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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL, Ann Arbor, MI 2022 – present
Professor of Law 2022 – present
Faculty Director, Center for International and Comparative Law 2023 – present
Faculty Director, SJD Program 2023 – present
Director, Program on Law and the Global Economy 2022 – present
Courses: International Law; International Trade Law; Contracts; Corporations; International Law Workshop; Colloquium on International Economic Law; SJD Colloquium

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, Brooklyn, NY
Associate Dean of Faculty Research and Scholarship 2022 – 2022
Professor of Law (Assistant / Associate Professor 2015-2020, Full Professor 2020) 2015 – 2022
Awards: Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year, 2017 – 2018

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY
Visiting Professor of Law 2021 (fall)
Associate-in-Law, Postdoctoral Fellow & Lecturer in Law 2013 – 2015

VISITING POSITIONS:

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW, Singapore
Visiting Sat Pal Khattar Professor 2026 (spring)

EDUCATION:

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, J.S.D., 2016
Dissertation: *Toward a Private Law Theory of International Investment Law*

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011; LL.M, 2012
Honors: Jerome Lipper Prize for outstanding work in international law
Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ) Scholar (J.D.–LL.M.)
Journal of International Law and Politics, Senior Articles Editor 2010-2011

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, KING'S COLLEGE, M.Phil., Political Thought & Intellectual History, 2008

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, B.A., History & Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, 2007

PUBLICATIONS:

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

Trade Unilateralism from American Exceptionalism to America First (in progress)

International Legal Personality (in progress) (with Fernando Bordin)

The Institutions of Exceptions: Justification in Trade and Investment Treaties, 47 MICH. J. INT'L L. ____ (2025)

The “America First Trade Policy” in Practice, Essay, 119 AM. J. INT'L L. 668 (2025) (with Kathleen Claussen and Timothy Meyer)

Determining the Juridical Status of Companies in International law, ICSID REV.–FILJ (2025) (with Fernando Bordin)

Reforming Shareholder Claims in ISDS, 14 J. INT'L DISP. RES. 242 (2023) (with Kathleen Claussen, Jaemin Lee, & Giorgio Zarra)

The Elastic Corporate Form in International Law, 62 VA. J. INT'L L. 384 (2022)

The Perils of Pandemic Exceptionalism, Essay, 114 AM. J. INT'L L. 627 (2020) (with Kathleen Claussen & J. Benton Heath)

Parsing and Managing Inconsistency in Investor-State Dispute Settlement, 20 J. WORLD INVEST. & TRADE 336 (2020) (with Chester Brown & Federico Ortino) (peer review)

The Private Law Critique of International Investment Law, 113 AM. J. INT'L L. 1 (2019) (peer review)

- Awarded the 2019 *Francis Deák Prize* for an outstanding article published in the *American Journal of International Law* by a younger author
- Awarded the inaugural *International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)—Guillermo Aguilar-Alvarez Memorial Prize* for the best published work on arbitration in the past two years
- Cited in *Global Telecom Holdings v. Canada*, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/16, Award (2020)

The Logic of Contract in the World of Investment Treaties, 58 WM. & MARY L. REV. 351 (2016)

Corporations as Lawmakers, 56 HARV. INT'L L.J. 229 (2015)

The Margin of Appreciation in International Investment Law, 54 VA. J. INT'L L. 545 (2014)

- Quoted favorably in *Antaris v. Czech Republic*, PCA Case No. 2014-1, Dissenting Opinion of Gary Born (2018)
- Cited in *Philip Morris v. Uruguay*, ICSID Case No. ARB/10/7, Concurring & Dissenting Opinion of Gary Born (2016)
- Cited in *Colombia Const. Ct.*, Dec. C-157/16, Sep. Op. Alejandro Linares Cantillo, n. 221 (2016)

Treaty Interpretation and Constitutional Transformation: Informal Change in International Organizations, 38 YALE J. INT'L L. 289 (2013)

- Cited in ILC, Draft Conclusions on Subsequent Agreements and Subsequent Practice in Relation to the Interpretation of Treaties, ILC Rep., 70th Sess., U.N. Doc. A/73/10 (2018), at n. 554

