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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Florida International University (FIU) College of Law, Miami FL

Assistant Professor of Law

August 2025 – Present

Teaching:

- Climate Change and Human Rights – Fall 2026
- Torts Section A – Fall 2026
- Torts Section B – Fall 2026
- Torts Section A – Fall 2025
- Torts Section B – Fall 2025
- Nominated Professor of the Year 2025

Committee:

- Curriculum Committee (August 2025 – Present)

Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program, Human Rights Entrepreneur Clinic, Graduate Program, Cambridge, MA

Visiting Fellow/Researcher

February 2023 – August 2025

Teaching:

- Contributed to the design and development of a seminar on *Climate Change and Human Rights* taught by Prof. Tyler Giannini

Research:

- Conducted research at the intersection of human rights and climate law. Contributed to the Human Rights Entrepreneurs Clinic's work on climate change.
- Supported the Human Rights Program in its activities, including by helping secure a grant for a climate conference.
- Supported third-party interventions in climate-related human rights cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Yale Law School, Orville H. JR. Schell Center for International Human Rights, New Haven, CT

May 2018 – July 2019

Research Fellow

Research:

- Conducted research towards the completion of my doctoral dissertation. Participated in weekly doctoral workshops as well as research and legal writing workshops.

Activities:

- YLS European Law Association, Co-Founder & Co-President
- Feminist Theory Reading Group, Member

University of Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland

January 2014 – October 2015

Researcher for Prof. Martina Caroni

Teaching:

- Constitutional Law (case studies, semester-long)

- Terrorism and the Law (1 class)
- Migration Law (2 classes)
- Law of the Sea (1 class)

Research:

- Conducted research on constitutional law, international law, human rights, and migration law.

University of Lucerne, Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation,
Switzerland

October 2015 – July 2017

Associate Director

Managed and executed the Academy program, including curriculum development. Acted as liaison person between the Academy and partners. Coordinated and coached the moot court.

EDUCATION

University of Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland, February 2020

PhD in Law *summa cum laude*

Dissertation: *Conceptualizing Femicide as a Human Rights Violation: Beyond the Reach of International Law?* supervised by Prof. Martina Caroni, LL.M. (Yale)

Award: Professor Walther Hug Prize, awarded for best doctoral dissertations in law

Yale Law School, New Haven, United States, May 2018

LL.M. Fulbright Fellow

Activities: *Yale Journal of International Law*, Editor
Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Editor
 Reading Group on *Women, Law, and Cinema*, Co-Leader
 Title IX Committee, Member
 Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Member
 World Human Rights Moot Court, Coach
 Research Assistant to Prof. Alice Miller

University of Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland, May 2013

MLaw Transnational Legal Studies, *summa cum laude*

Activities: World Human Rights Moot Court, First Place (Memorials)

University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 2011

BLaw, Swiss and International Law in French and German with specializations in European and Religious Law

Study Abroad: *University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria*, Gran Canaria, Spain (studied Spanish Law for a full year - Erasmus Exchange, August 2009 – June 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles:

- Intersectional Climate Standing (work-in-progress)
- Climate Change as a Human Rights Violation (forthcoming V.A. J. INT'L L.)

- Comparative Judicial Enforcement, 101 WASH. L. REV. 207 (2026) (with Rosa Hayes)
- Contributions of the African Human Rights System to International Climate Law, 51 YALE J. INT'L L. 196 (2026) (with Abadir M. Ibrahim)
- An Ecofeminist Approach to Climate Risks, 46(3) MICH. J. INT'L L. 363 (2025) (opening article)
- Intersectional Victims as Agents of Change in International Human Rights-Based Climate Litigation, TRANSNAT'L ENVTL. L. 1 (2024) (peer-reviewed)
- A Health-Centric Intersectional Approach to Climate Litigation at the European Court of Human Rights, 37 HARV. HUM. RTS. J. 351 (2024) (with Hannah van Kolfschooten and Aminta Ossom)
- From Hate Speech to Incitement to Genocide: The Role of the Media in the Rwandan Genocide 38(1) B.U. INT'L L.J. 1 (2020) (with Laura Ausserladscheider) (opening article)
- Bringing the Right to Water into the Spotlight: A Civil Right before the European Court of Human Rights? REV. EUR. COMP. & INT'L ENVTL. L. 50 (2022) (with Helen Keller, peer-reviewed)

Books:

- GENDER EQUALITY UNDER THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: CHALLENGES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES (co-edited book with Elena Brodeala, Ivana Jelic and Silvia Suteu)
- CONCEPTUALIZING FEMICIDE AS A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION: STATE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (Edward Elgar 2022) (peer-reviewed)
- WHAT THE LAW DOES TO OUR BODIES, Conference Proceedings Gender Law Conference (Dike 2024) (co-edited book, with Joelle Vuille, Nils Kapferer, Sandra Hotz, Veronique Boillet)

