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# CHARLOTTE SIEBER-GASSER

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Charlotte specialised in legal issues of sustainable development and democracy in public economic law, constitutional law, and European law and has over 15 years of teaching, research and consulting experience. She is a world leading expert in trade agreements, with a particular interest in their role in sustainable value creation and in multi-level governance of democracy. Charlotte is the senior researcher of the SNSF Sinergia research project "Making Trade Agreements Work in the Service of Society" at the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Geneva Graduate Institute. She also holds the chair for international economic law, public economic law and sustainable development at Zurich Law School/Kalaidos FH and teaches international economic law at the University of Zurich and international environmental law at ZHAW. Her research has been the impetus for legal revisions in Switzerland on multiple occasions and has inspired the founding of the legal-tech company Besso (democratization of trade preferences).

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### WEBSITES & PROFILES

- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/charlotte-sieber-gasser/>
- <https://sieber-consulting.ch>
- <https://tradepackages.org>

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### SKILLS

Legal research and analysis

Academic mentoring

Science communication

Teaching excellence

Research leadership

Empirical legal research

Interdisciplinary collaboration

Grant writing

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### WORK HISTORY

**Assistant Professor**, 06/2023 - Current

**Zurich Law School (Kalaidos FH)** – Zurich, Switzerland

Developed distance learning programme in multi-level governance of the economy, with a special focus on sustainable development. Organised two large conferences and edited two conference volumes under the umbrella of «law and sustainable development». Contributed actively to the research profile of the school as the commissioner for the promotion of research.

**Senior Researcher and Teamleader, 09/2022 - Current**

**Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Geneva Graduate Institute** – Geneva, Switzerland

Conducted legal research for the research project «Making Trade Agreements Work in the Service of Society». Built a database on domestic flanking policies. Managed the supervision of one doctoral fellow and the coordination of research collaboration within the interdisciplinary core team. Ensured the achievement of research objectives.

- Funded by SNSF Sinergia

**Guest Researcher, 08/2021 - 07/2022**

**Institute for International Law & Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Zurich** – Zurich, Switzerland

Worked on the habilitation thesis and engaged in academic exchange and expansion of research network.

**Lecturer and Senior Academic Assistant, 08/2016 - 07/2021**

**University of Luzern** – Luzern, Switzerland

Taught various subjects of Swiss Public Law. Stepped in as coach to the ELSA John H. Jackson Moot Court team. Contributed to a textbook in public economic law. Supervised and preliminary reviewed Master and Doctoral theses. Was the elected representative of academic staff members in the senate for four years.

- Prof. Dr. Bernhard Rütsche (2018-2021), Prof. Dr. Klaus Mathis (2017), Prof. Dr. Sebastian Heselhaus (2016)

**Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, 04/2019 - 10/2019**

**DCU Brexit Institute, Dublin City University** – Dublin, Ireland

Conducted legal research on Brexit. Managed, maintained and contributed to the institute's Blog. Met with and advised political interest groups on legal aspects of Brexit.

- Prof. Dr. Federico Fabbrini

**Lecturer and Research Fellow, 05/2014 - 08/2016**

**World Trade Institute, University of Bern** – Bern, Switzerland

Conducted research on services trade liberalisation, labour migration and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. Engaged in public outreach and a number of legal opinions. Supervised and preliminary reviewed Master theses.

- Funded by SNSF NCCR International Trade Regulation

**Visiting Research Fellow, 02/2015 - 01/2016**

**Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Geneva Graduate Institute** – Geneva, Switzerland

**Doctoral Fellow, 09/2009 - 04/2014**

**World Trade Institute, University of Bern** – Bern, Switzerland

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier, funded by SNSF NCCR International Trade Regulation

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## EDUCATION

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**Habilitation (PD):** Swiss Constitutional Law, European Law and International Law, 09/2018 - Current

**University of Bern** - Bern, Switzerland

Thesis: «The Internationalisation of Law in Switzerland: Implications for State Order and Generational Justice»

