

March 2026

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

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Date of Birth:**

January 15, 1985, in Würzburg (Germany)

**Current Positions:**

**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

**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

**April 2017 – September 2020**

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

**June 2020**

Habilitation in Law at Humboldt University of Berlin on: Datenprivatrecht [Private Data Law]

**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 on 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

**Non-Legal Education:**

**2017**

Introduction to Python Programming, Data Clinic, European University Institute, Florence

**2003 - 2005**

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

**Research Grants: Total Grants Received (individual share): ca. 1.6 Mio €**

**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):**

**2024**

- The key players on the EU scene – Science: selected by the Europe team of Table.Media to be among the top 10 academics in the German-speaking EU scene: <https://table.media/en/europe/analyse/the-key-players-on-the-eu-scene-science/>

**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)

**Media Coverage**

Cited and interviewed over 200 times on TV, radio and newspapers, including by: *Tagesschau* (German Television evening news), *Tagesschau24*, *NOS* (Dutch Television evening news); *France Télévisions*, *Financial Times*, *Newsweek*, *El País*, *Reuters*, *Deutschlandfunk*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *DIE ZEIT*, *Handelsblatt*, *Tagesspiegel*, *MIT Technology Review German Edition*

**Policy Advice (Selection)**

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