



UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

E.MA Director

Prof. Dr. Christina Binder

Fields of competence: International Human Rights Law, Public International Law

Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

Prof. Dr. Ursula Kriebaum, University of Vienna,

Prof. Dr. René Kuppe, University of Vienna,

MSc Anna Müller-Funk, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights,

Mag. Julia Planitzer, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights,

Prof. Dr. Walter Schicho, University of Vienna,

Prof. Dr. Hannes Tretter, University of Vienna,

MMag. Katrin Wladasch, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights,

Mag. Marijana Grandits, Academic Coordinator of the Vienna Master in HR,

Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak, University of Vienna,

The university and the city

Vienna, the capital of Austria, is a thriving international city, reconciling its rich historical and cultural inheritance with a dynamic approach to the modern world. As seat of numerous international organisations (UN, UNIDO, IAEA, OPEC, OSCE and FRA) and important turntable for business enterprises between East and West, Vienna is at the same time a city of opera, concert halls, theatres, museums, universities and cafés. (www.wien-tourismus.at, www.info.wien.at).

The University of Vienna (Universität Wien, www.univie.ac.at/en/) was founded in 1365 and is therefore one of the oldest universities in Europe.

The Research Centre Human Rights of the University of Vienna, in co-operation with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM) coordinates all E.MA activities during the second semester. BIM is an independent academic human rights research and service institution. The institute was founded in 1992 by *Felix Ermacora* (1923-1995), *Manfred Nowak* and *Hannes Tretter* under the umbrella of the Ludwig Boltzmann Society. It is BIM's main objective to offer a link between academic research and legal practice.

Second semester courses

Courses available for E.MA students: Seminars and lectures on specific aspects of human rights and democratisation are offered mainly at the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Political Science, the Department for Development Studies and the Faculty of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Psychology and Sociology. The Masterini are required to participate in at least two courses depending on the amount of credits.

The courses offered by the Faculty of Law and other faculties during the summer semester 2017 will be available online only from January 2017. (<http://online.univie.ac.at/vlvz?lang=en&extended=Y>) To exemplify, some human rights courses at the Faculty of Law during the summer semester 2015 have been:

- Cinema and Human Rights, Nowak/Müller-Funk; 6 ECTS
- Human Rights, Democracy and Peacekeeping, Holzleithner, 3 ECTS
- Law and War, The Use of Force, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Janik, 2 ECTS
- Torture and Disappearances, Manfred Nowak, 2 ECTS
- Theories of Justice, Christoph Hanisch, 5 ECTS
- International Organisations, August Reinisch, 3 ECTS

In any case, it will also be possible to attend some of the courses at the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights.

Websites:

www.univie.ac.at/en

<https://human-rights.univie.ac.at/en/home/>

<http://bim.lbg.ac.at/en>

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Deadline for enrolment in the courses: The students have to register in early February/ March, depending on the courses. **Examination procedures:** Courses are held on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and normally finish with an oral exam at the end of the semester. Seminars are mainly presented in form of blocked courses over a number of successive days and require the presentation of a paper. Additionally, the BIM holds a tutorial seminar (1 ECTS), which is mandatory for E.MA students.

Thesis

Research areas:

Mainly but not exclusively:

- Anti-discrimination
- Racism and xenophobia
- Corporate social responsibility
- Torture
- Rights of detainees
- Empowerment of vulnerable groups
- Media law
- Asylum and refugee law
- Children's rights
- Data protection
- Trafficking in human beings
- Development cooperation
- Rights of minorities
- European integration

Furthermore, BIM implements various projects in different countries, such as Macedonia, Turkey, Croatia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic.

Thesis supervision: Each student is supervised by one expert and the E.MA director, Prof. Christina Binder. A tutorial seminar is held at regular intervals where all E.MA students and all supervisors come together to discuss the progress of the thesis.

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university: 3 bound copies (+ 1 copy to the EIUC Secretariat).

Library

The students have free access to the main library of the University of Vienna, the Faculty of Law and other faculties as well as the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights and the BIM. At the start of the semester guided tours of all libraries are offered.

Contacts with NGOs, NHRIs, IGOs and IOs

NGOs:

[Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights](#), [Österreichische Liga für Menschenrechte](#), [Women Against Violence Network](#), [ZARA](#), [FIAN](#), [Helping Hands](#), [Rechtskomitee LAMBDA](#), etc.

NHRIs:

[Austrian Ombudsman Board](#), [Ombud for Equal Treatment](#), [Children's Rights Network](#)

IGOs, IOs:

- [United Nations Office at Vienna](#),
- [UNIS](#),
- [UNODC](#),
- [UNIDO](#),
- [OSCE](#),
- [UNHCR](#),
- [IACA](#),
- [FRA](#),
- [CoE](#), etc.

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, website: http://bmaa.gv.at/view.php3?r_id=204&LNG=en&version – with further links to Austrian representations abroad.

IT and logistics: the University of Vienna provides E.MA students with a shared office at 1090 Vienna, Hörlgasse 6 (close to the main building of Vienna University, the University Campus, the Law Faculty and BIM). The office is equipped with computers with internet access as well as internet access for private laptops. The students may use their office space and facilities usually in the mornings.