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Education

- Sept 2015 – present PhD Candidate in International Law with a Minor in Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Geneva, Switzerland

Thesis: “Taboos and Discourses – a Foucauldian genealogy of *jus cogens*”
Supervisor Professor Nico Krisch
- Sept 2014 – June 2015 LL.M. in International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Geneva, Switzerland

Specialisation: Protection of Vulnerable People (Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, Refugee Law)
- Sept 2007 – Jan 2014 Bucerius Law School: First German State Examination in Law (*Distinction*) & Bachelor of Laws
Hamburg, Germany

Specialisation: European and International Law
- Sept 2009 – Dec 2009 Dalhousie University – Schulich School of Law
Halifax, Canada

Specialisation: Laws of the Sea and Maritime Law

Publications, Conferences, Colloquia & Workshops

Published Work

Konstantin Kleine, ‘The International Law Commission as a Club of Cynics? Originalism and Legalism in the Commission’s Contemporary Work’ in Björnstjern Baade and others (eds), *Cynical International Law?* (Springer Berlin Heidelberg 2021) 81–101

Giulia Carlini and **Konstantin Kleine**, ‘Advancing the International Regulation of Plastic Pollution beyond the United Nations Environment Assembly Resolution on Marine Litter and Microplastics’ (2018) 27 *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law* 234–244

Konstantin Kleine, ‘Will R2P be ready when disaster strikes? – The rationale of the Responsibility to Protect in environmental context’ (2015) 19 *The International Journal of Human Rights* 1176–1189

Conference presentations & Invited Talks

Konstantin Kleine, ‘The Role of Ideological Legalism in the Discourse on *jus cogens*’ (Graduate Institute 3rd Annual PhD Research Share, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2019)

Konstantin Kleine, ‘No Such Thing as an Apolitical Genocide – Legalism and the Prohibition of Genocide’ (Conference on Genocide – Marking 70 years of the Genocide Convention, Kraków, Poland, December 2018)

Konstantin Kleine, ‘The ICC in troubled waters – a failure of International Law?’ (Neues Forum Grundlagen II – Failure of Law? Lucerne, Switzerland, May 2018)

Konstantin Kleine, ‘Borders, Citizenship and Social Cohesion’ (Mobility and Migration: a crisis for Europe’s citizens? Bologna, Italy, January 2016)

Konstantin Kleine, ‘Human Rights Talk – An Introduction to Sources, Enforcability and Perspectives of Human Rights’ (presented on behalf of Amnesty International Hamburg at the American Women’s Club, Hamburg, Germany, May 2010)

Colloquia & Workshops

- Feb 2023 Graduate Institute, Geneva – Discussant for the International Law Colloquium (Tarcisio Gazzini, ‘International Community? What International Community?’)
- Dec 2019 Graduate Institute, Geneva – Discussant for the International Law Colloquium (Thomas Schultz, ‘Critical Arbitration: Towards a New Field of Study’)
- Oct 2019 – Sept 2021 Graduate Institute, Geneva – Founder & Co-Convenor of the International Law PhD Roundtable & Discussant for one-third of the sessions

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Oct 2015 Forschungsstelle für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte Universität Zürich – Workshop with Martti Koskenniemi ‘Histories of International Law’

Legal Experience

- Sept 2019 – Aug 2020 Research Assistant for the SNIS-funded research project *Governing Plastic: The Global Political Economy and Regulation of Plastic Production and Pollution*
Geneva, Switzerland
- May 2015 – Aug 2019 Assistant at the International Law Commission (Dr. Valencia-Ospina) for the 67th – 71st Session
Geneva, Switzerland
Work focused on Jus cogens, Protection of the Environment during Armed Conflicts, Crimes against Humanity, Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction, Protection of persons in the event of disasters.
- Sept 2017 – Feb 2018 Teaching Assistant for the Interdisciplinary Master Programmes
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
Assistant for the course ‘Global Governance’; Developed and taught: Lecture ‘International Law for Non-Lawyers’, Tutorial ‘Authority and Legitimacy in International Relations’, Tutorial ‘Making sense of International Institutions’, four Case Study sessions on Arms Trade and Disarmament, Writing Tutorials, and Review Sessions.
- July 2015 – Oct 2015 Research Assistant for Professor Dr. Nico Krisch
Geneva, Switzerland/Hamburg, Germany
- Feb 2015 – June 2015 Law Clinic Project for the Association for the Prevention of Torture
Geneva, Switzerland
“Anti-torture legislation: what elements best protect persons at risk from torture?” (background research for: Association for the Prevention of Torture, *Guide on anti-torture legislation* (2016))
- Aug 2012 – Oct 2012 Junior Associate with Hengeler Mueller Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten
Brussels, Belgium
Participation in extensive antitrust compliance review, including preparation of a Leniency Application; preliminary work for a merger control proceeding.
- March 2008 – July 2009 Student Assistant to Professor Dr. Jörn Axel Kämmerer and Professor Dr. Doris König
Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany
- July 2007 – Aug 2009 Internships with the Ministry of Finance for the Federal State of Hamburg (Finanzbehörde Hamburg), Department for Public Procurement, Römermann Rechtsanwälte, and Knychalla Bauanwälte
Hamburg/Hannover/Neumarkt, Germany

