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EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY
LL.M. expected May 2027
Scholarships: Fulbright Austria, University of Vienna
Activities: *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, Staff Editor
Research Asst. to Prof. Damrosch (Int'l Law and Diplomacy)

University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
Dr. iur. expected June 2029
Dissertation: Restitution in Failed Contract Cases: A Comparative Study of Austrian and U.S. Law
Activities: Ars Iuris Vienna – Advanced Research School in Law and Jurisprudence, Fellow

Mag. iur. received April 2022
Honors: University Scholarship Foundation for Students of Law, University of Vienna
Activities: *Nachhaltigkeitsrecht* [Journal of Sustainability Law], Staff Editor
Research and Teaching Asst. to Prof. Kriebaum (Public Int'l Law and Int'l Relations)
Research and Teaching Asst. to Prof. Lehmann (Comp. Law, Private Int'l Law, and Uniform Law)
64th Philip C. Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition, Int'l Rounds Judge (2023)
61st Philip C. Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition, Representative (2020)

EXPERIENCE

United Nations, New York, NY
Incoming Legal Extern Spring 2027

University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
Pre-Doctoral University Assistant to Prof. Kogler – Department of Civil Law July 2025 – Present
Conduct research in contract and unjust enrichment law, contribute to publications, and teach private law courses.

Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, Austria February 2024 – June 2025
Legal Counsel – Group Corporate Governance Office
Advised the executive and non-executive boards on corporate law, prepared the corporate governance report, reviewed governance policies and corporate documents, analyzed international corporate governance trends.

Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Vienna, Austria
Legal Officer – Directorate I.4 (*Headquarters and Host Country*) April 2024 – January 2025
Conducted negotiations with international organizations, supported Austria's U.N. outreach on the Vienna International Center renovation, and contributed to initiatives promoting Vienna as a host city for organizations.

Legal Officer – Directorate I.5 (*Office of the Legal Adviser*) April 2023 – August 2023
Conducted research in public international law, reviewed international agreements, MOUs, and cabinet proposals, prepared notes verbales and legal opinions, and coordinated international candidatures to courts and tribunals.

Graduate Trainee – Directorate I.5 (*Office of the Legal Adviser*) April 2022 – April 2023
Supported the organization of international conferences, including 'Vienna World Conference 30 Years On: Our Rights – Our Future', 'Safety of Journalists: Protecting Media to Protect Democracy', and 'Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons'.

LANGUAGES: German (native); Russian (proficient); French (basic)
BAR ADMISSION: Intend to sit for the July 2027 New York Bar Examination
INTERESTS: Classical violin (solo and orchestral), hiking, cultural exchange and travel, museums and art

MARIA CHRISTINA LAETITIA FÖRSTER
Columbia Law School LL.M. 2026-27
Selected Publications

COMMENTARIES:
Alexander Elbl, Maria Förster, Gabriel Kogler & Lisa Parteder, *Articles 1, 3, 23, 27–30, 32, 33, in* THE ROME IV SUCCESSION REGULATION: A COMMENTARY (Mathijs H. ten Wolde, Andreas Schwartze & Simon Laimer eds., Elgar Commentaries in Private International Law, forthcoming 2026).

BOOK CHAPTERS:
Maria Förster, Gabriel Kogler, Lisa Naderer & Jasmin Randa, *Europäisches Zivilrecht* [*European Civil Law*], *in* JAHRBUCH EUROPARECHT 2026 [EUROPEAN LAW YEARBOOK 2026] (Marcus Klamert ed., forthcoming 2026).

Maria Förster & Jasmin Pieper, *Prüfung 14* (*Privatrecht*) [*Exam 14* (*Private Law*)], *in* ÜBUNGSBUCH ZUR EINFÜHRUNG IN DIE RECHTSWISSENSCHAFTEN UND IHRE METHODEN [WORKBOOK ON THE INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES AND THEIR METHODS] (Elio Dalpra & Gabriel Kogler eds., 10th ed. 2025).