

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, PhD in International Relations/Political Science, 2024

Georgetown University, Master of Science in Foreign Service, 2016

University of Geneva, Master of Laws in International and European Law, 2010

University of Lausanne, Bachelor of Law in Swiss Law, 2008

PROFESSIONAL

Director of the Research and Policy Advice Department, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), since 3/2022

Head of the Security and Law Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), since 9/2016

Global Futures Fellow and Research Affiliate, Global Futures Initiative and Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, 4/2015 - 5/2016

Policy Advisor, Export Control Policy Division, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research, 8/2011 - 7/2014

Legal Trainee, Law of Armed Conflict Section, Directorate for International Relations Defence, Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport, 5/2010 - 4/2011

Research Intern, Law Clinic, University of Geneva and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, 11/2009 - 4/2010

Intern, Humanrights.ch/MERS, 7 - 9/2008

AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND SERVICE

Non-Resident Fellow at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), since 9/2020

Honorary Senior Research Fellow at Exeter Centre for International Law, Exeter Law School, Exeter University, since 1/2020

Fellow at the Office of Legal Affairs of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), NATO, since 7/2019

Member of the Steering Committee of the Processes of International Negotiation (PIN) Program, since 5/2023

Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (ISMLLW), since 4/2018

Member of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL), since 9/2017

Reserve Military Legal Adviser, Armed Forces Staff, Swiss Armed Forces, since 10/2016

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- 'Ethical Dilemmas in the Global Defense Industry', *Oxford University Press*, April 2023, pp. 536 (ed. with D. Schoeni)
- 'International Law and Policy on the Protection of Civilians', *Cambridge University Press*, August 2022, pp. 306 (with S. Casey-Maslen)
- 'A Guide to International Disarmament Law', *Routledge*, June 2019, pp. 252 (with S. Casey-Maslen)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

- 'Negotiating International Security Law', *International Negotiation*, under review
- 'Deterrence to Protect: Threatening the Use of Force to Prevent International Crimes', under review
- 'State Responsibility for Inter-State Cyberattacks in Peacetime', under review (with S. Casey-Maslen)
- 'Revisiting the Law on UN Peace Operations' Support to Partner Forces', *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, August 2022, pp. 211-227 (with R. Mamiya)
- 'Treaty Law to Signal to Outsiders: The Case of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons', *Washington International Law Journal*, June 2022, pp. 420-462
- 'Legal Reviews of War Algorithms', *International Law Studies*, February 2021, pp. 510-555 (with A. Rossi)
- 'Trends in Global Disarmament Treaties', *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, December 2020, pp. 449-471 (with S. Casey-Maslen)
- 'Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space: Multilateral Negotiations' Effects on International Law', *Moscow Journal of International Law*, November 2020, pp. 6-21
- 'Targeting Private Military and Security Companies', *Military Law and the Law of War Review*, March 2020, pp. 251-278

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 'Artificial Intelligence and the (In-)Determinacy of Targeting Law', in I. Couzigou and E. Fromageau (eds), 'Technological Change and International Law: Testing the Adaptability of International Law', *Edward Elgar Publishing*, forthcoming

- 'From Strategy to Orders: Preparing and Conducting Military Operations with Artificial Intelligence', in R. Geiß and H. Lahmann (eds), *Research Handbook on Warfare and Artificial Intelligence*, Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming
- 'The Divide between War and Peace', in M. Regan and A. Sari (eds), *Hybrid Threats and Grey Zone Conflict: The Challenge to Liberal Democracies*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming
- 'The Defense Industry's Contribution to National Security', in D. Schoeni and T. Vestner (eds), *Ethical Dilemmas of the Global Defense Industry*, Oxford University Press, April 2023, pp. 19-46
- 'Engaging Both Horns of the Ethical Dilemma (Introduction)', in D. Schoeni and T. Vestner (eds), 'Ethical Dilemmas of the Global Defense Industry', Oxford University Press, April 2023, pp. 1-18 (with D. Schoeni)

ARTICLES & POLICY PAPERS:

- 'Great Powers' Military Robotics', *Stratos*, July 2023, pp. 79-86 (with A. Lusenti)
- 'The New Geopolitics of the Arms Trade Treaty', *Arms Control Today*, December 2020, pp. 14-20
- 'Addressing the Use of Human Shields', *Strategic Security Analysis No. 8*, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, December 2019, pp. 18
- 'Synergies between the Arms Trade Treaty and the Wassenaar Arrangement', *Strategic Security Analysis No. 5*, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, May 2019, pp. 12
- 'Prohibitions and Export Assessment: Tracking Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty', *Geneva Paper 19/23*, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, March 2019, pp. 36
- 'The Interaction between Security Policy and Export Controls' (in German), *Allgemeine Schweizerische Militärzeitschrift*, March 2013, pp. 25-27
- 'Export Controls of War Material: The Difficult Balance of Diverging Interests' (in French), *La Vie économique*, November 2012, pp. 67-70 (with S. Plüss)

REPORTS:

- 'The Russia-Ukraine War's Implications for Global Security: A First Multi-Issue Analysis', Geneva Centre for Security Policy, August 2022, pp. 55 (ed. with Th. Greminger)
- 'Weapons Systems Supply and Operational or Logistical Support under the PSSA', Geneva Centre for Security Policy, March 2019, pp. 60 (with A. Amoroso)
- 'Report for Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty' (in German), *Swiss Government Publications*, January 2014, pp. 40 (principal author)
- 'The Arms Trade Treaty (2013)', Geneva Academy Briefing No. 3, *Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*, June 2013, pp. 44 (with S. Casey-Maslen and G. Giaccia)
- 'Report on the Laws and Practices of Export Controls in Europe' (in German), *Swiss Government Publications*, November 2012, pp. 46 (principal author)

BOOK REVIEW:

- 'Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations', *International Review of the Red Cross*, September 2019, pp. 429-436 (with A. Amoroso)

BLOGS:

- 'Globalizing Responsible AI in the Military Domain by the REAIM Summit', *Just Security*, March 2023 (with J. François-Blouin)
- 'Responsible AI Symposium - The Nexus between Responsible Military AI and International Law', *Articles of War*, 17 November 2022
- 'Responsible AI Symposium - Introduction', *Articles of War*, 17 November 2022 (with S. Watts)
- 'The Future of Peace and War: Warfare at the Technological Edge', *GESDA Science Breakthrough Radar*, 22 October 2022 (with Th. Greminger, N. Al-Rodhan, J.-M. Rickli)
- 'Can the TPNW Serve Ukraine?', *Opinio Juris*, 21 April 2022 (with J. François-Blouin)
- 'Quo Vadis, Disarmament?' (in German), *Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 29 October 2020
- 'Multilateralism: Yes, But Not Now', *Global Futures Initiative*, 23 November 2015
- 'Better Coordinated Coordination Mechanisms', *Global Futures Initiative*, 13 October 2015
- 'Sustainable Agenda-Setting: The Crucial Role of International Institutions', *Global Futures Initiative*, 10 September 2015

OP-EDS:

- 'Switzerland has the Potential to be a Great Power in the UN Security Council' (in German), *NZZ Magazin*, 5 February 2022
- 'Artificial Intelligence Confronts Swiss Security' (in German), *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 26 July 2021
- 'The Treaty Implementation Matrix: A Tool for Effective Treaty Implementation', *GCSP Editorial*, 6 February 2017
- 'The Challenge to Control the Arms Trade' (in French), *Le Temps*, 14 March 2013, p. 11 (with E. Bollinger)