

Curriculum vitae Prof. Dr. iur. Kurt Pärli, 26.01.1963

Education

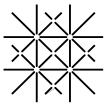
- Habilitation (post PhD) at the University of St. Gallen on "Vertragsfreiheit, Gleichbehandlung und Diskriminierung im privatrechtlichen Arbeitsverhältnis" ("Freedom of contract, equality and discrimination in private employment"), Venia Legendi for labor and social security law.
- Dissertation (PhD) at the University of St. Gallen on "Datenaustausch Arbeitgeber und Versicherung" ("Data exchange between insurance and employer"), summa cum laude.
- Studies in Social Work (BA) and Law (MA) in Berne, Freiburg and St. Gallen (1985-1988 and 1995-2003)

Professional Experience

- Since September 2023: Member of the "[Commission de planification académique](#)" of the Law Faculty of the University of Lausanne
- Since August 2023 Head of Research Center for Collective Labor Law and Participation ([KOAMI](#))
- January 2018-August 2022: [Dean of Research](#), Faculty of Law, University of Basel, Switzerland
- Since 1st February 2016: [Professor for Social Private Law](#), University of Basel, Switzerland
- 2016-2025: President of the [Swiss Section of International Society for Labour and Social Security Law \(ISLSSL\)](#), Member of the Executive Board from September 2025
- October/November 2025, *Professeur invité* at the Faculté de Droit et de Science Politique, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- July 2007-January 2016: Professorship at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences, School of Management and Law, Institute of Business Law, Winterthur, Switzerland
 - Head of Research, Department of Business Law
 - Head of [Center for Social Law](#)
 - Lecturer of Labour Law, Social Security and European Union Law
 - Additionally, from February 2011 onwards: Head of Center for Social Law
- Since 2009: Private Lecturer for Employment and Social Security Law at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- November/December 2013: Visiting Scholar at the "[Institute for Labour Rights](#)", UCL, London, United Kingdom
- 2008-2013: Member and Vice President of the Swiss National AIDS Commission (EKAF; since 2020 called "Federal Commission for Questions on Sexually Transmitted Infections", EKSI)
- August/September 2009: [Guest Researcher at the Center for Law and Society](#), University of California, Berkeley, USA
- March-June 2007: [Guest Researcher at the Faculty of Law](#), Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany
- 2001-February 2007: Professorship at the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Olten
- 2001-2006: Freelance worker at the Research Institute for Employment and Employment Law, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- 1988-2000: Social Worker and Lawyer / Legal practitioner in different Social and Health Care Institutions

Awards

- Walter Hug Award, University of St. Gallen (PhD Thesis), 2003



- Hans Mäder Award, University of St. Gallen (PhD Thesis), 2003
- Award of "Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Haftpflicht- und Versicherungsrecht" (PhD Thesis), 2004
- International Geneva Award – Swiss Network for International Studies ("Presenteeism, Its Effects and Costs: A Discussion in a Labour Law Perspective", in: International Journal of Comparative Labour Law – vol. 34), 2018

Research Projects

Ongoing projects (selection):

- Platform economy - labour law related matters, various projects
- Decent work conditions in the package delivery sector
- Mobilisation of employee rights by collective actors/stakeholders
- Commentary of AVEG (Federal law on the declaration on of general applicability of collective labor agreements)
- Monograph "Arbeitsrecht und Arbeitsverhältnis" ("Labour Law and Employment Relationship")

Terminated projects (selection):

- Commentary of Income Compensation Act
- Commentary of Right of Participation
- Work, illness, invalidity, labour and social security law aspects, 2nd edition
- Labour law in Switzerland, 5th edition
- Commentary of the DSG (Federal Act on Data Protection FADP) (2nd edition)
- Commentary of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Influence of labour and social security regulations on compliance towards corona measures
- Commentary of the Posted Workers Act, 2nd ed. (2021)
- "Working under the conditions of social welfare: legal framework, prevalence and regulatory gaps", 2016-2020, SNF (Swiss National Foundation)
- Commentary of the Posted Workers Act, 2016-2018
- "Einfluss des EU-Arbeitsrechts auf das schweizerische Arbeitsrecht ("Effects of EU-Labour Law on Swiss Labour Law"), financed by "Schweizerischer Nationalfonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung" (SNF), 2013-2015
- Protection of personality of police officers, legal opinion for the Swiss Association of Police Officers, 2013-2014
- Legal opinion for the Swiss Addiction Association on the question of the compatibility of a minimum price with the CH-EU Free Trade Agreement (together with Prof. Dr. iur. Jens Lehne), published in February 2014 in the trade journal Jusletter (abridged version)
- Handbook "Discrimination Protection Law", a project supported by the Federal Office for Equality of People with Disabilities and the Service for Combating Racism, Bern 2014
- Legal opinion for the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency on the question of protection against discrimination for chronically ill people, Berlin 2013
- Legal opinion "Datenaustausch in der Interinstitutionellen Zusammenarbeit IIZ" commissioned by SECO and the Federal Social Insurance Office, Bern 2012-2013

Publications and Lectures

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