

CURRICULUM VITAE

PD DR. CAROLINE VON GALL

Married, three children

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since Sept 2025	Visiting Professor Universität Mannheim
April-August 2025	Visiting Professor Universität Göttingen
October 2024- March 2025	Senior Fellow of the DFG Research Group "Universalism and Particularism in Contemporary European History", LMU Munich
October 2022- September 2024	Associate Professor of Public Law at the Goethe University Frankfurt
April-September 2022	Guest Professor of Public Law and International Law, Free University of Berlin (deputising for Prof. Dr Heike Krieger).
April-September 2020, 2021	Guest Professor of Public Law and International Law, Free University of Berlin (deputising for Prof. Dr Heike Krieger).
February 2012-April 2023	Junior Professor of Eastern European Law and Public Law at the University of Cologne (maternity leave and parental leave 8 February 2014-27 March 2015, 15 August 2016-15 August 2017, 25 October 2021-31 March 2022)
2011-2015	Member of the multidisciplinary competence network "Institutions and Institutional Change in Post-Socialism" (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research).
February-June 2011	Visiting Scholar at Columbia University (Law School), New York (USA).
2009-2012	Research assistant at the Chair of Constitutional Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Cologne with Prof. Dr Dr h.c. Dr h.c. Angelika Nußberger M.A.
September 2010	Research stay at St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
2010, 2012	Guest lecturer at the University of Tbilisi (Georgia)

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

21 January 2021	Habilitation at the University of Cologne, authorisation to teach (Lehrbefugnis) public law, international and European law, comparative law.
April 2009	Second state law exam (bar qualification) at the OLG Celle Legal clerkship at the OLG Celle: with the following stages, among others:
2006-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- European Commission, Directorate-General for Transport and Energy, Internal Energy Market Unit (DG Tren)- White & Case, Hamburg (environmental and planning law)- Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Human Rights Division (UN 06)
25 Nov. 2008	Doctorate at the University of Cologne (summa cum laude)

2005-2008	Doctoral studies at the University of Cologne (Prof. Dr Dr h.c. Dr h.c. Nußberger M.A.) with a research stay at the State University in Moscow (Russia)
2005	First state examination in law (university degree), Munich
1999-2005	Law at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich Elective subject: European and international law

COURSES TAUGHT

Since 2020	Fundamental and Human Rights
2023	Constitutional Law III (Constitutional and International and European Law)
2013	European Law
2012-2013	History of Constitutional Law
2012	Theory of the State (Allgemeine Staatslehre)
2012	Constitutional Law
since 2015	International Human Rights
2011-2019	Comparative Constitutional Law
2022-2025	Examination course in German Police Law
2023-2025	Examination course in European law

- Various lectures on legal development in Central and Eastern Europe, Authoritarianism, Populism, War, Russian Philosophy of Law"
- Seminars on international, constitutional law and comparative law e.g. on recent case law of the ECtHR, the war in Ukraine and climate protection under international law
- Mentor within the mentoring program for women of the University of Cologne
- Supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses and dissertations

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Past:

- The Transformation of Post-Soviet Russian Constitutional Law (Funded by the German Academic Exchange Service)
- Philosophy of Law in Eastern Europe (Funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
- Institutions and Institutional Change in Post-Socialism: Between Historicity and the Global Pressure to Adapt (Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research)

My sub-project dealt with the impact of the ECHR in the Russian legal system.

- Habilitation "Kohärenz im europäischen Grundrechtepluralismus"

My habilitation thesis dealt with the question to what extent the German Basic Law, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union require coherence with the respective other fundamental rights systems. This involved the question of pluralism in European constitutionalism and European human rights and the tensions between harmonisation and demarcation through the emphasis on national "constitutional identities".

- Authoritarian constitutionalism

In an interdisciplinary research project, we examined the significance of political systems - democracy and authoritarianism - for the functions of the constitution, drawing on the experience of the 2020 constitutional reform in Russia. We examined the role of the constitution and constitutional reform for the authoritarian regime in Russia and developed criteria for the concept of authoritarian constitutionalism. We

argue that the 2020 Russian constitutional reform marked the end of authoritarian constitutionalism in the Russian Federation.

