

Thomas Ratka

CURRICULUM VITAE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

2 July 1973, Vienna

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Business, Company and Capital Markets Law

European Union Law

Insurance Law

Contract Law

Medical Law

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

English (excellent, C1), Italian (basic knowledge, A1)



Education

SCHOOL-LEAVING QUALIFICATION

06/1992	Matura (=Abitur) in Linz / Bundesgymnasium Peuerbachstraße, passed with distinction
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DIPLOMA DEGREE PROGRAMMES

03/1993 – 06/1999	Diploma degree programme in Law, University of Vienna.
10/1992 – 02/1997	Diploma degree programme in History (subject combination with, inter alia, Economics, Political Science and Philosophy), University of Vienna

DOCTORAL STUDIES

10/1999 – 12/2001	Doctoral programme in Law in the field of Commercial Law at the University of Vienna (doctoral supervisor: Prof. Aicher), completed with distinction
03/1997 – 11/2004	Doctoral programme in History in the field of Contemporary History at the University of Vienna (doctoral supervisor: Prof. Rathkolb), completed with distinction

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

09/2001 – 09/2002	Postgraduate LL.M. programme in International Tax Law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business
10/1996 – 06/1999	Postgraduate EURO-JUS LL.M. programme at Danube University Krems, completed with distinction

STUDY ABROAD/RESEARCH VISITS

2009/2010/2011	Research visits of several months at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg
06/2009–09/2009	Visiting researcher at Bucerius Law School Hamburg
07/2008–08/2008	London School of Economics (LSE) / United Kingdom (summer course in English Company Law)
07/2006–08/2006	University of Cambridge / United Kingdom (summer course in Methods of English Law)
7/1999, 7/2000	European University Institute (EUI), Florence/Italy (doctoral scholarship)
1997–2000	Research visits in Brussels, Florence and Bonn (doctoral scholarships)

INTERNSHIPS

08/1992	Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, Linz
08/1993	ABB Austria, Vienna / Public Relations Department
1995–1999	Work as a student assistant at several law firms, Vienna
until 1999	Self-employed advertising copywriter (in particular for ABB, Mayr-Melnhof)

Professional Career

06/1999–11/2001	Research Associate at the Department of European Integration, Danube University Krems
01/2002–09/2002	Gerichtsjahr (judicial clerkship, equivalent to the German Referendariat), Josefstadt District Court and Vienna Commercial Court
11/2002–11/2018	Member of the Institute for Business and Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Vienna: initially University Assistant; in 12/2010 appointed Assistant Professor (first at the chair of Prof. Straube, subsequently at the chairs of Prof. Aicher and Prof. U. Torggler) as part of a ‘tenure track’
12/2003–12/2009	Fellowship, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for European and International Technology Law , St. Pölten, Construction Contract Law project group
02/2005–02/2014	Part-time Head of the Commercial Law Division at the Institute for Corporate Management of the Vienna University of Applied Sciences of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
10/2012–02/2014	Programme Director (from 2/2011-10/2012 Executive Director) of the LL.M. programme ‘International Construction Law’ at the Postgraduate Center of the University of Vienna
05/2013	Appointment as ‘Associate Professor’ (Assoz.-Prof.) of Business and Company Law at the University of Vienna following successful evaluation as part of a ‘tenure track’ procedure

09/2013–03/2014	Trainee lawyer at a commercial law firm, Vienna
03/2014	Appointment as University Professor of Business and European Law (§ 98 UG) at the University for Continuing Education Krems

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (at UWK)

08/2017–07/2021	Vice-Rector for Teaching and Academic Continuing Education
03/2014–09/2015	Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Business and Globalisation
03/2015–10/2016	Member of the Working Group for Equal Treatment Issues
10/2016–08/2017	Member of the Senate and of the Curriculum Commission

CURRENT UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

since 11/2021	Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Business and Globalisation
since 11/2021	Chair of the Curriculum Commission
03/2014–08/2017 and since 01/2019	Head of the Department for Legal Studies and International Relations

OTHER ONGOING ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

since 10/2020	Lecturer at TU Wien in the subject of Insurance Contract Law
since 18/2018	Vice-President of the Austrian Association for European Law (ÖGER)
since 2022	Expert reviewer for the Swiss Agency of Accreditation and Quality Assurance, FIBAA and AQ Austria in university accreditation procedures (assignments to date: Vietnam, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Austria).

Memberships

- Austrian Association for European Law (ÖGER)
- Austrian Jurists' Conference
- Lower Austrian Law Society
- Vienna Law Society
- Austrian Jurists' Association – Association of Trainee Lawyers
- Austrian Federal Association for Mediation

Awards

- Graf Hardegg'sche Doktoren Stiftung (2002)
- WIFI Awards: Most Innovative Seminar Concept (2013)
- MANZ Author Award, Commentaries category (2017)
- MANZ Author Award, Online category (2022)