Book chapters:

- *Herstoric Climate Litigation: Verein KlimaSeniorinnen v. Switzerland*, in FEMINIST APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Rowena Maguire & Katherine Keene eds., forthcoming in Edward Elgar 2026) (peer-reviewed)
- *Climate Change, Displacement, Women and International Law*, in CLIMATE CHANGE, MIGRATION, GENDER AND THE LAW (Alice Farmer and Emma Dunn eds., forthcoming in Edward Elgar 2026) (peer-reviewed)
- *Gender Quotas in Decision-Making under CEDAW: Lessons for the ECtHR*, in GENDER EQUALITY UNDER THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: CHALLENGES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES (Elena Brodeala, Angela Hefti, Ivana Jelic, Silvia Suteu, forthcoming)

Blog Posts:

- The European Court of Human Rights recognizes Femi(ni)cide as a Human Rights Violation: N.D. v. Switzerland, STRASBOURG OBSERVERS (July 16, 2025)
- Intersectionality and Standing in Climate-Related Human Rights Cases - Harvard Law School (HARV. HUM. RTS. REFLECTIONS, April 22, 2024)
- The European Court of Human Rights' Gendered Climate Docket: KlimaSeniorinnen and Duarte Agostinho (OXFORD HUM. RTS. BLOG, April 1, 2024)

- Women's Health Rights Can Guide International Climate Litigation: *KlimaSeniorinnen v. Switzerland* before the European Court of Human Rights (HARV. HEALTH AND HUM. RTS. J. BLOG, May 15, 2023, with Hannah van Kolschooten)
- What's next in Climate Litigation before the European Court of Human Rights? *Duarte Agostinho and Others v Portugal and 32 other States* (OXFORD HUM. RTS. BLOG, May 2, 2023)
- *López Soto v Venezuela: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights' Answer to Violence Against Women* (OXFORD HUM. RTS. BLOG, June 19, 2019)

Publications in French and German:

- Temporary Protection Status S in Switzerland of People Fleeing the War in Ukraine, 4 *REVUE DE L'AVOCAT* 155 (2022) (in French, with Léa Hemmi)
- The International Labor Organization and the European Convention on Human Rights: The European Court of Human Rights' Reception of International Labor Law, *AKTUELLE JURISTISCHE PRAXIS* 593 (2020) (in German, with Helen Keller)
- Cross-Border Commuters, in *MIGRATION LAW*, Martina Caroni et al., (eds), 2024 (in German)
- Cross-Border Services, in *MIGRATION LAW*, Martina Caroni et al., (eds), 2024 (in German)
- Gender Equality before the European Court of Human Rights, *CODE COMMENTÉ*, Diane Bernard, Chloé Harmel (eds), Bruxelles, Larcier 2020 (in French, with Elena Brodeala) (peer-reviewed)
- Article 18 Swiss Constitution (Freedom to use any Language), *COMMENTARY TO THE SWISS CONSTITUTION*, Bernhard Waldmann et al. (eds), 393-407, 2015 (in German, with Martina Caroni)
- Internship at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, *RECHT*, 141-143(2014) (in German)

PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations:

Torts as Human Rights

- Faculty Workshop, Richmond Law School, April 2026

Climate Change as a Human Rights Violation

- Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, BYU Law School, Utah, Oct. 2025
- Early Environmental Law Scholars Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Nov. 2025
- Northeastern Junior Scholars Conference, Mar. 2025
- VSVR Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Jan. 2025

Contributions of the African Human Rights System to International Climate Law (with Abadir M. Ibrahim)

- Harvard Law School, Comparative Law Class taught by Idriss Fofana and William P. Alford, Cambridge, MA, Nov. 2024

An Ecofeminist Approach to Climate Risks:

- Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop, Pace Law School, White Plains, NY, Sept. 2024
- Law & Society Conference, Denver, CO, June 2024

- VSRE Spring Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2024
- Intersectional Victims as Agents of Change in International Climate Litigation:*
- Oxford University, All Souls College, International Law Workshop in Honor of Professor Catherine Redgwell, June 2023
 - Environmental Law Conference, UCL College of Law/Kings' College, London, UK, May 2023
 - VSRE Spring Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2023
- Chilling Climate Protests:*
- European Human Rights Law Conference, Cambridge University, UK, Sept. 2023 (online)
- Conceptualizing Femicide as a Human Rights Violation:*
- Junior Scholars Conference, Michigan Law School (online), April 2021
 - Legal Gender Studies Series, University of Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 2021
 - Yale Doctoral Workshop, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, May 2019
- Bringing the Right to Water into the Spotlight:*
- Human Rights and the Climate Change Crisis, University of Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 2020

