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### EXECUTIVE PROFILE

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Deputy Director | *DCU Brexit Institute*

Assistant Professor of European Law | *Dublin City University (DCU)*

Active Researcher in Horizon Europe Projects | *HE REGROUP & HE Express<sup>2</sup>*

Teaching Experience at Undergraduate- and Postgraduate-Level | *in EU & International Law*

Guest Lecturer at Conferences and Institutions | *EUSA, ESADE Law School, CEELI Institute, University of Toulouse*

Publication of Peer-Reviewed Articles | *Fordham International Law Journal, Trinity College Law Review, European Papers*

### EDUCATION & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Dublin City University (DCU)

*Dublin, Ireland*

**Deputy Director | DCU Brexit Institute**

since March 2024

**Assistant Professor of European Law | School of Law and Government**

since February 2023

- Researcher in the Horizon Europe projects REGROUP and Express<sup>2</sup>
- Lecturer of European Law, EU Institutional Law and EU Law & Brexit
- PhD Thesis in EU Constitutional and Comparative Law (successfully defended in December 2023)
- Tutor in Public International Law and Legal Research Methods
- PhD Representative for the School of Law and Government
- Secretary of the Board Dublin Law and Politics Review (DLPR)
- Co-Organiser of the Rule of Law & Sustainable Finance Conference
- Judge for the National Irish Moot Court Competition

Cardozo School of Law

*New York City, United States*

**Konrad Adenauer Foundation Visiting Fellow | Professor Michel Rosenfeld**

Spring 2022

- Focus: US Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Federalism

University of Essex

*Essex, United Kingdom*

**YERUN Visiting Fellow | Professor Theodore Konstadinides**

Spring 2021

- Focus: EU Institutional Law, EU Constitutional Law, Rule of Law, Legal Theory

University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)

*Paris, France*

**LL.M. in European Law (16/20; mention bien; top 5%)**

2018 – 2019

- Focus: Competition Law, Internal Market Law, Four Freedoms, Trade Law
- Member of the Litigation Team for the European Law Moot Court (ELMC)
- Member of the Assas Blockchain and Legal Tech Society

University of Toulouse I (Capitole)

*Toulouse, France*

**Master in European and International Law (15/20; mention bien, top 10%)**

2017 - 2018

- Focus: Private and Public International Law, International Criminal Law, ECtHR
- Organiser of Several High-Level Conferences on Brexit and European Politics (2018)
- Guest Lecture on the Conditionality Regulation and the European Judicial System (2023)
- Guest Lecturer on European Defence and the EDC Treaty (2025)

University of Rome II (Tor Vergata)

*Rome, Italy*

**Abroad Semester (27/30; very good, top 10%)**

2015 - 2016

University of Heidelberg

*Heidelberg, Germany*

**BA in Philosophy and Economics (2.0/6.0; good, top 20%)**

2013 - 2017

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL & BOOK PUBLICATIONS

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- Book Chapter: “The EU’s Russia Sanctions: Geopolitical Changes Leading to a New Understanding of the Common Foreign and Security Policy”, in Ramses Wessel, Thijs de Zee, and Marek Neuman (eds.), *A Geopolitical Europe in the Making? The EU’s Actorness in a (De-)Globalizing World [Springer: Asser Press]* (forthcoming March 2025)
- Book Review: “The Rule of Law’s Anatomy in the EU: Foundations and Protections” edited by Allan Rosas, Juha Raitio and Pekka Pohjankoski (Hart Publishing, 2023).’, (2024), 61, *Common Market Law Review*, Issue 6, pp. 1685-1689
- Book Chapter: “Rule of Law Conditionality”, in Christy Petit and Federico Fabbrini (eds.), *Research Handbook on Post-Pandemic EU Economic Governance and NGEU Law [Edward Elgar Publishing]* (2024), pp. 196
- “Best Practices and Key Takeaways for Liberal-Constitutional Democracies After the Covid-19 Pandemic”, *Horizon Europe REGROUP Project Research Paper*, 22 July 2024
- “Rule of Law Conditionality”, *Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence REBUILD Working Paper*, 21 December 2023
- “Establishing a Link between Solidarity and Responsibility – The Court’s Judgement on the Conditionality Regulation” with Beatrice Monciunskaitė, *Irish Journal of European law*, Vol. 24 pp. 203-215
- Book Chapter: “An Infringement of Democracy in the EU Legal Order” with David Krappitz, in *EU Law in Times of Pandemic: The EU’s Legal Response to COVID-19 [EU Law Live Press]*, Chapter 12 pp. 163-170
- “Rule of Law Conditionality: The Long-awaited Step Towards a Solution of the Rule of Law Crisis in the European Union?”, *European Papers*, Vol. 6 pp. 101-1010
- “Firearms Regulation in the European Union: Striking a Delicate Balance Between Single Market and Security”, *Fordham International Law Journal*, Vol. 43 pp. 855-900
- “The Perspective from Luxembourg: How Does the European Court of Justice Respond to The Rule of Law Crisis Within the Member States?”, *Trinity College Law Review*, Vol. 23 pp. 108-128
- “Segro and its Aftermath: Between Economic Freedoms, Property Rights and the Essence of the Rule of Law” with Patrick Leisure and Xavier Groussot, *Nordic Journal of European Law*, Issue 2019 (2) pp. 69-88

