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Main areas of research: Refugee law, human rights law, legal aspects of internal displacement, Swiss constitutional law, legal aspects of decentralization. Most recent books: *Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement – Annotations*, American Society of International Law, Washington D.C., 2nd edition, 2008; (together with Jörg Künzli), *The Law of International Human Rights Protection*, Oxford University Press 2009.

UN mandates: Representative of the Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (since 2004); Member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2003 - 2008); Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in Kuwait under Iraqi Occupation (1991/92).

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