

## Jan Klabbers

### Professor of International Law, University of Helsinki

#### *Personal data*

- born 13 August 1963 (Heumen, Netherlands)
- divorced
- children: Johan (born 1997), Gilda (born 2011)
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#### *Education*

- High school (Atheneum), Nijmeegse Scholengemeenschap, Nijmegen (1982)
- Doctorandus, International Law, University of Amsterdam (1988)
- Doctorandus, Political Science, University of Amsterdam (1988)
- Doctor, Law, University of Amsterdam (1996, with distinction)  
PhD topic: *The Concept of Treaty in International Law*

#### *Work experience*

- **Currently:** Professor of International Law, University of Helsinki (since 2010)
- **October 2025 onwards:** Whewell Professor of International Law, Cambridge University
- Volunteer Tutor, Political Science, University of Amsterdam (1989-90)
- Lecturer in International Law, University of Amsterdam (1990-93)
- Research Fellow, Dutch Foundation for Scientific Research (NWO) (1992-96)
- Lecturer in EU Law, University of Amsterdam (1995-96)
- Free Lance Lecturer in International Law, Amsterdam School of International Relations (1992-96)
- Executive Director, Amsterdam Institute for International Legal Research (1996)
- Professor of International Law, University of Helsinki (1996-2005)
- Professor of International Organizations Law, University of Helsinki (2006-10)
- Academy Professor (Martti Ahtisaari Chair), Academy of Finland (2013-18)

### *Visiting professorships/fellowships*

- Hofstra University School of Law (spring 2007)
- Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva (spring 2008, spring 2013, spring 2015)
- Inaugural Fellow, Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law and Justice, New York University Law School (2009-10)
- Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Armenia (spring 2015, spring 2016, autumn 2021, autumn 2022, autumn 2023)
- University of Paris, Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) (spring 2011)
- Visiting Research Professor, Erasmus Law School, Rotterdam (2015-2017)
- Senior Emile Noel Fellow, New York University Law School (autumn 2015)
- University of Paris, Sorbonne (Paris I) (autumn 2017, autumn 2022)
- LUISS Guido Carli, Rome (spring 2021, spring 2022, spring 2023)
- La Sapienza University, Rome (spring 2024)
- Member, Doctoral Council, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (since 2015)

### *Main administrative assignments*

- Executive Director, Amsterdam Institute for International Legal Research (1996)
- Chair, International Affairs Committee, Law Faculty, University of Helsinki (1998-2012)
- Deputy Director, Erik Castrén Institute of International law and Human Rights (1998-2018)
- Deputy Head, Department of Public Law, University of Helsinki (2007-09)
- Director, Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research (2006-2011)
- Member, Faculty Council, Law Faculty, University of Helsinki (2007-09) (**currently** – 2024 - alternate member)
- Member of various faculty-level committees, Universities of Amsterdam and Helsinki

### *Positions of trust*

- Member, Executive Council, European Society of International Law (2008-2012)
- Member, Assembly, EMA Program, Venice (since 2001)
- Faculty representative, European-American Consortium for Legal Education (2002-2012)
- Member, Management Committee, International Law in Domestic Courts (COST project, 2006-2010)
- Member, Management Committee, International Law between Constitutionalism and Fragmentation (COST project, 2010-2015)
- Panellist, European Research Council (2016-17)
- Panellist and Chair, European Research Council (2018-19, 2020-2021, 2022-2023)

- Panellist, Swiss Network for International Studies (2019-present)
- Arbitrator (alt.), OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (2019–present)
- Member, EU Commission Selection Panel to Appoint Trade and Sustainable Development Panellists (2021-present)

#### *Awards and honours*

- Best Teacher through a Foreign Language, Helsinki University Student Union (2001)
- Eino Kaila Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Helsinki (2002)
- Best Law Teacher, Law Students' Association Pykälä (2011)
- Inducted into the Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters (2014)
- Publication of Rain Liivoja and Jarna Petman (eds.), *International Law-making: Essays in Honour of Jan Klabbers* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2014)

#### *Conference and seminar organization*

- Helsinki Summer Seminar on International Law (annually, 1997-2011, 2014-15, 2017, 2021, 2024)
- Science and International Law, joint conference, European Society of International Law & American Society of International Law (2009)
- many smaller events