Constitutionality and Constitutionalism Beyond the State: Two Perspectives on the Material Constitution of the United Nations, 10 INT'L J. CONST. L. (I•CON) 627 (2012) (peer review)

Constitutional Transformation in the ECtHR: Strasbourg's Expansive Recourse to External Rules of International Law, 37 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 348 (2012)

Subsequent Practice and Evolutive Interpretation: Techniques of Treaty Interpretation over Time and Their Diverse Consequences, 9 LAW & PRAC. INT'L CTS. & TRIBS. 443 (2010) (peer review)

- Cited in *Maloney v. The Queen*, High Court of Australia, [2013] HCA 28, at n. 29
- Cited in Case No. J 0006/22, *Limits to oral proceedings on request*, Legal Board of Appeal, European Patent Office (2023) ¶¶ 41–42.

- Cited in ILC, Draft Conclusions on Subsequent Agreements and Subsequent Practice in Relation to the Interpretation of Treaties, ILC Rep., 70th Sess., U.N. Doc. A/73/10 (2018) n. 346
- Cited in CISG Advisory Council, CISG-AC Opinion No. 14, *Interest Under Article 78* (2013)

BOOKS:

INTERNATIONAL LAW: CASES & MATERIALS (8th ed., with Lori Damrosch & Sean Murphy) (West) (2025)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW THROUGH THE CASES (2025 ed., with Joseph Weiler, Sungjoon Cho & Kathleen Claussen) at <http://bit.ly/WTOTeachingMaterials> (e-casebook)

THE ESSENTIAL GATT (with Joseph Weiler) (in progress)

THE PRIVATE LAW OF INVESTMENT TREATIES (Oxford University Press) (in progress)

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Two Moralities of Consistency, in INVESTMENT PROTECTION STANDARDS AND THE RULE OF LAW, Stephan Schill & August Reinisch, eds. (Oxford University Press: forthcoming, 2021)

Revisiting the Margin of Appreciation in Investor-State Dispute Settlement, in INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE MARGIN OF APPRECIATION, Andenas & Bianco, eds. (forthcoming) (republishing in abridged and updated form *The Margin of Appreciation in International Investment Law*, 54 VA. J. INT'L L. 545 (2014))

Deference to the Executive, in CONVERGING APPROACHES? DOMESTIC COURTS AND THE INTERPRETATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Georg Nolte & Helmut Aust, eds. (Oxford University Press: 2016)

Accounting for Difference in Treaty Interpretation over Time, in INTERPRETATION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, Andrea Bianchi, Daniel Peat, & Matthew Windsor, eds. (Oxford University Press: 2015)

EDITED SYMPOSIA:

[Africa's International Law of Democracy](#), 119 AJIL UNBOUND 2025 (with Obiora Okafor & Adaobi Egboka).

- *Introduction to the Symposium*, 119 AJIL UNBOUND 2025 (with Obiora Okafor & Adaobi Egboka)

[Institutionalizing Investment Dispute Prevention](#), 118 AJIL UNBOUND 2024 (with Jonathan Bonnitcha, Mavluda Sattorova, & Ryan Liss)

- *Introduction to the Symposium*, 118 AJIL UNBOUND 2024 (with Jonathan Bonnitcha & Mavluda Sattorova)

[Ownership in The Deep Seas](#), 118 AJIL UNBOUND 2024 (with Aline Jaeckel & Lucas Lixinski)

- *On The Cultural Stakes of Deep Sea Mining, Introduction to the Symposium*, 118 AJIL UNBOUND 2024 (with Aline Jaeckel & Lucas Lixinski)

WHITE PAPERS AND REVIEWS:

["Reforming Shareholder Claims in ISDS,"](#) *Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper* 2019/9 (with Kathleen Claussen, Jaemin Lee, & Giovanni Zarra)

Book Review The Evolutionary Interpretation of Treaties: by Eirik Bjorge (2014), 85 BRIT. YBK. INT'L L. 174 (2015).