Invited Panelist and other Conference Activity:

- What Can Climate Law Learn from Domestic Violence Cases?, Northeastern University, March 2026
- Women, Law and Climate Change, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Feb. 2026
- Expert Panelist, Forestria, Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 2026
- Speaker at Women in Research Webinar on *An Ecofeminist Approach to Climate Risks*, Dec. 2025
- Speaker at Dannette's Voice, Domestic Violence Awareness, Florida International University, College of Law, Miami, Florida, October 2025
- Respondent to Mitiku Dejen, "An Examination of Disability Inclusion in the African Union's Climate Change Policy and Regulatory Frameworks" Doctoral Colloquium, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (online), October 2024
- Respondent to Samrawit Damtew, "Critical Analysis of International Accountability Mechanisms for Climate Change induced Child Rights Violations in Africa," Doctoral Colloquium, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (online), May 2024
- Panelist, "Case Update: Climate Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights," Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, April 2024
- Moderator of the Panel, "Climate Change and Human Rights," Conference on African Contributions to International Climate Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 2024
- Contribution on Climate Change and Human Rights, Future of Human Rights and Governance (FORGE), New York University, NY, Nov. 2023
- Panelist, "Clerkship Panel: Clerkship at the European Court of Human Rights," Stanford Law School, Stanford CA (online), April 2023

RESEARCH IMPACT AND SERVICE

- Submission to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Inputs on the Draft General Comments on Article 24 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights: Right to a Healthy Climate (June 12, 2026), available here: [achpr-submission-right-to-healthy-climate.pdf](#) (with Salma Waheedi and Abadir M. Ibrahim)
- Amicus brief to the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights in the matter of a request

by the Pan African Lawyers Union for an Advisory Opinion on the Obligations of States with respect to the Climate Crisis (March 30, 2026), available here: <https://hrp.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Amicus-AO-No.-001-2025-Climate-Obligations-Online-.pdf> (with Salma Waheedi and Abadir Ibrahim)

- Third party intervention in the climate case *Müllner v. Austria* before the European Court of Human Rights with the Human Rights Entrepreneurs Clinic at Harvard Law School (Dec. 2024)
- Contributed to Grant Proposal for the African Conference on Global Climate Law (Jan. 2024)
- Third party intervention to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights in relation to the *Zero Daft in relation to the Study on the Impact of the Climate Change on Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa*, with Abadir M. Ibrahim (Nov. 2023)
- Peer Reviewer for Transnational Environmental Law, Leiden Journal of International Law, Journal for Human Rights and the Environment, European Human Rights Law Review, Springer Publishing, and Edward Elgar Publishing
- Co-Organizer *Gender Law Conference*, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland (9-10 Feb. 2023)

CLERKSHIPS

Federal Administrative Court, St. Gallen, Switzerland

April 2021 – December 2022

Clerk for Judge Nina Spälti Giannakitsas (Asylum Appeals Division)

Clerked at the highest federal court dealing with asylum appeals. Prepared draft judgments on the merits (asylum law and human rights).

European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

September 2019 – August 2020

Yale Postgraduate Robina Fellow / Clerk for Judge Helen Keller

Analyzed case materials and conducted research; assisted Judge Keller in the preparation of separate opinions and supported Judge Keller in a range of academic work, resulting in two publications. Drafted a comparative law report for a case before the Grand Chamber. Drafted country contributions for various comparative law reports and updated research documents.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

October 2020 – December 2020

Lawyer

Processed applications against Switzerland and handled requests for measures to prevent expulsion to a country where the claimant faces a threat to life or risk of torture.

EttlerSutter Law, Zurich, Switzerland

September 2020

Expert on Human Rights and Climate Change

Conducted research on environmental law standards and prepared a revised draft application for the *Verein KlimaSeniorinnen v. Switzerland* case to the European Court of Human Rights.

Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica

September 2013 – November 2013

Visiting Professional

Conducted research on state immunity and political rights. Drafted parts of judgments in

English and Spanish.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (Appeals Chamber), The Hague,
Netherlands

May 2013 – July 2013

Intern

Conducted research on international criminal law, particularly on fair trial questions.

Center for International Communications and Art Law, University of Lucerne,
Switzerland

October 2011 – November 2012

Junior Researcher for Prof. Christoph Graber

Edited, proofread, and completed research for a series of working papers, resulting in an edited volume entitled *International Trade in Indigenous Cultural Heritage: Legal and Policy Issues*.

Spanish Refugee Commission, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

January 2011 – June 2011

Volunteer

Assisted staff and lawyers with research and conducted basic English classes.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of International Law, Law and Society Association, The Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment, ATLAS Women

LANGUAGES

Swiss German (native), **English** (fluent), **French** (working proficiency), **Spanish** (working proficiency), and **Italian** (conversational)