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Education

Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

PhD, Political Science

- Conferral anticipated summer 2020
- PhD dissertation: The Impact of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights on EU Policy-Making Processes in the Area of Asylum Policy

Freie University Berlin, Germany

Master of European Studies, European Studies, conferred 10/2014

- Focus on EU law
- Master's dissertation on the effects of the ECtHR judgment MSS v Belgium and Greece, GPA 4.0

Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Cultural Sciences, Minor in Political Science, conferred 9/2013

- Focus on Cultural Philosophy and Analysis
- Bachelor's dissertation on concepts of state sovereignty and human rights

Research & Study Awards

Doctoral sponsorship by the German National Academic Foundation

(Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

Since 6/2017

Study scholarship by the Foundation of the Protestant Church in Germany

(Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst)

10/2009-9/2014

Research Experience

German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin, Germany

Freelance Researcher

Since 2/2017

- Quarterly reports on current developments regarding the situation of migrants in Germany
 - Interviews with experts, asylum-seekers, and refugees
 - Analyses of developments in German asylum and migration policies
- Contributions to study on migrant workers' access to fundamental rights in Germany
 - Interviews with migrants who were victims of labour exploitation

Resume

German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)

Freelance Researcher

09-12/2018

- Assessment of developments and (draft) policies related to European and German migration and asylum policy
- Thematic focus of briefings
 - Return operations to Libya
 - (Legal) concept of safe third countries

Center for Forced Migration Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

Visiting PhD Candidate

9-12/2017

- Contribution to research proposals
- Member of Refugee Research Methods Working Group

iCourts Summer School, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Visiting PhD Candidate

6-7/2016

- Methodological approaches of researching the impact, effectiveness, and legitimacy of international Courts
- Presentation of PhD project proposal

Center for European Integration, Freie University Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Pre-doctoral Researcher

2-12/2015

- Contribution to study on Perceptions of the EU and its Policies Abroad
 - Design and execution of interview programme directed at policy-makers, scholars, civil society actors, and representatives of the private business sector in ten partner countries of the EU
 - Development and drafting of reports, and final study

NFG "Asian Perceptions of the EU", Center for European Integration, Freie University Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Research Assistant

7/2013-1/2015

Publications

Günther, Johanna (2018): Communicating Refugees and Human Rights: The German Government's Assessment of the Role of the European Court of Human Rights. In: Ibrahim Sirkeci; Emilia Lana de Freitas Castro; Ülkü Sezgi Sözen (eds.): Migration Policy in Crisis. London: Transnational Press London.

Conference Presentations

SPSA Annual Conference 2019 & Dreiländertagung, Zurich, Switzerland, 02/2019

„The Traces of Judicialization. What its Judgments Tell Us About the European Court of Human Rights' Impact on European Asylum Policies.“

Annual Conference of the German Political Science Association, "Frontiers of Democracy", Frankfurt (Main), Germany, 09/2018

"European Asylum Policy between Judicialization and Fragmentation"

Resume

Interdisciplinary Conference at ZiF, "Studying Migration Policies at the Interface between Empirical Research and Normative Analysis", Bielefeld, Germany, 09/2018
"Why comply? The impact of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights on the asylum and migration policies of the European Union"

German Development Institute, Workshop, Bonn, Germany, 06/2018
"The Impact of Ambivalent Human Rights Policies on Forced Migration"

Center for Forced Migration Studies Working Group, Evanston, IL, USA, 12/2017
"The European Court of Human Rights' Impact on European Asylum Policy"

The Migration Conference, Athens, Greece, 8/2017
"Who Talks About Human Rights? How German government, civil society, and media assess decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in the context of asylum."

German Association for Political Science, Congress for Young Scholars "Flight and Asylum: Germany and Europe between welcoming culture and rejection", Münster, Germany, 12/2016
"Problems, Policies, Politics. A theoretical contextualisation of the impact of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights on EU asylum policies."

Network Refugee Research, Conference „65 Years of the Geneva Refugee Convention“, Osnabrück, Germany, 10/2016
"M.S.S. and the Common European Asylum System. The European Court of Human Rights as an agent of change for EU asylum policy."
"The Non-Refoulement Principle as a touchstone for the protection of human rights within EU asylum policies. Political implications of the case Hirsi Jamaa v Italy."

Teaching Experience

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, 9-12/2017
Lectures in undergraduate seminars in political science on EU asylum policy

START Foundation, St-Peter-Ording, Germany, 8/2015
10-day lecture programme at summer school on the history of human rights

Medinetz Germany, Jena, Germany, 5/2015
Workshop on migrants' access to health, and human rights in Germany

Professional Associations

- German Association for Political Science, Member
- German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes), Scholarship holder
- Foundation of the Protestant Church in Germany (Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst), Alumna
- Network Refugee Research (Netzwerks Flüchtlingsforschung), Student Member
- Network Migration Law (Netzwerk Migrationsrecht), Student Member
- International Studies Association, Student Member