#### *Journal/book series activities*

- Editor in Chief, *Finnish Yearbook of International Law* (2005-2012)
- Co-editor, *Nordic Journal of International Law* (since 1998)
- Book review editor (and co-founder), *International Organizations Law Review* (2004-2021)
- Editor, *ESIL Reflections* (2014-2018)
- Editorial Board Member, *ASIL Studies in International Legal Theory*
- Editorial Board Member, *Jus Gentium*
- Advisory Editor, Oxford Bibliographies Online (International Law)
- advisory board member/editorial board member of several other periodicals and institutions, including *European Journal of International Law* (since 2014)
- Advisory Editor, Oxford Database on International Organizations (OXIO)

#### *Expert meetings and seminars*

- Council of Europe (1999)
- European Forest Institute (drafting constituent treaty)
- EU Commission, Legal Service (2005)
- Nordic Investment Bank (2005, 2007, 2016)
- United Nations New York (2007, 2018)

- United Nations Geneva (2013)
- World Health Organization (2013)
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (2014, 2015, 2023)
- European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (2016)
- UN General Assembly (2018)
- CAHDI, Council of Europe (2018)
- International Labour Organization (2019)
- European Space Agency (2019)
- European Court of Human Rights (2020)
- UN Office of Legal Affairs (2020)
- Dutch Advisory Committee on Asylum Affairs (2021)
- UNCITRAL (2022)
- Development Bank of Latin America (2023)
- World Bank (2024)

#### *Reviewing manuscripts*

- Cambridge University Press (regular)
- Oxford University Press (regular)
- Edward Elgar Publishers (regular)
- Hart (regular)

#### *Supervised doctoral theses*

- J. Summers, *The Idea of the People* (University of Helsinki, 2004)
- T. Puurunen, *Dispute Resolution in International Electronic Commerce* (University of Helsinki, 2005)
- M.H. Boccara, *A Right to Self-determination and a Privilege to Independence* (University of Uppsala, sole external supervisor, 2007)
- R. Urueña, *No Citizens Here: Global Subjects and Participation in International Law* (University of Helsinki, 2010)
- R. Liiivoja, *An Axiom of Military Law* (University of Helsinki, 2011)
- M. Pohjanpalo, *International Investments and Liability – The Environmental Aspect* (University of Helsinki, 2015)
- K. Creutz, *State Responsibility in International Law: From Paradigm to Periphery* (University of Helsinki, 2015)
- M. Jiménez Fonseca, *Civilizing Nature: Revisiting the Imperialist History of International Law 1511-1972* (University of Helsinki, 2017)
- Z. Noparast, *The UN Peacekeeping Operations: Legal Aspects* (University of Helsinki, 2019)
- V. Kari, *The Classical Doctrine of Civil War in International Law* (University of Helsinki, 2020)
- T. Lundstedt, *From Kosovo to Crimea: The Legal Legacies of the Socialist Federal Dissolutions* (University of Helsinki, 2020)
- T. Ingadottir, *The Relationship between International and National Law: Re-visiting Concepts of Dualism and Monism* (University of Helsinki, 2022)
- D. Stoyanova, *Whistle-blowers of the United Nations* (University of Helsinki, 2024)