Scholarships

- Sept 2020 – July 2022 Full merit-based scholarship for the academic years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
- Sept 2017 – July 2019 Full merit-based scholarship for the academic year 2017/2018 & 2018/2019
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
- Sept 2016 – July 2017 Partial merit-based scholarship for the academic year 2016/2017
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Professional Experience

- Nov 2024 – present CEO Inferno Series S.à.r.l.
Geneva, Switzerland
Co-owner & co-founder of the Inferno Series. Extraordinary Cycling Adventures: The Inferno Series offers multi-day cycling adventures on challenging courses through iconic cycling landscapes, with premium support and a focus on the community spirit for a truly unforgettable experience.
- Jan 2023 – present Konstantin Kleine Cycling Consulting
Geneva, Switzerland
Project Manager for the BCYCLET Inferno Series till October 2024 – now CEO Inferno Series; Photography for

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	brands & events, focused on the cycling industry; Marketing & consulting for cycling brands & events in the Alps
July 2009 – present	Freelance Photographer Hamburg, Germany/Geneva, Switzerland Focus on corporate and commercial photography for large cooperations (among others MSC Cruises, SHL Medical) and clients in the public sector (universities, hospitals, foundations, political parties)
Sept 2020 – Oct 2022	Marketing & Social Media Manager and lead for the “Endurance Ride” Series for BCYCLET Geneva, Switzerland
April 2004 – July 2007	Freelance Journalist for “Nürnberger Nachrichten” and “Mittelbayerischen Zeitung” (newspapers) Nürnberg/Regensburg, Germany

Additional Experience

Positions of responsibility

2019 – 2021	Elected member of the Advisory Board of Bucerius Alumni e.V.
2015 – 2016	Graduate Institute Student Association Vice-President for PhD Programmes
2014 – 2015	Elected class representative for the IHEID LL.M. Class of 2015
2010 – 2011	Elected member of the Examination Review Board of Bucerius Law School
2009 & 2011	Host & organizer of 2009 & 2011 University Ball of Bucerius Law School
2010	Co-organiser of the charity concert “Mare Liberum” in support of CARE Deutschland-Luxemburg
2008 – 2010	Co-organiser of the “Champions Trophy”, the Students’ Sport festival at Bucerius Law School

Visual & Communication Skills

2007 – 2015	Concept, layout & photography for a diverse range of student-run magazines and yearbooks
2008 – 2012	buc.blog (Co-author of an independent blog about Bucerius Law School)

Additional Information

Languages

German	Mother tongue
English	Near native/fluent

March 2014 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT) Score 114 // June 2010 Legal Language Certificate (FFP) // March 2006 Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English

French	Fluent
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September 2015 Certificat de Compétences Linguistiques – Niveau B2 // June 2010 Examen de langue juridique // September 2008 Certificat de Français Juridique “avec mention”

IT Skills

Graphic Design (Adobe Creative Suite) // Office Applications (Microsoft Office, Apple iWork) // Reference management software (Zotero, BibTeX) // Content Management Systems (WordPress, Typo3)

Interests

Music – Trumpet // 2015 – 2019 Founder, organiser, band leader & Lead Trumpet Player of “Geneva Jazz Orchestra” // 2014 – 2016 United Nations Orchestra Geneva // 2014 Scholarship awarded for the 35th International Jazz Workshop Erlangen // 2013 – 2014 Jazzessence (All-State Honour Jazz Big Band) // 2008 – 2013 Founder & organiser of “Bucerius Big Band”

Sports // 2013 & 2016 Self-guided expeditions to Central Asia (Pamir Highway & Lenin Peak) & Georgia (Bezengi Wall) // Mountaineering: rock & ice climbing, high altitude mountaineering, mixed alpine mountaineering, ski mountaineering // triathlon // running // cycling // 2011 – 2014 Concept & supervision of the self-help bicycle workshop at Bucerius Law School // water sports: swimming, sailing, kayaking, rowing