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### **EMPLOYMENT & OTHER ACTIVITIES**

MEMBER OF THE GENEVA HUMAN RIGHTS PLATFORM OF THE GENEVA ACADEMY SINCE DECEMBER 2023

CHIEF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL BRANCH, OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FROM 2008 TO DECEMBER 2023. Provided legal, political and policy advice and support to the High Commissioner and the Human Rights Council, particularly its President and his/her Bureau, as well as its members, other stakeholders, and subsidiary bodies. Coordinated the strengthening and development of the HRC within and outside the United Nations system. Represented the High Commissioner in the various reviews, efficiency processes or related negotiations initiated by the United Nations General Assembly or the HRC.

SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM 2002 TO 2006 AND OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL FROM 2006 TO 2008. Led the Secretariat of the Commission and of the Council. Represented the High Commissioner in the negotiations that led to the abolishment of the Commission and the establishment of the Council. Negotiated on behalf of the High Commissioner the adoption of the Council's institutions building package which led to the creation of the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism, the review of the special procedures, the Advisory Committee and the Complaints Procedure and the creation of the Special Sessions and the Urgent debates mechanisms (2002-2008).

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MARY ROBINSON, BERTRAND RAMCHARAN (ACTING HC) AND LOUISE ARBOUR). Successively external Relations Officer, Chief of Cabinet, and Change Management Officer. Throughout this period, he was focal point for the intergovernmental work (1997 – 2002 and in an ad hoc manner from 2002 to 2005).

UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. Human rights officer. Secretary of the Human Rights Committee (until 1995) and Assistant to several special rapporteurs, particularly the first Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders (Since 1987).

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, COUNCIL OF EUROPE. Assistant human rights officer at the Registry of the Court and the Human Rights Direction (1985 to 1987).

### **CURRENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

GENEVA ACADEMY, MASTER IN TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND LL.M., UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS. COURSE ON THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS. These courses provide(d) an insight into the UN human rights mechanisms placing particular emphasis on the UN human rights treaty bodies and the UN Human Rights Council. 14 Hours. (Since 2022-2023).

LYON CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (UCLY), MASTER 2 HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY, COURSE ON 'INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM FOR HR PROTECTION. These courses provide(d) an insight into human rights diplomacy, its potentials, and challenges, with a specific focus on the intergovernmental system. 18 Hours. (Since 2022-2023).

### **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Many presentations, lectures, or courses on the human rights system, particularly on the work and challenges of the human rights mechanisms at various universities or institutes such as: Geneva University, International Institute of Human Rights (summer courses at Strasbourg and Dakar), Potsdam University (Germany), King's College (London), Poznan University (Poland), Université Paris II Panthéon Assas, Grenoble University (France), Inter-American Institute of human rights (Costa Rica) etc,

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Book**

The UN HRC: A Practical Anatomy, Elgar Publishing, 2020, 384pp. The second edition is in preparation and will be published in 2024.

#### **Articles, Essays, and Book Chapters**

Multilateralism, human rights and diplomacy, a global perspective, University for peace, "Some considerations on the Human Rights Council achievements fifteen years after its establishment", 2022

Elgar Encyclopedia of Human rights, Binder, Nowak, Hofbauer and Janig, Elgar Publishing, "The UN Human Rights Council", 2021

Justice et Droits de l'Homme, Decaux, Gillibert et Motoc, « Le Conseil des Droits de l'Homme dix ans après » 2019

The HRC at 10, ISHR, Human Rights Monitor Special Edition, "Ten years on: From a short play with intermissions to opera without a pause", 2016

Le Système de Protection des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies, Présent et Avenir, Pédone, Olivier de Frouville, « Le Conseil des droits de l'homme dix ans après son établissement », 2016

International Law, Conflict and Development, The Emergence of a Holistic Approach in International Affairs, Kälin, Kolb, Spenlé and Voyame, "From the Commission on HR to the HR Council: Itinerary of a Reform Process", 2010

The First 365 Days of the UN HRC, Müller, "The First Year of the HRC", 2008

The Future of UN HR Treaty Monitoring, Philip Alston and James Crawford, Cambridge University Press, "The problem of overlapping among different treaty bodies", 2000

The Monitoring System of HR Treaty Obligations, Berlin Verlag A. Spitz, Eckart Klein, "Overlapping Human Rights Guarantees: Effects on their Interpretation and Examination Procedure", 1998

The Nordic Journal of International Law, "Reporting Procedures and Related Issues", 1992

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