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Guest lectures, *inter alia*, at the Asser Institute, Den Haag, the University of Tel Aviv, Columbia University, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, the University of Cape Town, Pontificia Universidad Comillas (Madrid).

Publications:

Die Haftung der Europäischen Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft für fehlerhafte Rechtsetzungsakte (1983); Gewissensfreiheit und Normativität des positiven Rechts (1989); Die friedliche Nutzung der Kernenergie in Lateinamerika (1991); Die Verfassungsänderungen im Einigungsvertrag (1991); Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht (textbook on International Economic Law) (8th ed. 2009; editions in Chinese, Japanese and Spanish); Europarecht (textbook on European law) 12th ed. 2010; editions in Chinese, Hungarian, Polish and Ukrainian); Völkerrecht (textbook on public international law) (9th ed. 2010; Spanish edition); Internationale Praxis Gentechnikrecht (commentaries and the documents on the regulation of genetical engineering in the European Union, USA and Japan, 1996 et seq.); Die Befugnisse des UN-Sicherheitsrates (1998); co-editor and author, Maunz-Dürig, Kommentar zum Grundgesetz; co-editor (with George Bermann/Peter Lindseth), Transatlantic Regulatory Co-operation, 2000. About 180 publications in German, English and Spanish (German and foreign constitutional law, administrative law, European Union law, public international law, international economic law).

Current research areas: international economic law (inter alia investment protection, international trade law, international regulation of biotechnology); European Union Law; constitutional law; comparative public law, legal aspects of “good governance”.