Current:

- Regional Approaches to International Law (Comparative International Law)

Hopes for a universally accepted international law have faded in recent years. Many states are challenging perceived Western dominance. The rise of populist and autocratic regimes is driving processes of change in the international order. In this period, research in comparative international law becomes more important. This is why I am currently working on post-Soviet approaches to international law. I argue that the literature on authoritarianism and the role of law within the system can also help explain authoritarian approaches to international law. The study of international law in this region also brings new perspectives to the debate on coloniality beyond the juxtaposition of 'global North' and 'global South'.

- Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences / Research Group (KFG) Universalism and Particularism, Funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG

The main issue is the enforcement of European human rights in authoritarian states.

This includes the question of the consequences for fundamental principles of international law vis-à-vis authoritarian states, such as good faith, equality of states and mutual trust. However, the project also examines the consequences for the democratic legitimacy of the institutions of the Council of Europe and the European Union, in particular the legitimacy of the jurisdiction of the Court (consensus of member states) under the condition that member states are not governed on the basis of free elections. The project also discusses human rights appropriation by authoritarian states.

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES

- Authoritarian Constitutionalism, Universität Münster, November 2025
- Russlands Krieg gegen den Westen, Universität Trier, 29.10.2025
- Anti-Westernism in Russian Human Rights Discourse, 15.1.2025, LMU
- Human Rights Scholarship in the Soviet Union, 7.6.2024, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, München
- Gewalt und Völkerrecht im Putin-Regime, 15.11.2023, University of Hamburg.
- Konturen des Rechtsstaatsprinzips - Maßstabsbildung bei der verfassungsrechtlichen Kontrolle von Justizgesetzen im Lichte der jüngeren EuGH-Rechtsprechung, University of Bremen
- From "Living Constitutionalism" to "Zombie Apocalypse" - The Role of Chairmen Zorkin for Russian Authoritarian Constitutionalism - Lecture in the context of the Excellence Cluster: Contestations of the liberal script, 21.9.2023, FU Berlin.
- Protection of human rights in state of emergency: The ECHR and its application in international armed conflicts, 10.9.2023, Vilnius University, Lithuania
- Political Neutrality of Government Officials. The recent "Merkel-ruling" of the German Federal Constitutional Court, 24.10.2022, Vilnius University, Lithuania.
- Authoritarian Constitutionalism, ICON S Germany conference "Spielräume des Rechts", Giessen, 15 September 2022.
- A human right to democracy? University of Vienna, 26 June 2022.
- The Constitutional Reform in Russia, Institute for Eastern European Law, Regensburg (via Zoom), 28 January 2021.

