative Law, Unified Law and Private International Law
- Since 2007 Member of the Working Group “Family Needs” (Prof. A. *Miranda*) in „Trento Common Core of European Private Law“ (U. Mattei / M. Bussani)
- Since 2008 Registered attorney in Slovakia (Bratislava)
- Since 2008 Head of the Austrian National Committee of the International Academy of Comparative Law / Académie internationale de droit comparé (IACL / AIDC)
- 2009 Expert on the Reform of „(Russian) Private International Law“ at the Centre of Private Law (Moscow)
- Since 2009 Ambassadrice pour l’Autriche (AiSDC / Lausanne)

2009	Foundation of the „Interdisziplinäre Gesellschaft für Komparatistik und Kollisionsrecht (IGKK) / Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law (IACPIL)“
2009-2017	Head of the IGKK / IACPIL
2009-2012	Vice-Rector for International Relations at Pan European University Bratislava (PEU)
2010-2015	Co-ordinator of the special program (area of specialization within the law diploma program) “Mittel- und Osteuropäische Studien” (MOEST, Central and East European Studies) at the University of Vienna
2010	Judge at Jessup Moot Court Competition (Hong Kong) Regional Round
Since 2010	Titular Member / Membre titulaire of the IACL / AIDC
2011	Judge at the 18 th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna)
Since 2011	Fellow of the European Law Institute (ELI)
Since 2011	Member of the International Advisory Board (IBA) of the CityU Hong Kong (renewed in 2015)
2011-2014	Immediate Past-President of the ISFL
2011-2013	Head of the Academic Council of the LLM-Program “Legal Theory” at the University of Vienna
2011-2013	Academic Head of the “European Academy of Legal Theory“
Since 2012	Member of the American Law Institute (ALI)
2012-2013	Development and organization of the post-graduate program „European and Asian Legal Studies – Shaping and Steering of Cross-Border Transactions“ (EALS) (Start of the LL.M.-program: per 1.3.2014)
2012-2015-2018	Adjunct professor at the University of Macau
Since 2013	Member of the Remedy’s Commission of the Senate of the University of Vienna (ReMIK) (renewed in 2016)

2013	Short-listed (final round) for the position of Secretary General of the Hague Conference (The Hague)
2013-2016	Director of the LLM-Program EALS
2014	Chair Judge at the 21 th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna)
2014	Award of the Russian „International Higher Juridical Prize ‚Themis‘ 2014 “ by the „International Fund for Support of Legal Initiatives“ (Международный фонд для поддержки юридических инициатив) for special legal cross-border academic services.
2015	Senior expert in the fields of family and succession law for the elaboration of a Family Law Code and a Succession Law Code in the frame of the EU-sponsored project „Support to Civil code and Property Rights“, managed by the EUO in Kosovo and implemented by a Consortium led by GIZ IS.
Since 2016	Fellow of the International Advisory Board of the “Belt and Road” Research Base of Hong Kong (“Belt and Road”)
2016	Elected member of the Academia Europaea (AE)

Advisory Activities

1986, 1988-1992, 1994	Expert for the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe (Paris & Strasburg) on „Comparative Law“, „International Law“ and „Family Law“
1992-1994	Independent advisor of the Parliamentary Group of the Austrian People’s Party (Austrian Parliamentary Club) to chairperson (and later 2 nd president of the National Assembly) Dr. <i>H. Neisser</i> on matters of “European Integration” regarding the preparation of Austrian’s Accession to the European Economic Area (EEA) / European Union (EU)
1994-1998	Expert in the „Zukunftswerkstätte“ / Working group on the reform of family law (Vienna)

1995-1998	Member of the Working Group (Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice) on the reform of divorce law, effects of divorce and divorce proceedings
2002-2004	Member of the Working Group (Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice) on the reform of filiation law
2004-2009-2014-2019	Member of the Austrian Mediation Council (mediation closely related to court proceedings)
2007-2008	Head of the Committee on the Elaboration of Quality Standards regarding the mediator's training, Austrian Mediation Council
2007-2014	Responsible person for doctoral studies (International Law) at Uninova Private University / Pan European University Bratislava (PEU)
Since 2008	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board des ICL-Online Journal (Online Journal of International Constitutional Law)
2008-2009	Head of the Committee on the Elaboration of Quality Standards for Training Institutions, Austrian Mediation Council
2007-2012-2017	Member of the University Council of the Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität (SFU, Vienna)
Since 2009	Member of the International Board of Advisors (IBA) of "CityU of Hong Kong Law Review"
Since 2010	Member of the International Board of Editors of "International Journal for the Jurisprudence of the Family"
Since 2010	Member of the Scientific Council of the Journal „juridikum“
Since 2010	External Academic Advisor (EAA) of CityU Hong Kong
Since 2011	Member of the editorial board of the journal "Law and Politics"
2012-2014	"Special Advisor for international relations" of the Rector of PEU / Bratislava
2013	Member of the international expert board on the reform of "law studies" at the University of Macau

Since 2013	Member of “Experts’ Group on Recognition and Enforcement of Voluntary Cross-Border Agreements in International Child Disputes (Hague Conference)”, The Hague
Since 2013	Member of the Scientific Council of the “Institut für Europäisches Verkehrsrecht (WB-IEVR) / Academic Advisory Council „Institute for European Traffic Law“ (IETL)
2013-2015	Appointee for the elaboration of a Law Study Program at Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität Wien, responsible for the SFU-Master-program
Since 2014	Member of the editorial council of “Вестник гражданского права” ([Russian] Civil Law Review)
Since 2015	Member of the Working Group of ALI on the “3 rd Restatement” (Private International Law)
Since 2015	Member of the Working Group of ALI on “Children and the Law”
Since 2016	Initiators’ group for the development of the “Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for the Belt and Road” (Hong Kong, Belt and Road)