Book Review, Treaty Interpretation: by Richard Gardiner (2008), 43 NYU J. Int'l L 101 (2010)

SELECT ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS:

EJILTalk! Blog of the European Journal of International Law <ejiltalk.org>

- [Trump's Illegal Attack on Venezuela](#) (Jan. 5, 2026) (with Justina Uriburu)
- [Treaty and Custom in the ICJ's Climate Change Opinion](#) (Jul. 24, 2025) (with Justina Uriburu)
- [Lack of Consistency and Coherence in the Interpretation of Legal Issues](#) (Apr. 5, 2019) (with Chester Brown & Federico Ortino)
- [Equivalence and Translation: Further Thoughts on IO Immunities in Jam v. IFC](#) (Mar. 11, 2019)
- [Subsequent Practice in the Whaling Case, and What the ICJ Implies About Treaty Interpretation in International Organizations](#) (Mar. 31, 2014).
- [A Preemptive Strike Against European Federalism: The Decision of the BVerfGE Concerning the Treaty of Lisbon](#) (Oct. 9, 2010)

International Economic Law and Policy Blog <ielp.worldtradelaw.net>

- [ISDS Reform: From the Forest to the Trees of an Appellate Mechanism](#) (Feb. 15, 2021)
- [ISDS Reform: Designing Permanent Institutions at Working Group III](#) (Jan. 26, 2020)
- [ISDS Reform: Working Group III Gets Down to Brass Tacks](#) (Oct. 21, 2019)
- [A Watershed Moment for ISDS Reform](#) (Nov. 4, 2018)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS:

“Trade Unilateralism from American Exceptionalism to America First”

- International Law and Global Justice Lecture, University of Western Ontario (March 2026)
- Sat Pal Khattar Professorial Lecture, National University of Singapore (March 2026)
- Murphy Institute Workshop on Law and the Economy, Tulane Law School (February 2026)
- International Economic Law Colloquium, Brooklyn Law School (February 2026)

“The Corporation in International Law”

- Sat Pal Khattar Professorial Lecture, National University of Singapore (March 2026)

“The Institutions of Exceptions: Justification in Trade and Investment Treaties”

- University of Georgia, International Law Colloquium (March, 2025)
- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (March, 2025)
- Seminar in Private Law, Yale Law School (February 2024)
- Annual Hyman Soloway Lecture, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (March 2023)
- Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (LCIL) Friday Lecture Series (March 2023)

“Policy Exceptionalism”

- ASIL Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, University of Miami School of Law (November 2021)
- Cambridge International Law Conference (May 2021)

Presenter, Reform of Investor-State Dispute Resolution: Reflective Loss and Shareholder Claims, joint webinar, hosted by the UNCITRAL Secretariat, the OECD, and the ISDS Academic Forum (July 2020)

“The Elastic Corporate Form in International Law”

- Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop (Oct. 2021)
- Regulation and Coordination Workshop, Murphy Institute, Tulane School of Law (Apr. 2020)
- NYU Contract Law and Theory Colloquium, NYU School of Law (Feb. 2020)
- ASIL Int’l Economic Law Interest Group Biennial Conference, University of Miami (Feb. 2020)
- ILA (American Branch), International Law Weekend, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2019)

Invited Expert, 5th Annual OECD Investment Treaty Dialogue, *Reforming Shareholder Claims in ISDS*, Initiated by government delegates from the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, and Australia (Oct. 2019).

“The Private Law Theory of International Investment Law”

- European Commission, Directorate-General Trade (DG-Trade), Brussels (Sep. 2019)
- Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (Aug. 2019)
- Public Lecture, *US-Australia Dialogues on International Trade and Resource Governance Law*, University of New South Wales and United States Embassy in Canberra, (Aug. 2019)
- Temple University International Law Colloquium (Feb. 2019)
- Loyola University Chicago International Law Colloquium (April 2019)

“An Internationalized Law of Contracts?” Faculty, ITA-ASIL Conference, *State Parties in Contract-Based Arbitration: The Theory and Practice of Public/Private Arbitration* (March 2019)

“The Private Law Critique of International Investment Law”

- Joint North American Conference on Int’l Economic Law, McGill Faculty of Law (Sept. 2018)
- Society for International Economic Law, Biannual Conference (July 2018)
- St. John’s International Law Colloquium (Oct. 2017)
- ILA (American Branch), International Law Weekend, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2017)

“Against Informal Multilateralism,” Brooklyn Law School, Block Center Conference on *Nationalism, Regionalism, and Globalism: The Future of Economic Integration* (Nov. 2017)

