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Education

2016 – 2022 **PhD in Law**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Thesis: Cross-Border Child Relocation: National Law in a United Europe
Supervision: Prof. Stefan Grundmann (EUI & Humboldt University)
Examining Board: Prof. Martijn Hesselink (EUI & University of Amsterdam), Prof. Katharina Boele-Woelki (Bucerius Law School), Dr. Ruth Lamont (Manchester University)

2016 – 2017 **LL.M. in Comparative, European and International Laws**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

2011 – 2016 **Master's Degree (*magister*) in Law**, University of Wrocław, Poland (*graduated among the top of the class*)

2014 – 2016 **Polish-German Law School**, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany & University of Wrocław, Poland (*with distinction)*

Relevant Academic & Professional Experience

07/2026 - present **Institut de recherche interdisciplinaire Saint-Louis, UCLouvain (Brussels, Belgium)**

Postdoctoral Researcher in Law and Philosophy
Researcher in the project 'From Bildung to Learning Society. Philosophical Foundations and Mutations of a Modern Ideal' led by Prof. Q. Landenne

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07/2022 – present **Europa Institute, Faculty of Law, Leiden University (Leiden, the Netherlands)**

07/2026 - present **Guest Researcher**

07/2022 – 06/2026 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Law and Philosophy**
- Researcher in the project 'The EU Fundamental Right to "Freedom of the Arts and Sciences": Exploring the Limits on the Commercialisation of Academia' led by Prof. V. Kosta
- Co-Manager of the Research Network on Academic Freedom

11/2023 – 06/2026 **Representative of the Open Science Community Leiden at the Leiden Law School (service role)**

06/2021 – 06/2022 **Scientific Centre in Vienna of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Austria)**

Expert for Scientific Contacts
- Facilitation of international collaborations in social sciences
- Preparation of grant applications

11/2020 – 05/2022 **Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (Warsaw, Poland; part-time)**

Managing Researcher in the FRICoRe (Fundamental Rights in Court and Regulation) Project (EU Justice Programme 2014-2020)

- Coordination of all research and project activities of the Polish project partner, including workshops hosted in Poland
- Contribution to main project outputs in the field of fundamental rights (casebooks, e-learning tools)

04/2017 – 12/2020 **European Journal of Legal Studies**

09/2018 – 12/2020 **Managing Editor**

- Screening and management of the incoming submissions
- Strategic development and promotion of the Journal
- Workshops & trainings on peer review, open access and academic publishing

04/2017 – 10/2019 **Media Coordinator**

- Management of the Journal's communication on social media and contact with online databases and repositories

Selected Recent Publications

Academic Publications

CERAN Olga, 'Common constitutional traditions? A comparative perspective on academic freedom in Europe', in Vasiliki Kosta (ed), *Academic Freedom: Constructing Its Content for EU Law* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming; unconditionally accepted; page range not yet available; pre-print available at: https://scholarlypublications.universiteitleiden.nl/handle/1887/4285918)

BEHRE Frederik, CERAN Olga, and KOSTA Vasiliki, 'Academic freedom in Germany', in Vasiliki Kosta (ed), *Academic Freedom: Constructing Its Content for EU Law* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming; unconditionally accepted; page range not yet available)
All authors contributed equally

CERAN Olga, 'Citizenship and Higher Education', in Dora Kostakopoulou, Moritz Jesse, and Sonia Morano-Foadi (eds), *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Law and Citizenship* (Edward Elgar Publishing; unconditionally accepted; pre-print available at: https://hdl.handle.net/1887/4294370)

CERAN Olga, 'How the 2025 Update of the Venice Commission's Rule of Law Checklist Matters for Academic Freedom', *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog (I•CONnect)*, 27 February 2026 (available at: https://www.iconnectblog.com/how-the-2025-update-of-the-venice-commissions-rule-of-law-checklist-matters-for-academic-freedom/; no pagination)
CERAN Olga, 'Hitting the Mark?: Academic Freedom and the Enforcement of EU Values', in V. Kosta & M. Müller-Elmau (eds), *Mapping Article 13 Academic and Scientific Freedom under the EU Charter* (Verfassungsbooks 2026; pp. 37-50; DOI: 10.17176/20260120-213418-0)
Adapted from an earlier blog post

