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Christian is Professor of International Law at the University of Glasgow and a qualified German lawyer (admitted in 2005). He specialises in international dispute settlement, notably inter-State litigation, investment disputes and questions of international sports law.

During the past 15 years, Christian has acted in cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and in arbitral proceedings. He has experience as counsel and expert, and he also is a member of the appointment committee of the German Court of Arbitration for Sport. In addition to contentious matters, Christian regularly advises governments and investors on a wide range of legal matters, including recently on access to international courts, the domestic implementation of investment treaties and maritime claims.

ACADEMIC CAREER & EDUCATION

Christian has been a Professor of International Law at the University of Glasgow since 2008. He studied law at the universities of Kiel and Lyon before moving on to Cambridge where he completed an LLM in international law (2000, first class honours, Whewell Prize, Clive Parry Prize) and a PhD supervised by Professor James Crawford (Yorke Prize). In 1999 and 2000, he worked as a legal assistant at the UN International Law Commission. Between 2005 and 2009, he held an assistant professorship at the Walther Schücking Institute of International Law in Kiel (Germany).

Christian has published widely on questions of international law, notably on the law of state responsibility, dispute settlement and investment protection. The Oxford Commentary on the Statute of the International Court of Justice (3rd edn., Oxford 2019), which he co-edits, is one of the leading works on the World Court. Christian has held, or holds, visiting appointments at universities in Europe and overseas, incl. at Sciences Po Law School (Paris), the China-EU School of Law (Beijing), the University of Vienna (Austria) and the German Sport University (Cologne). He is a member of the councils of the German Society of International Law and of the International Law

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Association (British Branch), is one of the Editors of the European Yearbook of International Economic Law and the Review Editor of the European Journal of International Law. In 2018, he directed the English-speaking section of the Hague Academy of International Law (Centre for Studies and Research).

NOTABLE CASES

Case B1 (claims 2&3) (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America, Iran-US Claims Tribunal) (counsel to claimant)
Scholz v Morocco (ICSID Case No. ARB/19/2) (party-appointed expert)
Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya, International Court of Justice) (counsel to respondent)
Etrak v. Libya (ICC Case 22236/AY) (counsel to respondent)
Deripaska v Montenegro (PCA Case No. 2017-07) (party-appointed expert)
Michael Dagher v. Sudan (ICSID Case No. ARB/14/2) (counsel to respondent)
Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia, International Court of Justice) (counsel to respondent)
Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Georgia v. Russia, International Court of Justice) (advisor to respondent)
Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia) (advisor to respondent)
Land Reclamation by Singapore in and around the Straits of Johor (Malaysia v. Singapore, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) (counsel to claimant)
Case A15 (II:A) (cluster 4) (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America, Iran-US Claims Tribunal, The Hague) (counsel to claimant) Hellenic Shipyards v. Hellenic Republic (ICC Case 18675/GZ/MHM (party- appointed expert)
Member of the German Court of Arbitration for Sport (2007-19), member of the Court's appointment committee (since 2019)
Regular expert advice in domestic court cases involving questions of international law (immunity, enforcement of awards etc)

KEY PUBLICATIONS

Books (as author and editor): The Statute of the International Court of Justice. A Commentary (3rd edn, with Zimmermann), OUP 2019 (1980 pp.); Self-Defence against Non-State Actors (with O'Connell and Tladi), CUP 2019 (272pp.); International Investment Law and History (with Schill and Hofmann), Elgar 2018 (384 pp.); International Investment Law and the Global Financial Architecture (with Schill and Hofmann), Elgar 2017 (347 pp.); Research Handbook on the Law of Treaties (with Tzanakopoulos and Zimmermann), Elgar 2014 (680 pp.); The Genocide Convention (with Berster and Schiffbauer), Hart/Beck 2014 (468 pp); The Development of International Law by the International Court of Justice (with Sloan), OUP 2013 (415 pp.); The United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property (with O'Keefe), OUP 2013 (550 pp.); Preferential Trade Agreements and International Investment Law (with Hofmann and Schill),

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Nomos 2013 (345 pp.); Legacies of the Permanent Court of International Justice (with Fitzmaurice), Brill/Nijhoff 2013 (440 pp.); Enforcing Obligations Erga Omnes in International Law. Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law (CUP) (359 pp.), first published in 2005, revised paperback edn. 2010.

Contributions to journals and books: Regulating Treaty Breaches, in Bowman/Kritsiotis (eds.), Conceptual and Contextual Perspectives on the Modern Law of Treaties (CUP 2018), 440-467; State Succession to Investment Treaties, in ICSID Review: Foreign Investment Law Journal 2016, 314-343; Die Identifikation des Völkergewohnheitsrechts, in Proceedings of the German Society of International Law 37 (2016), 323-371; Procedural Aspects of Investor-state Dispute Settlement: the Emergence of a European Approach?, in Journal of World Investment and Trade 2014, 585-611; Prospects for Humanitarian Uses of Force, in Cassese (ed.), Realizing Utopia. The Future of International Law (Oxford 2012), 359-374; Individual States as Guardians of Community Interests, in Festschrift Bruno Simma (Oxford 2011), 379-405; Transparency and Public Interest Representation in Investment Arbitration (with A. Asteriti), in Schill (ed.), International Investment Law and Comparative Public Law (Oxford 2010), 787-816; The Use of Force against Terrorists, European Journal of International Law 20 (2009), 359-397 and 1057-1062; as well as contributions to leading commentaries on the UN Charter (Simma), to the German Grundgesetz (Berliner Kommentar) and reference works (Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law)

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