- Submitted early summer 2024

**Ph.D.:** International Economic Law, 10/2009 - 05/2014

**University of Bern** - Bern, Switzerland

Thesis: «Developing Countries and Preferential Services Trade»

- awarded *summa cum laude* and the Prof. Walther Hug Prize, published with Cambridge University Press

**Master of Arts:** Development Studies, 09/2008 - 09/2009

**University of Manchester** - Manchester, United Kingdom

**Master of Law:** International and European Law, 09/2006 - 08/2008

**University of Bern** - Bern, Switzerland

**Bachelor of Law:** 09/2003 - 08/2006

**University of Fribourg** - Fribourg, Switzerland

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## OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

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- Member of the board of trustees, Swiss foundation for consumer protection, since 2025
- Academic co-founder and chairwoman of the academic advisory board, legal-tech company Besso, since 2023
- Co-founder of the Swiss Expert Group Group in «Law and Sustainable Development», since 2022
- Co-founder, board member and member of the editorial board of the first open access law journal of Switzerland, since 2014
- Legal expert, Expert Working Group for Policy Advice on Sustainable Development to Swiss Cantons and Federation, 2022-2023
- Anonymous Reviewer for various academic publishers and journals, since 2013
- Consultant, Sieber | Consulting and Legal Research: Independent legal consulting for political interest groups and federal offices, since 2012

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## LECTURESHIPS

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- Lecturer in International Environmental Law, Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften, since 2024
- Lecturer in International Trade Regulation, University of Zurich, since 2021
- Lecturer in Law of Sustainable Development and in Swiss Constitutional Law, University of Luzern, 2021-2023
- Lecturer in International Economic Law, Andrassy University Budapest, 2021-2022
- Lecturer in Law of Sustainable Development, Geneva Graduate Institute, 2022

- Lecturer in Global Trade Policy, School of Economics and Politics, University of St. Gallen, 2016-2019
- Lecturer in International Economic Law and in EU-law, University of Bern, 2014-2015

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### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- Associate Fellow, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), since 2022
- Prof. Walther Hug-Prize (PhD Award) 2017, for exceptional quality in legal research

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### ACADEMIC COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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- Member of the research commission, Zurich Law School (Kalaidos FH), since 2023
- Member of the academic board, cahiers social sciences, foundation of the Università Popolare Torino, since 2023
- Elected representative of academic staff members, Senate, University of Luzern, 2018-2021

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### TAUGHT COURSES

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- 2025: ZHAW, International Environmental Law, CAS Environmental Law (ger), Spring; Kalaidos FH Law School, Public Economic Law, Master (FH) (ger), Autumn; Kalaidos FH Law School, EU and Public International Law, Bachelor (FH) (ger), Autumn; University of Zurich, International Trade Regulation, Master (en), Autumn
- 2024: ZHAW, International Environmental Law, CAS Environmental Law (ger), Spring; Zurich Law School, Public Economic Law, Master (FH) (ger), Autumn; University of Zurich, International Trade Regulation, Master (en), Autumn
- 2023: University of Luzern, Law of Sustainable Development, Master (en), with K. Mathis, Spring; Zurich Law School, Public Economic Law, Master (FH) (ger), Autumn; University of Zurich, International Trade Regulation, Master (en), Autumn
- 2022: University of Luzern, Law of Sustainable Development, Master (en), with K. Mathis, Spring; Geneva Graduate Institute, Law of Sustainable Development, Master (en), with M. Sanchez, Spring; University of Zurich, International Trade Regulation, Master (en), Autumn
- 2021: University of Luzern, Law of Sustainable Development, Master (en), with K. Mathis, Spring; University of Zurich, International Trade Regulation, Master (en), Autumn; Andr ssy University Budapest, International Economic Law, Master (ger), Autumn
- 2020: University of Luzern, Law of Sustainable Development, Master (en), with K. Mathis, Spring; University of Luzern, Seminar in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Autumn; University of Luzern, Tutorial in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Spring/Autumn
- 2019: University of Luzern, Seminar in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Autumn; University of Luzern, Tutorial in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Spring/Autumn
- 2018: University of Luzern, Seminar in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Autumn; University of Luzern, Tutorial in Public Law, Bachelor (ger), Spring/Autumn; University of Luzern, Introduction to Swiss Constitutional Law, Master (en), Autumn; University of St. Gallen, Structural Changes in International Politics: Trump, Brexit and Digital Innovation, Master (en), with P. Gottwald, Spring

