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Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights

nationality: Austrian and German

EXPERIENCE

since April 2020

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons • United Nations • New York, Geneva, Berlin

two annual thematic reports one to the United Nations General Assembly and one to the UN Human Rights Council

twice a year worldwide country visits and final reports, intensive exchange with governments to improve implementation and change structural inequalities

Management and coordination of the teams in Geneva and Berlin

International lobbying for the topics "Ageing without discrimination", "Ageing and digitalization", "Access to healthcare", "Violence against older people", "Housing", "Climate change" and "Older women"

Close cooperation with the World Health Organization, including on the Decade of Healthy Ageing

Policy advice to the EU Commission

Consultation on improving the situation of older persons with Ambassadors in Geneva and New York, as well as high-ranking representatives of the UN and its specialized agencies

Cooperation with universities, e.g. Columbia University, Department of Public Health and the University of Surrey, Centre of Excellence on Ageing

since January 2023

Team Leader Rights of Older Persons • German Institute for Human Rights e.V. • Berlin

Policy advice, Federal Ministries in Germany

Close cooperation with federal commissioners for anti-discrimination and people with disabilities

Representation of the GIHR in parliament inquiries and in legislative procedures as well as in

the European context, especially in the coordination of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

Contact point for inquiries about structural violations of the human rights of older persons -
Suggestions for improving the implementation of human rights

Staff management

Agenda setting at national level, especially multiple and intersectional discrimination, age discrimination and other grounds of discrimination

Networking with (civil) society and politics, associations and academia, close cooperation, active consultation, e.g. long-term series of events funded by the BMFSFJ to prepare for and follow up on the United Nations Open Working Group on Ageing

Close cooperation with civil society actors (AGE Platform Europe, BAGSO, help age e.V.) in the field as well as academia and foundations - Debate formats, eg. parliamentary breakfasts

Writing and coordinating scientific texts and reports

Acquisition of third-party funding (AA, BMFSFJ, Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs, Austrian Foreign Ministry, Josef and Luise Kraft Foundation)

Lectures at own and external national and international conferences, workshops and debates

April 2020 - April 2021

Visiting Professor • Alice Salomon Hochschule • Berlin

University teaching and examination with a focus on human rights SGB II, XI and XII

Requirements of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in conjunction with SGB IX

Basic security in old age

Claims from long-term care insurance

February 2010 - December 2022

Senior Researcher, National Department / Europe, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights • German Institute for Human Rights e.V. • Berlin

Filling the gap between international human rights regimes and national key actors

Introducing the state reporting system to UN treaty bodies

Facilitating knowledge on Concluding Observations and how to use them

Developing the thematic areas of rights of older persons, housing and poverty

Establishing DIMR as a leading human rights institution in the field of the rights of older persons at national, regional and international level

Networking and awareness-raising with ministries, civil society and academia

Acting as an expert and expert witness in Bundestag committees

Speaker at events

Representation of the DIMR in the media

Initiation of a project with third-party funding from the Josef and Luise Kraft Foundation:
How can complaints procedures strengthen the protection of older people in need of care in the care home environment?

Statement 2020: Effectively protecting the human rights of older people during the coronavirus pandemic

August 2009 - March 2010

Research Assistant - Human Rights Centre of the University of Potsdam - Potsdam

Preparation and coordination of a commentary on the Geneva Refugee Convention

January 2009 - August 2010

Research Assistant - Office of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Migration and Integration - Berlin

Initial development of the main topics of the newly founded institute

October 2008 - December 2008

Academic Director (interim) - Human Rights Centre at the University of Potsdam - Potsdam

Topic setting - focus on civil and political rights, focus on ECHR and UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Team leader

Editor of the journal of the Human Rights Centre

December 2007 - September 2008

Parental leave

June 2007 - December 2007

Consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva for the Special Rapporteur on "Respect for human rights in the fight against terrorism" - United Nations Human Rights Council — Geneva

Science-based analysis and assessment of facts

Collaboration on the report to the Human Rights Council

November 2003 - May 2007

Head of the project Teaching Human Rights in Europe: Purposes, Realization and Consequences - Tandem Programme of the Volkswagen Foundation, carried out at the MRZ, Potsdam

Interdisciplinary post-doctoral program in cooperation with two other post-doctoral researchers from Humboldt University and the University of Magdeburg

Human rights education for national minorities in a comparison of six countries

Comparative law

Research in the field

May 2002 - October 2003

Research Assistant • Human Rights Centre of the University of Potsdam — Potsdam

September 2001 - April 2002

Research Assistant - Chair of Constitutional, International and European Law at the University of Potsdam - Potsdam

Teaching and research

July 2000 - December 2002

Deputy Chairperson of the Commission of the Austrian Human Rights Advisory Council for Tyrol and Vorarlberg - Tyrol / Austria

Visits to places of detention of the administrative authorities

Policy advice within the framework of the Austrian Human Rights Advisory Council

Advice to police and prison officers

Reports to the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Austria

September 1997 - July 2001

Assistant at the Institute for Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and other Criminal Sciences at the Leopold-Franzens- University - Innsbruck / Austria

Teaching and examination work

research

November 1996 - August 1997

Trainee at the Institute for Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and other Criminal Sciences at the Leopold-Franzens- University- Innsbruck/ Austria

January 1995 - May 1996

Court year in the Higher Regional Court District — Innsbruck

EDUCATION

November 1996 - December 2000

Doctoral studies

Title of the thesis: "Abuse of authority in asylum and foreigners law" - Leopold-Franzens-University - Innsbruck / Austria

October 1988 - May 1994

Study of Law - Leopold-Franzens-University - Innsbruck / Austria

MEDIA

Social Media

Twitter (jetzt X)

Linked-In, Bluesky

Wikipedia

Selection of speeches and events (2023/24)

Organizer and discussant, debate on "Multiple discrimination: Older women without human rights?" 2024, Berlin

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/veranstaltungen/detail/mehrfach-diskriminiert-aeltere-frauen-ohne-menschenrechte>

Keynote at the International Conference on the Human Rights of Older Persons in Vienna 2023

Keynote at the Exchange workshop invitation of ILC Japan with ILC Canada, ILC USA, ILC Australia and ILC Israel in Tokyo 2023

Keynote at the Global Ageing Conference in Glasgow 2023 at the invitation of Scottish Care and Global Ageing Network

Keynote at the International EPA (International Psychogeriatric Association) Congress 2023 on the topic of care and human rights of older persons, 2023 Lisbon

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Elected member of the UN Coordination Committee of Special Rapporteurs - since 2023

Awarded as one of the 50 most important leaders in the field of Healthy Ageing - UN World Health Organization - 2022

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Josef and Luise Kraft Foundation's "Human Rights and Ethics in Medicine for Older People" award, since 2018

Member of the network "The European Law and Ageing Network (ELAN)"

Various teaching assignments at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences - Department of Social Work and Nursing Sciences 2018-2022

Taught different courses and seminars on human rights at Humboldt University, Berlin - Department of Social Anthropology

Taught different courses and seminars on human rights during my years at Potsdam University

Member of various national and international scientific networks and associations

SELECTED TRAINING COURSES

Large number of internal training courses

Online learning tools - internal training at ASH - esp. moodle etc during Covid Pandemic

Communication training "Listen to me!" 2016

"Impact-oriented planning".2015

Diversity training with a focus on "Age" to - 11.10.2013

LANGUAGES

Mother tongue: German

English (fluent, regular working language)

French (basic knowledge)

Italian (basic knowledge)