- Thesis examiner at various places, including:
  - Åbo Akademi University (Johansson, supervisor: Scheinin)
  - University of Leiden (Vermeer-Künzli, supervisor: Dugard, 2007)
  - Åbo Akademi University (Engström, supervisor: Scheinin, 2009)
  - European University Institute (Peltonen, supervisor: Kratochwil, 2009)
  - Free University Amsterdam (Vos, supervisor: Werner, 2010)
  - University of Groningen (O'Donoghue, supervisor: Brus, 2012)
  - European University Institute (Vasconcelos Vilaca, supervisor: Kratochwil, 2012)
  - Cambridge University (Ranganathan, supervisor: Crawford, 2012)
  - Cambridge University (Bordin, supervisor: Verdirame, 2014)
  - Tel Aviv University (Saliternik, supervisor: Benvenisti, 2014)
  - Melbourne University (Whitehall, supervisor: Orford, 2014)
  - Graduate Institute, Geneva (Nielander, supervisor: Douglas, 2013-4)
  - Copenhagen University (McKenna, supervisor: Madsen, 2014-5)
  - University of Leuven (Odermatt, supervisor: Wouters, 2015-6)
  - University of Leuven (Barros, supervisors: De Baere & Ryngaert, 2017)
  - Australian National University, Canberra (Roberts, supervisor: Charlesworth, 2017)
  - University of New South Wales (Evans, supervisors: Krygier and Michaels, 2017)
  - University of Florence (Landis, supervisor: Friuli, 2018)
  - Cambridge University (Chasapis Tassinis, supervisor: Bartels, 2020)
  - University of Hasselt (De Cock, supervisor: Foubert, 2020)
  - University of Amsterdam (Van Roemburg, supervisors: Zieck & Den Heijer, 2021)
  - Melbourne University (Rioseco Sullivan, supervisors: Young & Charlesworth, 2021)
  - University of Queensland (Barber, supervisors Bellamy & Cassimatis, 2023)
  - Cambridge University (Clark, supervisor Benvenisti, 2023)
  - Graduate Institute, Geneva (Saengkrai, supervisor Zarbiyev, 2023)
  - Graduate Institute, Geneva (Beyer, supervisor Pauwelyn, 2023)
  - University of Leuven (Teixeira, supervisors Wouters and Hernandez, 2023)
  - University of Groningen (Beyer, supervisors Toebe and Burci, 2023)
  - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (Capar, supervisor Palombella)

#### *Main External Funding*

- University of Helsinki Rotating Chair ('pooli professori', International Organizations Law, 2005-2009)
- Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research (2006-2011)
- Academy of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari Chair, 2013-2018
- **Current:** European Research Council Advanced Grant, PRIVIGO (2021-2025)

#### *Lectures and presentations outside Finland (since 2009) at*

- University of Tilburg (2024)
- Hague Academy of International Law (2024)

- Queen Mary Law School, London (2024)
- Asser Institute, the Hague (2023)
- Maastricht University (2023)
- Uppsala University (2023)
- University of Vienna (2023)
- Teikyo University, Tokyo (2023)
- Sciences Po, Paris (2023)
- Una Europa on-line (2023)
- University of Florence (2022)
- Humboldt University, Berlin (2022)
- Complutense University, Madrid (2022, 2024)
- European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht (2021)
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (2021, 2023)
- University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (2021)
- University of Zurich (2021, Schindler lecture and workshop)
- Jindal Global School of Law, New Delhi (2021)
- CLEER, The Hague (2021)
- Örebro University (2021)
- La Sapienza, Rome (2021 incl. Morelli Lectures, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Duke Law School (2021)
- VUB Brussels (2021)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (2021)
- LUISS University Rome (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Bocconi University, Milan (2020)
- King's College London (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- University of Kent, Canterbury (2020)
- Max Planck institute, Berlin branch (2019)
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (2019)
- Manchester University (Melland Schill Lecture, 2018)
- Melbourne Law School (2018)
- Victoria University Wellington (2018)
- TC Beirne School of Law, Brisbane (2018)
- City University, London (2018, 2023)
- European Society of International Law (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2018)
- University of Paris Sorbonne (2017, 2022, 2023)
- International Society of Constitutional Law (2017)
- Erasmus Law School, Rotterdam (2011, 2016, 2017)
- University of Leuven (2016, 2023)
- Columbia Law School (2015)
- Université de Fribourg (2015)
- Graduate Institute, Geneva (2008, 2013, 2015, 2021)
- Oxford University (2014)
- University Pompeu Fabre, Barcelona (2014)

- Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (2014, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023)
- Copenhagen University (2014, 2015, 2017)
- Cambridge University (2013, 2017, 2024)
- Kyushu University, Fukuoka (2012)
- Australia-New Zealand Society of International Law (2012)
- University of Paris II (2011)
- University of Bristol (2009, 2011, 2012)
- New York University (2009, 2010, 2015, 2024)
- Temple School of Law, Philadelphia (2010, 2013)
- University of Oslo (2008, 2010)
- Harvard Law School (2009)
- European University Institute (2009, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2024)
- University of Edinburgh (2009, 2014, 2017, 2022, 2023)
- University of Sheffield (2009, James Muiruri Lecture)
- Peking University Law School (2009, 2015 incl. Wang Tieya Lecture)
- Chinese Society of International Law (2009)

Invited Lecture Series:

- University Federal of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte (2024)
- Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague (2024)