“The Logic of Contract in the World of Investment Treaties,”

- ILA (American Branch), International Law Weekend, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2016)
- Georgetown International Law Colloquium, Georgetown Law Center (Feb. 2016)
- International Society of Public Law (ICON•S) Meeting, NYU School of Law, (July 2015)

“Corporations as Lawmakers,”

- Third Annual Junior Faculty Forum for International Law, NYU School of Law—Melbourne University—Nottingham University, Melbourne (July 2014)
- Forum on *Breaking Natural Resources Dependence*, Harvard Kennedy School, (Apr. 2014)
- Forum on *Development, FDI, & Investment Treaties*, Convened by the Republic of Ecuador, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C. (Apr. 2014)

“Deference to the Executive,” Workshop on *Converging Approaches? Domestic Courts and the Interpretation of International Law*, Humboldt University, Berlin (Nov. 2013)

“The Margin of Appreciation in International Investment Law,”

- Conference on *The Future of the Margin of Appreciation in International Law*, PluriCourts & Centre Franco-Norvégien en sciences sociales et humaines, Paris (Feb. 2014)
- ASIL Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, NYU School of Law (Oct. 2013)
- ILA American Branch, International Law Weekend, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2013)

Invited Expert, *Subsequent Practice of the Parties: A Dynamic or a Static Means of Treaty Interpretation?*, Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations, New York (Nov. 2013)

“Treaty Interpretation and Constitutional Transformation: Informal Change in Int’l Organizations,”

- ICON•S, Inaugural Conference, European University Institute, Florence (June 2014)
- ILA British Branch, Spring Conference 2013, University of Oxford (Apr. 2013)
- ASIL Research Forum, Midyear Meeting, University of Georgia (Oct. 2012)
- ASIL-ESIL-Rechtskulturen Workshop, “Transatlantic Debates in International Legal Theory,” University of Cambridge (Sep. 2012)

“The Constitutional Transformation of International Organizations through Treaty Interpretation: The ECtHR’s Expansive Use of VCLT 31(3)(c),” ASIL Research Forum, UCLA (Nov. 2011)

SELECT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS, AS ORGANIZER:

Co-Chair, 2025 ASIL International Economic Law Biennial Conference, University of Michigan (May 2025)

Co-Chair, 2024 ASIL Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (2024)

Co-Chair, ITA–ASIL Conference, *Arbitration in Changed Circumstances*, Washington D.C. (May 2022)

Organizer, *The Reformation of International Tax Law*, ASIL Annual Meeting Panel (Apr. 2022)

Co-Chair, International Law Weekend, Annual Meeting of the International Law Association (ILA), American Branch (ABILA) (Oct. 2020)

Co-Chair, ASIL International Economic Law Interest Virtual Book Talk Series (summer 2020)

Co-Chair, ASIL International Economic Law Biennial Conference, University of Miami (Feb. 2020)

Co-Chair, 9th Annual ASIL Mid-year Meeting (MYM) Research Forum, Brooklyn Law School (Nov. 2019)

Organizer, *The Remedial Function in International Economic Law*, ASIL Annual Meeting Panel (Mar. 2019)

Co-Organizer, Joint North American Conference on Int’l Economic Law, McGill Faculty of Law (Sept. 2018)

Organizer and moderator, *New Frontiers in Non-Discrimination Law: MFN and National Treatment Revisited*, ASIL Annual Meeting (April 2018)

Co-chair, 7th Annual ASIL MYM Research Forum, Washington University in St. Louis (Oct. 2017)

Organizer and co-host, Symposium on *Nationalism, Regionalism, and Globalism: The Future of Economic Integration*, Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Nov. 2017)

Organizer, biannual *International Business Law Scholars’ Roundtable* (w/ Robin Effron), Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Oct., 2016, Nov. 2018, and Nov. 2020)

Organizer and co-chair, *Industry Associations*, Rutgers Law School, Newark (June, 2016) (w/ Sarah Dadush)

Organizer and moderator, *The Dis-organization of International IP*, ASIL Annual Meeting Panel (Mar. 2016)

Organizer, chair, and discussant, panel on *Corporate Planning in International Law: Tax Treaties, Investment Law, and Political Risk Insurance*, Harvard International Law Journal Symposium, (Feb. 2016)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA, Geneva

Special Advisor on International Law, 2024 – present

Advised on novel international legal questions related to the Global Fund, including its status and international legal personality.

