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Curriculum Vitae

Main Fields of Research:

- Corporate Sustainability / Environment Social Governance (ESG)
- Climate Regulation / Climate Litigation
- Business and Human Rights
- Private International Law

Academic Career:

- Legal Studies (1995-2002), **First State Examination** (top 1 %) and **Second State Examination** in Law (top 1 %) in **Heidelberg**, Germany.
- Licence en Droit in **Montpellier**, France (1998).
- Student and graduate **research assistant** of Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Erik Jayme (1998 – 2002).
- Associate advocate at **Sherman and Sterling LLP** (2003-2005), with a focus on Company Law, Litigation and International Arbitration.
- **Doctoral dissertation** at Heidelberg University (2004) on „*Free choice of company forms and shareholder liability*“ (translated from original German: „Europäische Rechtsformwahlfreiheit und Gesellschafterhaftung“), under the supervision of:
 - Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter Hommelhoff (first advisor) and
 - Prof. Dr. h.c. mult. Erik Jayme (second advisor).
 - Grade: *summa cum laude*.
 - Honoured by the **Max-Hachenburg-Award** of Heidelberg University.
- Research assistant and **post-doctoral researcher** at the **University of Cologne's** Institute for Private International Law and Foreign Law (2005-2008).

- **Post-doctoral dissertation** (Habilitationsschrift), published in 2009 on „**Sanctity of contracts**“ (translated from original German: „Die Vertragstreue“) under the supervision of:
 - Prof. Dr. Heinz-Peter Mansel (first advisor) and
 - Prof. Dr. Barbara Dauner-Lieb (second advisor).
 - Honoured by the German Notary Institute's Helmut Schippel Award (2008) and financially supported by a full grant of the **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft** (DFG) (2005-2008).
- Interim Professor at the **University of Munich** (LMU) (spring semester 2008).
- Appointment to the **University of Mannheim**, Director of the Institute for Business Law (2008-2011) and Dean of Studies (2009-2011).
- Appointment to the **University of Tübingen** (2011) (declined)
- Appointment to the **University of Freiburg** (2011), Director of the Institute for Private and Commercial Law (2011-2014).
- Appointment to **Heidelberg University** (2014).
- Director of the **Institute for Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws and International Business Law** of Heidelberg University (2014 - today).
- **Vice-Rector International Affairs and Diversity** of Heidelberg University (since 2019, re-elected 2022 and 2024).

Academic Functions

- **Managing Co-Editor** of the „Zeitschrift für Unternehmens- und Gesellschaftsrecht“ (**ZGR**) (peer reviewed journal) (since 2011)
- **Co-Editor** of the „Zeitschrift für Europäisches Privatrecht“ (**ZEuP**) (peer reviewed journal) (since 2012).
- **Director of Studies** at the **Hague Academy of International Law** (Private International Law Session) (2011).
- Liaison Professor of the **German Academic Scholarship Foundation** (Vertrauensdozent der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) (since 2012).
- **Lecturer** at the **Summer Academy** of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation in **Italy** (2013, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2022 and 2024)
- Member of the **LL.M.-Selection Committee** of the German Academic Exchange Service (**DAAD**) (since 2014)
- Member of the Review Board of the **German Research Foundation** (DFG) (2016 – 2019, re-elected for a second period: 2020 - 2023)

- **Visiting professorships:**
 - o University of **Toulouse**/France (2009 – 2011)
 - o University of **Gothenburg**/Sweden (2016 – 2019)
 - o University of **Nancy**/France (2017 and 2020)
 - o **Georgetown School of Law**/Washington D.C. (2017/2018)
 - o University of **Vienna**/Austria (2018)
 - o **Hague Academy of International Law** (2011 and 2018)
 - o **Université Paris II** (Panthéon-Assas) (2020)
 - o **National Taiwan University** (NTU), Taipei (2019 and 2024)

- **International conference lectures**, inter alia in:
 - o Buenos Aires, Tucumán (Argentina)
 - o Sydney (Australia)
 - o Vienna, Salzburg (Austria)
 - o Brussels, Louvain (Belgium)
 - o Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre (Brazil)
 - o Santiago (Chile)
 - o Cairo (Egypt)
 - o Bordeaux, Marseille, Montpellier, Nancy, Paris (Sorbonne, Panthéon-Assas), Rouen, Strasbourg, Toulouse (France)
 - o Budapest (Hungary)
 - o Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad (India)
 - o Jerusalem (Israel)
 - o Bergamo, Brunico/Alto Adige, Ferrara, Pisa, Milano (Cattolica, Statale and Bicocca), Menaggio (Villa Vigoni), Naples, Rome, Treviso, Venice (Italy)
 - o Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka (Japan)
 - o Luxembourg
 - o Oslo (Norway)
 - o Krakow, Katowice, Warsaw (Poland)
 - o Coimbra (Portugal)
 - o Sevilla (Spain)
 - o Gothenburg (Sweden)
 - o Cambridge, London (United Kingdom)
 - o Chicago, Denver, New York, Washington D.C., Winston Salem (USA)