- Habilitation colloquium: "Der politisch gewollte Rechtsbruch. Die Nicht-Umsetzung verwaltungsgerichtlicher Urteile durch die Exekutive", University of Cologne, 21 January 2021.
- Autokratischer Konstitutionalismus, Zu den Funktionen autoritärer Verfassungen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (via Zoom), 2 December 2020.
- The ECHR and its authoritarian member states, 28 September 2020, background discussion on the occasion of the assumption of the German chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, SWP Berlin.
- Die Russische Verfassungsreform, German Association for East European Studies, 24 June 2020.
- "Authoritarian Constitutionalism"?, "Populist Constitutionalism"?, Oxymoron or meaningful Contribution to a Variety of Constitutionalisms, Conference of the Working Group on Politics and Constitution of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), 28 May 2020, postponed to 25 February 2022 due to Covid-19.
- The Council of Europe and its Authoritarian Member States, Conference: 70 Years of the Council of Europe, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, November 2019.
- "Socialist" Human Rights and their Legacies, Cambridge Annual Conference British Association of Eastern European Studies, Cambridge, March 2019.
- Introduction, Conference "Law and Revolution, Continuity and Change in Legal Development in Eastern Europe", University of Cologne 09-10 November 2018.
- ECtHR and Russian Constitutional Court - who has the last word? 3 December 2015, University of Cologne.
- Reforms in Ukraine, The Judicial Sector, 19 November 2015, SWP Eastern Partnership Working Group, Berlin.
- Europe as a Community of Values: A challenge for (Russian) International Law Doctrine, 23 October 2015, Conference Kompetenznetz Postsozialismus, Berlin.
- Der Partnerschafts- und Kooperationsvertrag der EU mit Russland, conference "Russland und die EU", 4 December 2014, Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration, Heidelberg.
- The Ukrainian Law on Lustration, 20 November 2014, DGO symposium "Justice in Eastern Europe", Berlin.
- Russia and the ECHR, 12 June 2014, Judicial Academy Wustrau.
- Russia and the West - Partners or Competitors? 7/8 November 2013, expert conference of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Wildbad Kreuth.
- NGO legislation in Russia: one year on, 21 November 2013, Deutsch-Russisches Forum e.V., Berlin.
- Russia as a dual state in the sense of Fraenkel? 15.11.2013, Symposium 20 Years of the Constitution in honour of the 70th birthday of Prof. Dr. Otto Luchterhandt, University of Hamburg.
- The Right to Protest in Russian Legal Theory and Practice, 6.9.2013, International Conference "Russia's Winter of Discontent. Taking Stock of Changing State-Society Relationships", Uppsala University (Sweden).
- The law on elections of people's deputies in Ukraine: a step towards democracy? 11.9.2012, Gorshenin Institute, Kiev, Ukraine.
- Rechtstransfers und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, 18.9.2012, German-Chinese Future Dialogue, University of Cologne.
- Normativity and direct applicability of the Russian Constitution, 19 November 2012, 44th Annual Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Convention, New Orleans (USA).

- Die Normativität der russischen Verfassung, 29 March 2012, 3rd Workshop of the Competence Network "Institutions and Institutional Change in Post-Socialism", Munich.
- Der Fall "Achtung Religion!" und die Kunstfreiheit in Russland, 13 December 2012, Institute for East European Studies, FU Berlin.
- Gesetzliche Zementierung eines geschichtlichen Weltbildes in Russland - Der Gesetzentwurf über die Haftung für die Verfälschung der Geschichte, DGO-Fachtagung Recht "Bewusstes Erinnern und bewusstes Vergessen - Der juristische Umgang mit der Vergangenheit in den Ländern Mittel- und Osteuropas", Cologne, July 2010.
- The Russian Constitutional Court, Natural Ally of the European Court of Human Rights? VIII World Congress 2010 of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, Stockholm (Sweden), 27 July 2010.
- Maximalisation of Class Contradictions, The Soviet and Russian Critique of the Weimar Constitution, International Conference "Model Weimar. International Effects of the Weimar Constitution", Weimar, 24-27 February 2010.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND CHAIR (SELECTION)

- Panel discussion: Russia Society and State in Times of War, together with Lew Gudkow and Karl Schlögel, 24 October 2023, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities.
- The Istanbul Convention in Eastern Europe, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde, Zoom webinar, 9 March 2023.
- Discussion at SFB/TRR 138: "Dynamics of Security": The Russian Invasion of Ukraine - Perspectives on Historical Security Research, Security through Intervention, with Dr Christian Wenzel, Prof. Dr Thilo Marauhn, (discussant) Digital event on 10 May 2022.
- Panel discussion: ZOIS Forum | #30PostSovietYears, The challenge of religious freedom, 20 May 2021, online.
- Panel discussion webinar on the conflict in the Sea of Azov with Valentin Schatz and Dr Cindy Wittke, German Association for East European Studies, 28.4.2020.
- Panel discussion: Russia and the Council of Europe (with Prof Lauri Mälksoo, Prof Jörg Polakiewicz, Gyde Jensen (FDP), German Association for East European Studies, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, 26 May 2019.
- Panel discussion: "Putin und das Netz - kommt die Great Chinese Firewall nach Russland", Zentrum Liberale Moderne, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, 4.12.2019.
- 42nd German Legal Historians' Conference, University of Trier 19 September 2018, Chair of the panel "Socialist Law".
- Conference Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Munich, panel discussion "The Future of Eastern European Studies", 27 October 2018.
- Book presentation and discussion: Das Putin-Syndikat - Russland im Griff der Geheimdienstler, Prof. Dr Margareta Mommsen (LMU, Munich), 22 February 2018.
- Chair of the panel "Central and Local Law-making in China", 26 October 2015, 10th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, University of Cologne.
- Participation in the panel discussion: Rule of Law Reform in Ukraine, Status and Perspectives, Representation of the State of Thuringia, Berlin, 20 April 2015.
- Chair of the panel "Justice and Authoritarianism - Current Tendencies in Russia",