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL), WG III (INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT REFORM), New York & Vienna

Delegate, Academic Forum on ISDS Observer Delegation, 2021 – 2024

Delegate, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Observer Delegation, 2018 – 2021

Participated in discussions on identifying concerns relating to investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), on the desirability of reform, and on charting pathways for reforming the resolution of investment disputes.

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER: New York

Associate, International Arbitration Group, 2012 – 2013

Advised sovereigns and multinational corporations in international commercial and investment arbitration, as well as public international organizations in matters relating to international responsibility.

MISSION OF PALAU TO THE UNITED NATIONS: New York

Advisor, 2011 – 2012

Advised mission on public international law and procedure in international courts, as well as on requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on state responsibility for carbon emissions.

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS: Strasbourg

Study Visitor / Stagiaire, Research Division, 2010

U.N. INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION: Geneva

Visiting Fellow, 2009 (with Georg Nolte, Chairman of Study Group on Treaties over Time)

ARBITRATION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT LISTS:

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)

- *Rising Arbitrators List*, 2025 – present

European Commission Candidate Lists (for disputes to which the EU is a party)

- *List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators*, 2021 – present
- *List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Experts*, 2021 – present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE:

Journal Boards and Editorial Positions

- *American Journal of International Law*,
 - Board of Editors, 2022 – present
 - Editor: International Decisions Section, 2020 – 2022
- *European Journal of International Law*
 - Executive Board, 2025 – present
 - Editor: EJIL:Talk! Blog, 2025 – present
- *Hague Yearbook of International Law*, Editorial Board, 2015 – present

American Society of International Law (ASIL)

- *Vice President* (nominated to serve as of April 2026)
- *Co-Chair*, 2024 ASIL Annual Meeting, 2023 – 2024
- *Executive Council Member*, 2019 – 2022
- *Chair*, Book Awards Committee, 2021; *Member*, Book Awards Committee, 2020
- *Co-Chair*, 2019 ASIL Research Forum, Brooklyn Law School, New York
- *Co-Chair*, 2017 ASIL Research Forum, Washington University, St. Louis
- *Co-Chair*, ASIL Int'l Economic Law Interest Group, 2019 – 2022; *Vice-Chair*, 2017 – 2018
- *Co-Chair*, ASIL Int'l Organizations Interest Group, 2014 – 2016; *Vice-Chair*, 2013 – 2014

Academic Forum on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)

- *Chair of the Academic Forum on ISDS*, 2021 – 2024
- *Member*, Steering Committee, 2021 – present
- *Lead Editor*, Special Issue on ISDS Reform, *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*, 2022
- *Chair*, Working Group on Shareholder Claims in ISDS
- *Member*, Working Group on Lack of Consistency and Coherence in Interpretation

Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA)

- *Member*, Academic Council, 2019 – present

Junior International Law Scholars Association (JILSA)

- *Co-Chair*, 2016 – 2018
- *Member*, 2014 – 2019

International Law Association (ILA)

- *Member*, Study Group on the Content and Evolution of the Rules of Interpretation

International Society of Public Law (ICON•S)

- *Member*, 2014 – present

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND FACULTY GOVERNANCE:

Michigan Law School

- *Faculty Director*, Center for International and Comparative Law, 2023 – present
- *Faculty Director*, SJD Program, 2023 – present
- *Director and Founder*, Program on Law and the Global Economy, 2022 – present
- *Chair*, Global Affairs Committee, 2023 - present
- *Chair*, Search Committee for Assistant Dean for International Relations, 2023

Brooklyn Law School

- *Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Scholarship*, 2022
- *Chair*, Faculty Appointments Committee, 2020 – 2022; *member*, 2017 – 2020
- *Co-Director*, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2017 – 2022
- *Faculty Advisor*, *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*, 2016 – 2020
- *Faculty Workshops Committee*, 2016 – 2019
- *Long Range Planning Committee*, 2018 – 2020

NATIONALITIES:

United States of America; Hungary