- **President** of the German-French Law Association (since 2016)

- Member of the **Management Committee** of the **European University “4EU+”** (since 2019) (University Alliance consisting of the Universities of Copenhagen, Geneva, Heidelberg, Milan, Paris-Sorbonne, Paris-Panthéon-Assas, Prague, Warsaw)

- Member of the **Executive Board**, Heidelberg University Association Inc., **New York** (since 2019, re-elected 2024)

Selected Publications (<https://www.ipr.uni-heidelberg.de/personen/weller/publikationen.html>)

1.) Significant Monographs

- *Weller*, Europäische Rechtsformwahlfreiheit und Gesellschafterhaftung (dissertation), Cologne, 2004.
- *Weller*, Die Vertragstreue (professoral thesis), Tübingen, 2009.
- *Weller*, Die Grenze der Vertragstreue von (Krisen-)Staaten – Zur Einrede des Staatsnotstands gegenüber privaten Anleihegläubigern, Tübingen, 2013.
- *Weller*, [La méthode tripartite du droit international privé](#), in: [Recueil des cours de l'Académie de La Haye, Volume 427 \(2022\)](#).
- *Weller*, Die Klimatransformation des Gesellschaftsrechts - Gutachten zum 74. Deutschen Juristentag, Munich, 2024.

2. Recent Articles in English

- *Weller/Rentsch*, Habitual Residence': A Plea for 'Settled Intention', in: *Leible* (ed.), General Principles of European Private International Law, 2016, 171 et seqq.
- *Weller/Kaller*, Sovereign Wealth Funds, in: *Wake Forest Law Review* 2017, 1027 et seqq.
- *Weller/Hübner/Kaller*, Private International Law for Corporate Social Responsibility, in: *Schmidt-Kessel, Martin* (ed.), Sammelband der deutschen Landesberichte zum 20. Kongress der *Académie Internationale de Droit Comparé* 2018 in Fukuoka/Japan, Tübingen 2018
- *Weller/Thomale*, Country of origin rule / Companies / Freedom of establishment / Director's liability, in: *Basedow/Ferrari/Miguel Asensio/Rühl* (ed.), Encyclopedia of Private International Law, London (2018)
- *Weller*, Jewish Cultural Identity Before German Courts - Challenges to Comparatism, in: *Guy G. Stroumsa* (ed.), Comparative Studies in the Humanities, Jerusalem 2018, 223 et seqq.
- *Weller/Schulz*, Political Private International Law, in: *Basedow et al.* (ed.), European Private International Law, 2020
- [Kahl/Weller \(ed.\), Climate Change Litigation - Handbook, Munich/London, 2021](#)
- [Weller/Tran, Climate Litigation against Companies, in: Climate Action \(2022\) 1, 14 et seqq.](#)
- [Weller/Habrich/Korn/Zimmermann, Liability of the Economic Unit - A General Principle of EU Law?, in: European and Financial Law Review \(ECFR\) 2023, 759-793](#)
- [Peters/Gless/Thomale/Weller, Business and Human Rights: Towards a 'Smart Mix' of Regulation and Enforcement, in: ZaöRV 2023, 45-90](#)
- [Weller/Weiner, Corporate Climate Liability in Private International Law, in: Japanese Yearbook of Private International Law, Vol. 26 \(2024\), 2-31.](#)
- [Schwemmer/Heidbrink/Hoessl/Simon/TranWeiner/Weller, Global Perspectives on Corporate Climate Legal Tactics, in: British Institute of International and Comparative Law \(BIICL\), 2024.](#)
- [Weller/Habrich, The Development of European Company Law: Assessment and Prospects, in: Le droit français des sociétés - Bilan et perspectives, Paris, 2025, 53-68](#)
- [Weller/Hoessl/Seemann, Greening corporations via corporate law: implementation of article 22 CSDDD via a Climate Quota, in: Climate Action \(2025\) 4:45 \(Nature Publishing Group\)](#)