CERAN Olga, 'Accent on the Language of Instruction: Exploring the Linguistic Dimension of Article 13 CFR', in V. Kosta & M. Müller-Elmau (eds), *Mapping Article 13 Academic and Scientific Freedom under the EU Charter* (Verfassungsbooks 2026; pp. 99-110; DOI: 10.17176/20260120-213418-0)
Adapted from an earlier blog post

CERAN Olga, 'The democratic justification of academic freedom in EU law: Article 13 CFR, the rule of law toolbox, and the scope for EU action', *European Constitutional Law Review* (CUP), 2025, Volume 21, No. 2, pp. 300-332 (available open access at: https://doi.org/10.1017/S1574019625000136)

Policy and Professional Publications

MAASSEN Peter, KOSTA Vasiliki, MATTEI Paola, CERAN Olga, MARTINSEN Dennis and ŽIVANIĆ Lazar, *Academic Freedom Monitor 2025: Analysis of Academic Freedom Trends in the EU* (European Parliamentary Research Service, Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), European Parliament, 2026) (available at: https://doi.org/10.2861/2776340; pp. 1-119)
Co-author of Section 4.4. 'Academic–private sector collaboration as an aspect of the commercialisation of academia' (with V. Kosta); contributor to the study's overall design and conclusions

MAASSEN Peter, KOSTA Vasiliki, MATTEI Paola, CERAN Olga, MARTINSEN Dennis and ŽIVANIĆ Lazar, *EP Academic Freedom Monitor 2025: Key findings and policy options* (European Parliamentary Research Service, Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), European Parliament, 2026) (available at: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2026/774721/EPRS_STU(2026)774721(ANN01)_EN.pdf; 4 pp.)

AZEVEDO F., BEZUIDENHOUT L., BOSMAN J., CERAN O., COSTAS R., D'AGOSTINO A., GAWEHNS D., GREGORY K., GUM J., HANAHOE H., HAVEMANN J., KELLAM L., LEE T., SESINK L., SHANAHAN H., SHEEHAN N., & STALL S., *Resilience in Times of Crisis: Strengthening Open Science Against Geopolitical Pressures. Recommendations to the Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO* (Zenodo, 6 Nov 2025), DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18611624, 6 pp.
All authors contributed to the discussion and the editing process; drafting led by L. Bezuidenhout and K. Gregory

KOSTA Vasiliki and CERAN Olga, *EP Academic Freedom Monitor 2024: Overview of De Jure Academic Freedom Protection* (European Parliamentary Research Service, Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), European Parliament, 2025) (available at: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/stoa/en/document/EPRS_STU(2025)762887; pp. 1-99)
Both authors contributed equally

CERAN Olga, JUNGBLUT Jens, KOSTA Vasiliki, MAASSEN Peter, MARTINSEN Dennis, and OVREBO Veslemoy, *EP Academic Freedom Monitor 2024: Key findings and policy options*, European Parliamentary Research Service, Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), European Parliament, 2025 (available at: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/stoa/en/document/EPRS_BRI(2025)765776; 4 pp.)

Awards, Grants, Fellowships & Visiting Positions

2026	**First Prize, 2026 DAAD Fundamental Academic Values Award**
2026	**Re:constitution Alumni Seed Funding 2026:** 'Towards a rule of law culture? The imaginaries and conditions of legal education in Europe' (with Kasia Krzyżanowska)
2025-2026	**Mellon/SAR Academic Freedom Fellowship:** 'The Linguistic Dimension of Academic Freedom: A Human Rights Analysis of Higher Education in Europe'
2024-2025	**Una Europa Seed Funding:** 'A Three-dimensional Initiative on Academic Freedom' (led by Vasiliki Kosta)
May-July 2024	Visiting Researcher at King's College London | *Sponsoring faculty member:* Prof. Andrea Biondi

