

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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*Nationality: Austria*

*(Updated 2014)*

## CURRENT POSITION

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- 2008 – **Visiting Lecturer** at the *International Theological Institute* for Studies on Marriage and the Family
- 2007 – **Director** of the Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians in Europe
- 2005 – **Co-founder and Co-director** of *Kairos Consulting for Non Profit Initiatives* in Vienna
- 2005 – **Director** of the Catholic singles Website  
www.kathtreff.org (active in Germany, Austria, Switzerland; Hungary; Latvia; Croatia; Kenya)

## EDUCATION

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- 2001 – 2003 **PhD in Law**, Johannes Kepler University Linz
- 1997 – 2001 **Master of International Law**  
**Master of Women's Studies**  
Johannes Kepler University Linz
- 1995 – 1997 **Master of Theological Studies**  
International Theological Institute Gaming (now Trumau)
- 1987 – 1995 Gymnasium, Auhof Linz with a special focus on computer sciences
- 1983 – 1987 Primary School in Leonding and Linz, St. Magdalena (OÖ)

## DISSERTATION

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**Title:** Human Rights In The Statute Of The International Criminal Court: What Has Athens To Do With Nuremberg?

**Abstract:** The International Criminal Court’s Rome Statute begins by stating that the State Parties are “Conscious that all peoples are united by common bonds, their cultures pieced together in a shared heritage” and continues by “affirming that the most serious crimes of *concern to the international community as a whole* must not go unpunished.”

In Art. 33 para. 2, the Rome Statute uses the Nuremberg concept of manifestly unlawful acts: “...orders to commit genocide or crimes against humanity are manifestly unlawful.”

These terms together suggest that the international community has recognized norms that are beyond the reach of lawmakers, national and even international. They imply that some norms must be respected by every legal system and cannot be altered. This shows that legal positivism does not serve as a sufficient explanation for the organisation of society, but rather, natural law theory has still a place to hold.

**Committee chair/members:** Prof. Kussbach; Prof. Köck, JKU

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2006 – **Visiting Lecturer** at the *International Theological Institute* for Studies on Marriage and the Family, Trumau, Austria

Courses:

- Communications Training
- Marriage and the Family in Contemporary Western Society

2005 – **Lecturer** at countless seminars on politics and Christianity; family law; life issues; human rights;

2007 – **Trainer** on Rhetorics, Media and campaigning

2001 – 2004 **Lecturer** at World Youth Alliance international events and affiliates (in the US, Latin America, Europe and India)

## OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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2014 Leader of the Austrian parliamentary citizens’ initiative „An der Hand“ against Euthanasia.

2013 National representative of the European citizens’ initiative One of Us (forth protection of the embryo).

2012 - General secretary of roof organisation of Christian NGOs working on sexuality education.

2012 - Vice-president of roof organisation of 55 pro-life NGOs.

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| 2010 – 2012 | Member of the FRP Advisory Panel of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.  |
| 2007 –      | Participation in most of the OSCE / ODIHR meetings relevant to Catholic Social Teaching.   |
| 2006 – 2009 | Founder and Director of the "Youth Academy" - a political training course for young Christian adults hosted by the Vienna based Catholic Social Teaching Think Tank Dr. Karl-Kummer-Institute.             |
| 2005 -      | Christian-democratic political engagement: second best result after the party leader in 2005; in 2013 Dr. Kugler scored third in the Austrian peoples party after two party leaders in national elections. |
| 2001 – 2004 | Participation on all major UN conferences relevant to Catholic Social Teaching.  |
| 2001 - 2004 | Director of World Youth Alliance - Europe (www.wya.net) based in Brussels within tense presence at all major EU processes relevant to Catholic Social Teaching.  |

## **UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE** \_\_\_\_\_

As mentioned above.