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) <b>Visitorship   Chamber of Judge Sacha Prechal</b> <b>Visitorship   Chamber of Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston</b>	<i>Luxembourg, Luxembourg</i> November 2021 February/March 2019
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Legal <b>Working Student   European State Aid Practice</b>	<i>Hamburg, Germany</i> June 2019 – August 2019
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP <b>Legal Consultant   Antitrust, Competition and Trade Practice</b>	<i>Brussels, Belgium</i> June 2018 – July 2018
German Foreign Office, German Embassy to Italy (Auswärtiges Amt) <b>Trainee   Political and Legal Affairs</b>	<i>Rome, Italy</i> June 2017 – August 2017
Santander Consumer Bank AG <b>Intern   Public and Regulatory Policy</b>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i> April 2017 – May 2017
Open Europe (Think Tank) <b>Intern   EU, Brexit, and Trade Policy</b>	<i>Brussels, Belgium</i> October 2016 – December 2016
German-Asia Pacific Business Association (OAV) <b>Intern   Southeast Asia and Pacific Trade Policy</b>	<i>Hamburg, Germany</i> June 2013 – August 2013
Hapag Lloyd China Ltd. <b>Trainee   Sale Support and Customer Service Department</b>	<i>Shanghai, China</i> October 2012 – January 2013

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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European College of Parma Foundation – University of Parma Niels Kirst	<i>Parma, Italy</i>
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<b>Guest Lecturer   EU Fundamental Rights and Values</b>	December 2024
ELGS Summer School – Global Administrative Law in Practice <b>Guest Lecturer   The Reform of EU Enlargement Policy after the War in Ukraine</b>	<i>Athens, Greece</i> July 2024
ESADE Law School <b>Guest Lecturer   Introduction to European Competition Law</b>	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i> October 2022
CEELI Institute <b>Guest Lecturer   The EU’s Rule of Law Crisis and Potential Solutions to It</b>	<i>Prague, Czech Republic</i> September 2021
European University Institute (EUI) <b>Participant   Intensive Course on Sectoral Challenges in the Digital Economy</b>	<i>Florence, Italy</i> June 2021
British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) <b>Participant   Intensive Course on International Trade Law</b>	<i>London, United Kingdom</i> June 2021
St Gallen International Model World Trade Organization (Model WTO) <b>Representative   Working Group on the Reform of the WTO</b>	<i>St Gallen, Switzerland</i> April 2019
Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) <b>Representative   World Health Organization (WHO)</b>	<i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> April 2018
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS &amp; MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>LANGUAGES</b>
Co-Lead of the EU Working Group of the (JDGAP 2023)	German (native, C2)
Fellow of the German Italian Spinelli Forum (2023)	English (fluent, C2)
Shortlist Best Paper Award European Studies Association ( <i>EUSA</i> ) 2022	French (working proficiency, B2)
German Association for Foreign Policy ( <i>DGAP</i> ) Future Face 2022	Italian (working proficiency, B2)
Member of the Societas Iuris Publici Europaei e.V. ( <i>SIPE</i> ) (2021)	Spanish (elementary proficiency, A2)
Konrad Adenauer Foundation PhD Scholarship ( <i>KAS</i> ) (2021)	
Legal Analyst of the EU Law Live Analysts’ Network (2020)	
Best Blog Award Cork Online Law Review (2021)	
Best Paper Award Trinity College Law School Colloquium (2020)	
<i>YERUN</i> Scholarship for Young European Researchers (2020)	
DCU PhD Scholarship (2019)	
<i>DAAD</i> Scholarship German Academic Exchange Service (2017)	
EU Erasmus Scholarship (2015-2016)	