January-February 2024	Visiting Researcher at the European Parliament (Panel for the Future of Science and Technology, European Parliamentary Research Service)
2023-2024	**re:constitution Fellowship** – a joint programme of Forum Transregionale Studien and Democracy Reporting International, funded by Stiftung Mercator (15 000 euro)
April-May 2023	Visiting Researcher at the Humboldt University of Berlin | *Sponsoring faculty member:* Prof. Stefan Grundmann (DynamInt Group)
January 2023	Visiting Researcher at the University of Bologna | *Sponsoring faculty member:* Prof. Corrado Carruso
January 2023	Visiting Researcher at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa | *Sponsoring faculty member:* Prof. Giuseppe Martinico
April 2020	Visiting Researcher at the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg *(cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)* | *Sponsoring faculty member:* Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Katharina Boele-Woelki
2019-2020	PhD completion grant, European University Institute (18 000 €)
2016-2019	**Full PhD grant, the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education** (48 000 €)

Selected Recent Presentations & Invited Talks

2026 May	Invited contribution (with Vasiliki Kosta): "Commercialisation of Academia, EU Law and Art. 13 of the EU Charter" at the conference on "The impure science of law (IMPURE): Constitutional scholars in democracy" at **Charles University in Prague** (CZ)
2026 May	Paper presentation (with Ihintza Palacin Mariscal): "The Linguistic Dimension of Academic Freedom: A Human Rights Analysis" at the European University Institute Alumni Association Annual Conference on "Geopolitics of Knowledge in an Increasingly Polarized World" at the **European University Institute** (IT) | *Discussant:* Daniela Piana
2026 April	Invited contribution: "Protecting Academic Freedom Beyond the State: Preliminary Reflections on the European Union's Emerging Response to National Attacks on Academia" at the workshop titled "Free Academia: Historical, Legal, and Normative Perspectives", **Princeton University** (US)
2026 March	Invited presentation: "Academic Freedom in Europe's Rule-of-Law Architecture", Journée "Etat de droit", **UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles** (BE)
2025 November	Project presentation: "Freedom of the sciences and the international dimension of the European Research Area", Digital Justice Seminar Series, **University of Wrocław** (PL) (online)
2025 August	Research presentation (with Vasiliki Kosta): "Commercialisation of Academia, EU Law and Art. 13 of the EU Charter" at the **ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference 2025, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki** (GR) | *Discussant*: Prof. Peter Maassen

2025 June	Invited presentation (with Vasiliki Kosta): "Academic Freedom Monitor 2024 (de jure report)" to the **European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education** (online)
2025 May	Paper presentation: "Safeguarding academic freedom in the EU: the past, present, and future of funding conditionality" at **ICON-S Benelux Chapter Conference "Public Law in an Age of Contestation and Systemic Change", Université libre de Bruxelles** (BE) | *Discussant*: Prof. Paul Dermine
2025 February	Invited presentation (with Vasiliki Kosta): "Academic Freedom Monitor – legal analysis (Session II)" at the European Parliament **STOA High-Level Conference "Perspectives on academic freedom in Europe and beyond", European Parliament**, Brussels
2024 December	Invited presentation (with Vasiliki Kosta): "Academic Freedom Monitor 2024 (de jure report)" to the **European Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology** (online)

Technical Skills & Other Qualifications

Foundational Skills: MS Office, G Suite, Skype, Zoom | **Project Management & Collaboration:** Asana, Trello, Slack | **Qualitative Methods Analysis:** MAXQDA

Gender Equality Academy: Gender Equality Plans in practice (2022)
PRINCE2® Foundation Project Management Certification (2022)

Language Proficiency

Polish: Native Speaker
English: Fluent (C2)
German: Advanced (C1)
Italian: Intermediate (B2)
Dutch: Lower intermediate (B1.2)
French: Beginner (A1)

References

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