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Prof. Dr. Philipp Hacker, LL.M. (Yale)

Curriculum Vitae

Date of Birth:

January 15, 1985, in Würzburg (Germany)



Current Positions:

Since July 2023

Full Tenured Research Professor (W3) and Head of the Chair for Law and Ethics of the Digital Society, European University Viadrina, European New School of Digital Studies, Frankfurt (Oder)

Since September 2020

Full Tenured Professor (W3) and Head of the Chair for Law and Ethics of the Digital Society, European University Viadrina, European New School of Digital Studies, Frankfurt (Oder)

Member of the Board of Directors, European New School of Digital Studies

Since April 2017

Research Fellow at the Centre for Blockchain Technologies, University College London

Past Positions and Legal Education:

September – October 2021

Research Fellow at Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society - The German Internet Institute, Berlin

January 2019 - August 2020

AXA Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator in the project “Fairness in Machine Learning: Algorithmic Discrimination and Exploitation as a Challenge for EU Law”, Humboldt University of Berlin

June 2020

Habilitation in Law at Humboldt University of Berlin

Title of Habilitation thesis: Datenprivatrecht [Private Data Law]

venia legendi for the subjects: civil law, commercial and business law, European private law, IT law, copyright law, and legal theory

March 2016 – June 2020

Associate Member at the “Centre for Law, Economics and Society” at University College London: Principal Investigator in the project “Digital Finance”

March 2016 - June 2020

Postdoc at the Chair for Civil Law, German, European and International Private and Business Law (Professor Stefan Grundmann), Humboldt University of Berlin

November 2017 - December 2018

A.SK Postdoctoral Fellow at WZB Berlin Social Science Center

September - November 2017 and October 2014 - August 2016

Research Assistant (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Chair of Professor Stefan Grundmann, Humboldt University of Berlin

September 2016 - September 2017

Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence

March 2016

Award of Dr. iur. at Humboldt University of Berlin

Title of the PhD thesis: „Verhaltensökonomik und Normativität. Die Grenzen des Informationsmodells im Privatrecht und seine Alternativen“ [Behavioral Economics and Normativity. The Limits of the Disclosure Paradigm in Private Law and its Alternatives]

Grade: *summa cum laude* (votes by Professor Stefan Grundmann and Professor Gerhard Wagner)

July 2012 - February 2016

PhD Candidate at the Faculty of Law, Humboldt University of Berlin

October 2013 - May 2014

LL.M. at Yale Law School

Grade: “Honors” (top grade) in all graded classes

May 2012

Second State Exam in law

Top 1 % of class in the States of Berlin and Brandenburg

July 2009

First State Exam in law

Top 0.5 % of class in the State of Bavaria

October 2004 - July 2009

Student at the Faculty of Law, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

February - August 2007

Exchange semester at the Faculty of Law, University of Salamanca, Spain

Non-Legal Education:

2017

Introduction to Python Programming, Data Clinic, European University Institute

April 2009 - April 2010 and April 2005 - April 2006

Studies in German literature and philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München und Hochschule für Philosophie, München

2003 - 2005

University level classes in mathematics (chaos theory; fractal geometry; topology)

Research Grants (Selection):

2023

Grant by the Dieter Schwarz Foundation for the establishment of the International Expert Group on the Regulation, Economics, and Computer Science of AI (RECSAI) and a series of 7 international high-level conferences

Conference Grant by the Dieter Schwarz Foundation for the UN Conference on “Legal and Technical Challenges of Large Generative AI Models”, Geneva, ITU Headquarters

2022

Grants by the Dieter Schwarz Foundation and the Brandenburg Ministry for Science and Culture for ENS-related fellowships and graduate programs (with other ENS professors)

2020

Research Grant by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation on AI Training Data, abandoned due to incompatibility with Professorship

2017

Research Grant of the European Science Foundation/AXA Research Fund: Postdoctoral Fellowship for the project “Fairness in Machine Learning: Algorithmic Discrimination and Exploitation as a Challenge for EU Law”

2017-2016

Several Conference Grants by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, the Modern Law Review, and the Public Engagement Fund of University College London

Awards and Memberships (Selection):

2023

- Köpfe der KI in Deutschland [Heads in AI in Germany], selected by Table.Media
- Top 100 der Hauptstadtwissenschaft [Top 100 in Berlin Science], Headliner of social science researchers in the Berlin Brandenburg area working on societal conflicts, ranking by Der Tagesspiegel (one of the leading German newspapers)

2020

- Science Award of the German Foundation for Law and Computer Science (DSRI-Wissenschaftspreis)

2016/17

- Dissertation Award of the Faculty of Law, Humboldt University of Berlin
- Publication Grant by VG Wort

2013

- ERP-Fellowship (European Recovery Program) of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) to support the completion of the LL.M. program at Yale Law School
- Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to support the completion of the LL.M. program at Yale Law School
- Elsa-Neumann-Scholarship of the State of Berlin to support the completion of the PhD thesis in law

2009

- Agnes Ament Scholarship for studies in German Literature and Philosophy, awarded by the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich

2004

- Scholarship by Stiftung Maximilianeum, Munich (until October 2009)
- Max Weber Program of the Bavarian Scholarship Association (until October 2009)

2003

- German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Dt. Volkes) (2003-09)
- First Prize, with the languages English and French, in the German National Foreign Languages Competition

Policy Advice (Selection)

- Advice (past and ongoing) to UN, German and EU institutions on AI regulation