- 28-30 November 2013, Munich.
- Panel discussion "Wendezeiten - Russland und Deutschland im Dialog", among others with the Russian Ambassador Grinin at the University of Trier 30.10.2013.
- Chair of the panel: Law and Protest: Legal issues surrounding the elections in Russia at the conference "Russia, Power and the Public Sphere", 22-23 March 2012, Cologne.
- Chair of the panel "European Human Rights Protection versus National Constitutional Order" at the annual conference of the German Association for East European Studies "Integration and Disintegration. Ordnungsmodelle in Europa 20 Jahre nach Auflösung der Sowjetunion", Berlin, 24-25 March 2011.
- Presentation of the input paper "Die Konstruktion von Untersuchungsregionen als Gegenstand von area studies am Beispiel des Ostrechts", conference Kompetenznetz Postsozialismus, Ettersburg, 1 April 2011.

ORGANISED CONFERENCES

2018	Conference "Law and Revolution, Continuity and Change in Law in Eastern Europe", University of Cologne
2013	Conference "20 Years of the Russian Constitution", German Society for East European Studies, Berlin
2012	Annual Conference of the German Association for East European Studies "Russia. Power and the Public Sphere", University of Cologne

MEMBERSHIP

since 2022	German Association for International Law e.V.
since 2021	Association of German Constitutional Law Professors (Vereinigung Deutscher Staatsrechtslehrer) e.V.
since 2021	International Society of Public Law ICON•S
since 2021	European Society of International Law (ESIL)
since 2011	German Society for Comparative Law e.V.
since 2014	Deutscher Hochschulverband

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

since 2025	Vice President of the German Association for East European Studies (DGO) e.V.
2017-2020	Founding member and member of the board of the Cologne Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (CCCEE), University of Cologne

POLICY ADVICE

2011-2015	Member of the "Round Table on Legal Cooperation with the Russian Federation" at the BMJV
2014-2015	Member of the Expert Group on Eastern European Policy of the Federal Foreign Office

since 2011 Member of the working groups "Russia" and "Eastern Partnership" of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

2022-2024 Member of the examination board for the 1st state examination of the state of Hesse.

2011-2024 Co-editor of the journal *Osteuropa Recht*, Nomos Verlag

2014-2017 Founding Advisory Board of the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZÖiS), Berlin, appointed by the Federal Foreign Office

2015-2019 Member of the Advisory Board of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, LMU Munich, University of Regensburg, funded by the DFG as part of the Excellence Initiative

2012-2015 Member of several job appointment committees (Berufungskommission) of the University of Cologne and at the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZÖiS)

2012 Member of the (joint) examination board for the bachelor programs Regional Studies East Asia and Media Studies at the University of Cologne

2012-2019 Participation in the re-accreditation of the degree program Regional Studies Central and Eastern Europe (Bachelor, Master), responsible for the law modules of the degree programs

2012-2019 Responsible for university cooperation between the University of Cologne and the Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Development of the faculty partnership between the Faculty of Law of the University of Cologne and St. Petersburg State University

Peer review for journals such as Friedenswarte, European Constitutional Law Review, Review of Central and East European Law, reviewer for project funding from various foundations and the BMBF.

PRIZES, GRANTS, THIRD-PARTY FUNDING (SELECTION)

2012-2015 Legal sub-project in the competence network "Institutions and Institutional Change in Post-Socialism: Between Historicity and Global Pressure to Adapt", funded by the BMBF (including a research position).

2011-2013 Funding through the Female Professors Program II

2010-2015 Project "Philosophy of Law in Eastern Europe", funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation

2010 Klaus Mehnert Prize of the German Association for East European Studies for the dissertation

2005-2006 Doctoral scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

September 2025