



EMA Director

Prof. Dr. Gerd Oberleitner

Fields of competence: International human rights law; International humanitarian law; United Nations, European and African human rights systems; Globalization and human rights; Human rights on the local level; Human rights in South-Eastern Europe; Human security; Migration, asylum and human rights.

Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Benedek | Dr.ⁱⁿ Lisa Heschl, EMA | Dr. Christian Pippan 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 2018, these courses will include:

- Wolfgang Benedek: International and EU Human Rights Law | Seminar | 5 ECTS
- Christoph Bezemek: Fundamental Rights and Liberties in High Court Case Law | Seminar | 5 ECTS
- Lisa Heschl: International Migration Law and Human Rights | Course | 5 ECTS
- Maximilian Lakitsch: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Research | Seminar | 5 ECTS
- Gerd Oberleitner: International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Armed Conflict | Course | 5 ECTS
- Christian Pippan: Contemporary Issues of International Law | Seminar | 5 ECTS
- Viktoria Robertson: International Intellectual Property Law | Seminar | 5 ECTS
- Elisabeth Steiner: European Convention on Human Rights | Course and Excursion to European Court of Human Rights | 5 ECTS
- Alexandra Tomaselli: The rights of minorities and indigenous peoples | Seminar | 5 ECTS

Further courses are offered in German language, such as Stephan Hinghofer-Szalkay: Die Scharia als juristische Herausforderung (Religionsfreiheit, Paralleljustiz und islamische Jurisprudenz) | 5 ECTS; Bernadette Knauder: Menschenrechtlicher Debate Club | 2 ECTS; Ursula Werther-Pietsch: Friede, Sicherheit und Entwicklung: Völkerrechtliche Fragen der Transition | Seminar | 2,5 ECTS; Anita Ziegelhofer: Die Gender-Dimensionen des Rechts | Lecture | 3 ECTS

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 EMA students is offered in February.

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: 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:

- European human rights system, in particular EU and human rights
- UN System of human rights and human rights mainstreaming
- Human rights in post-conflict situations (focus on South East Europe and Africa)
- Migration and human rights
- Refugees and asylum
- Peace, democracy and the rule of Law
- Human rights and human security
- Economic globalisation and human rights
International economic organisations (WTO, IMF, World Bank) and human rights
- International humanitarian law and human rights
- Human rights education
- Human rights at the local level (Human Rights Cities)

Thesis supervision: Thesis supervision is carried out by the EMA 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 selected graduate course is demanded from the students.

Recommended research topics: See above.

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.

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, IGOs, and Civil Society

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 EMA 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. EMA students can receive financial support for a German course, literature, relevant academic events, and field research.