## **ECCLESIAL FUNCTIONS or APPOINTMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_

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| 2014 | Representative of the Holy See, OSCE Conference on Intolerance against Muslims          |
| 2012 | Pontifical Council for the Family, Organizer of Event                                   |
| 2011 | Interreligious Dialogue, part of the delegation of H. Em. Christoph Cardinal Schönborn. |

## **PUBLICATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

Authored books and brochures:

**KUGLER**, Gudrun, (2014). Report 2013 on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in the Year 2012.

**Kugler**, Gudrun, (2013). Report 2012 on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in the Year 2012 and Legal Restrictions affecting Christians in Europe, ISBN: 978-3-9503055-7-9.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2012). "Niemand ist eine Insel. Wie man den Partner für's Leben findet" (Pattloch, April 2012) – available also in Hungarian and Croatian.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2012). Report 2011 on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in the Year 2011, ISBN: 978-3-9503055-4-8.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2011). Five-Year-Report on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe from 2005 to 2010.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2011). Leitfaden Lebensschutz, Das Lebensrecht ungeborener Kinder neu kommunizieren, Kairos Publications, November 2011, ISBN: 978-3-9503055-2-4

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2010). Does God Also Have a Plan for Me? (Hat Gott auch einen Plan für mich?) Interview book with P. Tilman Beller.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2003). "Helden der Menschenwürde" (September 2003, ISBN 3-932829-75-1).

#### **Edited books:**

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2014). The Global Human Rights Landscape, A Short Guide to Understanding the International Organizations and the Opportunities for Engagement, by Paul Coleman, Elyssa Koren, Laura Miranda-Flefil.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2012). "Of Marriage and Of Loneliness" by Ida Friederike Görres, ISBN: 978-3-9503055-3-1 Kairos Publications, November 2012 – to be published also in Croatian and Lithuanian.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2011). Censored, How European „Hate Speech“ Laws Are Threatening Freedom of Speech, by Paul Coleman, Kairos Publications, November 2012, ISBN: 978-3-9503055-6-2.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2011). "Exiting a Dead End Road. A GPS for Christians in Public Discourse" (Kairos Publications, 2011) – available in English, Spanish and Hungarian.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2010). "Entdeckung der Freundschaft" (Herder, February 2010) .

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2003). "Europa der Grundrechte?" (February 2003, ISBN 3-932829-61-1).

**Articles in journals, magazines and newspapers: about 100.**

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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**Articles on:**

- Euthanasia
- Equal Treatment Legislation
- Life Issues
- Family Policy

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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**About 700 in the past fifteen years.**

**Some highlights:**

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2014). Council of Europe, PACE Committee on Tolerance. Fundamental Rights Agency, Fundamental Rights Platform.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2013). Keynote on Religious Freedom at an OSCE high level conference on Tolerance and Discrimination in Albania.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2012). Pontifical Council of the Family. Secretariat of State, Vatican. University of Law, Warsaw.

**Kugler, Gudrun**, (2011). European Parliament, Event on Religious Freedom. European Commission, Advisor Meeting on Religious Freedom.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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The Moral Climate Change, the Anthropological Revolution  
 The Situation of Christianity in Europe and the Western World  
 Human Rights and Freedoms, esp. Freedom of Religion, Conscience and Expression  
 Anti-Discrimination and Hate Speech Legislation and Conscientious Objection  
 Ecology of Man and Catholic Social Teaching in Contemporary Western Society  
 Culture of Life, Family Policy and Beginning and End of Life Questions  
 International Institutions and Courts and the Development of the Law  
 Public Opinion, Social Media, Non-Governmental Organizations and Christian Outreach

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Marriage and the family in contemporary Western society.  
 Rhetorics and campaigning.  
 International institutions and public opinion.  
 Natural law, Catholic Social Teaching in Law and international law.  
 The Anthropological Revolution  
 Human Rights and Freedoms, esp. Freedom of Religion, Conscience and Expression

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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None.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2004	Award of the German foundation „Ja zum Leben“ For the professional occupation with World Youth Alliance in Brussels.
2003	Leopold-Kunschak-Award for the dissertation.
2001	Award of Johannes Kepler University for outstanding academic results.
1995 – 2004	Several small grants and scholarships for academic events for students and young professionals.
1995 –	Financial grants of various foundations for some of the before-mentioned activities.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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<b>German:</b>	mother tongue
<b>English:</b>	fluent in reading, speaking and writing
<b>Spanish:</b>	basics in reading and speaking
<b>French:</b>	basics in reading and speaking
<b>Russian:</b>	three years of language classes
<b>Latin:</b>	4 years
<b>Greek:</b>	basic