



E.MA Director

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Benedek | Prof. Dr. Gerd Oberleitner

Fields of competence:* International human rights law; International Humanitarian Law; European and African human rights systems; Globalization and human rights; Human rights in South-Eastern Europe; Human security; Migration, asylum and human rights; Internet and human rights

Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017*

Dr.ⁱⁿ Lisa Heschl, E.MA | Dr. Christian Pippan | MMag. Stefan Salomon, LL.M. and other members of the faculty depending on the research topics chosen.

The university and the city

As the second largest city in Austria, culturally diverse and vibrant Graz lives with - and from - its students. The city's vivid cultural scene is closely tied to the over **40 000 students who make up one sixth of inhabitants**. Our unique city centre is a UNESCO world cultural heritage site. Graz is a place of international encounter and intercultural and interreligious dialogue and, in 2001, became the first **European City of Human Rights**. Masterini in Graz are co-hosted by the European Training- and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (UNI-ETC) and the Institute of International Law and International Relations. As part of the Faculty of Law, the UNI-ETC is active in interdisciplinary research, teaching and science-to-public activities in human rights. The Centre is a clearing-house for human rights at the University of Graz and hosts the **UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security**, held by Gerd Oberleitner.

Second semester courses

The masterini may follow seminars and lectures on specific aspects of human rights and democratisation at the University of Graz. In summer semester 2017, these courses will include:

- Güler Alkan: The Responsibility to Protect – Humanitarian Intervention in Bosnia and Kosovo| Proseminar| 5 ECTS
- Wolfgang Benedek: International and EU Human Rights Law| Seminar| 5ECTS
- Maximilian Lakitsch: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Research| Seminar| 5 ECTS
- Emma Lantschner: Human rights, minority protection and conflict management| Seminar| 5 ECTS
- Gerd Oberleitner: International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Armed Conflict| Course| 5 ECTS
- Christian Pippan: Contemporary Issues of International Law: International Organizations: Guardians of Democracy and the Rule of Law?| Seminar| 5 ECTS
- Guido Schwellnus: International Minority Protection in Conceptual, Theoretical and Empirical Perspective| Seminar| 5 ECTS
- Elisabeth Steiner: European Convention on Human Rights| Course and Excursion to ECtHR| 5 ECTS

Further courses are offered in German language, such as Josef Marko & Willibald Posch: Islamisches Recht (in German)| Seminar| 5 ECTS or Ursula Werther-Pietsch: Friede, Sicherheit und Entwicklung: Völkerrechtliche Fragen der Transition (in German)| Seminar| 2,5 ETCS.

* Subject to update once a new professor has been appointed.

Websites:

<http://trainingszentrum-menschenrechte.uni-graz.at/en/infos-fuer-studierende/>

<http://voelkerrecht.uni-graz.at/en/>

Department:

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An intensive **German course with reduced fares** for E.MA students is offered in February.

Deadline for enrolment in classes: Immediately upon arrival after the orientation session with the academic advisor. Classes start in the beginning of March.

Examination procedures: May vary according to the chosen course; the usual forms are presentations, seminar papers, and written exams.

Thesis

Research areas:*

- Topic related to the European Human Rights System, in particular EU and Human Rights
- UN System of Human Rights/Human Rights Mainstreaming
- Africa and South-East-Europe: Human Rights in Post-Conflict Situations
- Migration and Human Rights
- Refugees and Asylum
- Peace, Democracy and the Rule of Law
- European and Global Citizenship
- Human Rights and Human Security, Human Security Mainstreaming
- Economic Globalisation and Human Rights
- International Economic Organisations (WTO, IMF, World Bank) and Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- Human Rights Education
- Information Society, Internet and Human Rights, Internet Governance
- Human Rights at the Local Level (Human Rights Cities)
- International Territorial Administration and post-conflict reconstruction

The UNI-ETC is involved in local, national, and **international research projects on a variety of human rights topics**, from coherence within the EU's human rights policies or the protection of human rights defenders to transnational governance of irregular migration and the transformation of citizenship. Through our project work, very current research topics emerge and a **contribution by the Masterini** through their thesis or an internship is welcomed.

Thesis supervision: Thesis supervision is carried out by the E.MA director and a second supervisor from the faculty who is specialised in the respective field of research. Constant participation in a research seminar as well as in the graduate course selected is demanded from the students.

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university (including 1 copy to the EIUC Secretariat): 4.

Library

Masterini are issued a student card that gives full access to University libraries and the specialised human rights library at ETC. A great variety of E-books, journals & databases can be accessed electronically through the student account.

Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs/Internships

Through the wide range of projects implemented by UNI-ETC, Masterini will be able to benefit from access to a vast network of international, governmental, and non-governmental cooperation partners. The UNI-ETC offers **internships** to our E.MA students during and after the second semester (if the thesis writing process and progress allow so).

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements:

Practical information on visa procedures, practical matters and student life is provided by the Office for International Relations (BIB) (<http://www.uni-graz.at/en/studying/for-prospective-students/international-students>). The OeAD, the Austrian agency for international mobility and cooperation in education, science and research provides further detailed information for incoming academics (https://www.oead.at/welcome_to_austria/legal_practical_issues/entry_into_austria/EN/).

IT and logistics: The student card allows access to all university facilities such as libraries, computer labs, sports centres. Limited PC working space is available at the Institute of International Law. E.MA students can receive financial support for a German course, literature, relevant academic events, and field research.