Further Activities

1978-1979	Court practice at various courts in Vienna
1985-1992	Regular co-operation with the „Amt für Jugend und Familie“ (Office of Family and Youth) of the City of Vienna (further training of staff)
1995 / 1996 / 1997	Further training of practitioners in the frame of the „Neue Bielefelder Kompaktkurse für Anwälte“ (New Compact Courses for lawyers, on European Private Law, Private International Law, Comparative Contract Law)
1995-1997	Expert on behalf of the OECD – SIGMA-Program (Paris) on „Vergleichendes Öffentliches Recht“ (Comparative Public Law)

1999-2001	Further training of participants of the Program „Master of Advanced Legal Studies“ on „European Law“, Schloss Hofen (Vorarlberg, Austria)
2001-2008	Training and further training of future mediators, i.a. at the Sozialakademie Vorarlberg, the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (Sion), and the training team Dr. <i>Wiedermann</i> / Dr. <i>Rössler</i>
2003	Scientific supervision of the mediation project „Sauberer Burggarten“ (Clean Burggarten, City of Vienna, group mediation)
2005-2010-2020	Accredited mediator (i.a. cross-border mediation, intercultural mediation)
2006-2008	Organization of the “13 th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law” (Vienna, 16.-20.9.2008)
Since 2009	Yearly organization and co-ordination of a one-week’s program for the “Mainland China Senior Judges“ (studying at CityU Hong Kong), i.a. Austrian Supreme Court of Justice, Constitutional Court, Administrative Court, Federal Ministry of Justice / Palais Trautson, Office of the Federal President of the Republic of Austria Dr. <i>H. Fischer</i> / Hofburg, VIC und espec. UNCITRAL, Konfuzius-Centre, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)
2012-2014	Organization of the “19 th World Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law” (together with Prof. <i>M. Schauer</i> ; Vienna, 20.-26.7.2014)
2014-2016	Registered mediator acc. to § 39c FLAG – Federal Ministry for Family and Youth: MIN&WIN Mediatorinnen Netzwerk, together with Mag. <i>S. Petsch</i>
Since 2015	Registered mediator acc. to § 39c FLAG – Federal Ministry for Family and Youth: together with Dr. <i>Ernst Silbermayr</i>
Since 2015	EMPTJ-mediator
Since 2015	Arbitrator at the Romanian Arbitration Court for International Transport Disputes
Since 2016	Registered mediator acc. to § 39c FLAG – Federal Ministry for Family and Youth: together with Dr. <i>Stephan Proksch</i> , MAS

Guest Professorships and Guest Lectureships

1991	Lawrence University (Lawrence, Kansas / USA; guest professor for “International Organizations, European Integration, Contracts, Comparative Law)
1991	Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas / USA; guest lecturer for „Comparative Family Law“, „Legal Clinic“)
1992	Santa Clara University (CA / Strasburg), guest lecturer for “European Integration: European Economic Area and Maastricht Treaties”
1993	Santa Clara University (CA / Budapest, guest lecturer for “European Integration: European Economic Area and Maastricht Treaties”
1995	University of Salzburg, guest professor for “Vergleichendes Schuldvertragsrecht” (comparative contract law)
1996	University of Sofia / Bulgaria, guest professor for “European Integration”
1996	University of Tartu / Estonia, guest professor for „Comparative Law“ and „European Integration“
1996-1997	Oxford / UK (Wolfson College; invited by Prof. <i>Denis Galligan</i>), visiting fellow
2003-2004	Komenius-University Bratislava, guest lecturer for “European Consumer Protection I”, “Private International Law – Contractual Obligations I”
2004-2005	Komenius-University Bratislava, guest lecturer for “European Consumer Protection II”, “Private International Law – Contractual Obligations II”
2004-2014	Bratislava (Uninova Private University / Pan European University; professor)
2009	Centre of Private Law (Moscow), guest lecturer for “European Private Law“ and „European Private International Law”
2009	University Maribor / Slovenia, guest lecturer for „Comparative Private Law“
2010	City University Hong Kong, guest professor for “International Commercial Arbitration”

- 2010 University of Otago (NZ), guest lecturer for “Recent Case-Law of the ECHR and the ECJ on Family Law Matters”
- 2010 University of Sydney (AUS), Parsons Fund guest lecturer for “German property division and spousal support upon divorce” and “EU International Family and Succession Law”
- 2011 CityU Hong Kong, guest professor for „Jurisprudence and Political Theories“
- 2012 University of Kyoto, guest lecturer for „The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction“
- 2012 CityU Hong Kong, guest lecturer for “Contemporary Legal Problems: The New Haven School of Thought from a Comparative Perspective“
- 2013 CityU Hong Kong, guest lecturer for “Architecture of Legal Studies”
- 2014 Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, guest professor for “Comparative Mediation and Arbitration”, “Comparative Family Law by Supranational Courts”, “The Brussels IIa Regulation”, “The Rome III Regulation”
- 2014 State University Moscow (“Lomonosov-University”), guest professor for “European Private International Law”
- 2014 Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences for the Hague Private International Law

Main Research Areas

National and foreign Private International Law and European Private Law, International Procedural Law and European Procedural Law, national and foreign Private Law, Private and Public Comparative Law, methodology, mediation, negotiation and counselling, Fundamental Rights and Human Rights.

Providing of Expertise

For national and foreign courts, governments, ministries (i.a. German Federal Government, Department of Justice, Ontario), international organizations, law firms and notaries, i.a. on national and foreign Private International Law and Procedural Law as well as on (European) Private and Procedural Law.

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