- 2017: University of Luzern, Introduction to Swiss Constitutional Law, Master (en), Autumn; University of St. Gallen, TTIP, TPP, CETA: Is there a Future for Interregional Trade Agreements?, Master (en), with P. Gottwald, Spring
- 2016: University of Luzern, Introduction to Swiss Constitutional Law, Master (en), Autumn; University of St. Gallen, A new Era? Interregional versus Multilateral Trade & Investment Liberalization, Master (en), with P. Gottwald, Spring
- 2015: University of Bern, Tutorial in EU Law, Bachelor (ger), Spring; University of Bern, International Economic Law, Master (en), Autumn

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## SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

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- Implementing the school's research profile in sustainability regulation, supervision of one assistant, research project «Sustainable Development in Swiss law», Zurich Law School (Kalaidos FH), since 2023
- Teamleader, SNSF Sinergia Research Project «Making Trade Agreements Work in the Service of Society», management responsibilities for the supervision of one doctoral fellow and for the coordination of research collaboration within the interdisciplinary core team, Geneva Graduate Institute, since 2022
- Supervision of 34 Master theses in International Economic Law, EU Law, Swiss-EU Bilateral Relations, Competition Law, Law of Sustainable Development and Constitutional Law, University of Zurich, Geneva Graduate Institute, Andr ssy University Budapest, University of Luzern, University of St. Gallen, World Trade Institute, and University of Bern, since 2014

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## ACQUIRED FUNDING

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- 2024: Senior Expert, Ex-Ante Sustainability Impact Assessment EFTA-Mercosur FTA, CHF 80'000
- 2023: Principal Investigator (PI), Research Partnership «Sustainability standards and Switzerland-Brazil trade relations: Risks and opportunities», CHF 20'000; Principal Investigator (PI), research project «Sustainable Development in Swiss Law», CHF 14'000; legal opinion, popular initiative on relations between Switzerland and the European Union, CHF 6'600
- 2022: legal opinion, expert group for sustainability policies in Switzerland, research on the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, CHF 4'000

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## CONFERENCES PANELS WORKSHOPS

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- 2024: Symposium “Sustainable Development: Law and Practice”, Co-Organiser, 11/15/24, Zurich, Switzerland; International Workshop “The Law and Politics of Sustainability Standards in Trade Relations between Latin America and Europe”, Co-Organiser, 08/16/24, Sao Paulo, Brazil; International Workshop “Present Challenges and Future Design of International Trade Policy”, Co-Organiser, 06/06/24, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2023: Panel “Saving International Trade Agreements: The Potential of «Package Treaties»”, Organiser, 07/12/23, Bogota, Colombia; International Workshop “Addressing Free Trade's Negative Spillovers: The Potential of «Package Treaties»”, Co-Organiser, 06/16/23, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2022: SVIR/ILA Workshop “Sustainability and the Law”, Co-Organiser, 09/23/22, Bern, Switzerland

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## CHILDREN

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- Nils William, 02/18/10
- Miro George, 08/27/12

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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- Citizenship: Swiss
- Date of Birth: 08/31/82
- Marital Status: Married

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## LANGUAGES

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German

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Bilingual or Proficient (C2):

French

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Advanced (C1):

Spanish

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Upper intermediate (B2):

English

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Bilingual or Proficient (C2):

Swedish

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Advanced (C1):