

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bast

Education

2010	Habilitation by the Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt (lead reviewer: Prof. Dr. Armin von Bogdandy); award of the lecture qualification [venia legendi] for public law, European law, international law, and sociology of law
2005	PhD in law (Dr. jur.), Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt (thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Armin von Bogdandy)
2003	Second state examination in law (bar exam equivalent, eligibility for judgeship), Justizprüfungsamt Berlin
1999	First state examination in law (LL.M. equivalent), Justizprüfungsamt Hessen, subsequent to studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt
1997	Diploma in sociology (Dipl.-Soz., M.A. equivalent; thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Maus), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Frankfurt

Academic positions

since 2013	Professor of Public Law and European Law (full professor, W3), University of Giessen (until 10/2015: of Public Law)
5–6/2025	Visiting Professor at Department of Legal, Social, and Educational Sciences (DIKE), University of Tuscia, Viterbo
4–7/2024	Visiting Researcher at Department of Legal Studies, Central European University (CEU), Vienna
10/2021–3/2022	Senior Research Affiliate at Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg
4–9/2017	Guest Researcher at Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) “Bedrohte Ordnungen/Threatened Orders”, University of Tübingen
2–3/2017	Visiting Professor at National Center of Competence in Research “The Migration-Mobility Nexus” (nccr – on the move), University of Fribourg, Switzerland
12/2015	Visiting Lecturer at Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC), Israel
2012–2013	Hoogleraar (full professor) of International and European Law, Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
2010–2012	Interim professorship [Lehrstuhlvertretung] at University of Frankfurt, University of Hannover, University of Bielefeld, Humboldt University of Berlin, and University of Leipzig
5–7/2009	Visiting Researcher at Centre for Migration Law (CMR), Radboud University Nijmegen
2003–2012	Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg
2001–2003	Judicial Service Trainee, High Court of Berlin [Kammergericht]
1998–2001	Junior Researcher and Lecturer [Wiss. Mitarbeiter] at the Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt

Academic activities

- Spokesperson and PI of the DFG Research Group “Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies” (MeDiMi) (since 2022, end of first project phase 8/2026)

- Academic director of the Refugee Law Clinic Giessen (since 2015) and member of the advisory board of the umbrella association “Refugee Law Clinics Deutschland” (2016–2024)
- Convener of the “Research Network Migration and Human Rights” (FMM, since 2014) and spokesperson of the “Accent Area of Research: Migration and Human Rights” of the Faculties of the University of Giessen (since 2019)
- Reviewer for the European Research Council (a.o. Panel Member of the ERC Starting Grant Panel SH2 “Institutions, values, beliefs and behavior” in the Calls 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018, ultimately as Deputy Panel Chair), DFG (a.o. Leibniz Prize), Max Planck Society (Otto Hahn Medaille), Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and various journals and foundations, including Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Vertrauensdozent)
- Member of editorial boards: Zeitschrift für Ausländerrecht und Ausländerpolitik (ZAR); Verfassung und Recht in Übersee/World Comparative Law (VRÜ/WCL), Nomos book series “Schriften zum Migrationsrecht”
- Member of academic advisory boards (journals): European Journal of Migration and Law (EJML), German Law Journal (GLJ, since 2022 Advisory Board, 2014–2022 Editorial Board); Zeitschrift für Flucht- und Flüchtlingsforschung/German Journal of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies (Z’Flucht); Zeitschrift für Migrationsforschung/Journal of Migration Studies (ZFM); Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht/Austrian Journal of Public Law (ZÖR)

Awards and prizes

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| 2015 | “Peter Becker-Preis für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung 2014”, University of Marburg, honoring the Refugee Law Clinic Gießen |
| 1996 | “Werner-Pünder-Preis 1996”, University of Frankfurt, honoring the diploma thesis |

Experience in third-party funding

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| 2022–2026 | Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Research Group “Menschenrechtsdiskurse in der Migrationsgesellschaft/Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies” (MeDiMi) (FOR 5321); spokesperson, head of the coordination unit and PI of the sub-project “Territoriality, Public Authority, and Human Rights: the EU’s Border Regimes” |
| 2019–2025 | Indian & European Advanced Research Network (IEARN), project “Transformative Constitutionalism in India and the EU”; co-project leader, with Prof. Dr. Philipp Dann (HU Berlin) und Prof. Dr. Arun K. Thiruvengadam (NLSIU Bangaluru) |
| 2021–2022 | DFG/Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (Leibniz Prize), “Unionsverfassungsrecht”; co-project leader, with Prof. Dr. Armin von Bogdandy (MPIL Heidelberg) |
| 2020–2023 | EU Horizon 2020, “PROTECT – The Right to International Protection: A Pendulum between Globalization and Nativization” (EU project 870761); co-project leader WP2, with Prof. Dr. Elspeth Guild (QMU London) |
| 2018–2021 | Stiftung Mercator, study “Menschenrechtliche Herausforderungen für die Europäische Migrationspolitik” (REMAP); project leader |
| 2018–2019 | Forschungscampus Mittelhessen (Flexi-Funds), project development “Menschenrechtsdiskurse in der Migrationsgesellschaft”; project leader |
| 2017 | DFG/SFB 923 “Bedrohte Ordnungen/Threatened Orders”, project “Bedrohte Territorialität – rechtswissenschaftliche Diskurse über Durchlässigkeit und Schließung von Grenzen in der sog. Flüchtlingskrise 2015/2016”; project leader |

2016–2017 Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, conferences “Constitutional Identity in the Age of Global Immigration” and “Immigration, Citizenship, and Constitutional Identity: Germany in a Global Perspective”, Berlin, Berlin, 9/10 June 2016 and 30 June/1 July 2017; co-project leader, with Dr. Liav Orgad (WZB Berlin/EUI Florenz/IDC Herzliya)

Publications

a) Representative publications

- (2025) Unionsverfassungsrecht. Eine Neubestimmung anhand der Grundlagen im EU-Vertrag, Baden-Baden: Nomos, doi.org/10.5771/9783748945468 (ed. with Armin von Bogdandy).
- (2022) Human Rights Challenges to European Migration Policy. The REMAP Study, Baden-Baden/Oxford: Nomos/Hart, doi.org/10.5771/9783748926740 (with Frederik von Harbou and Janna Wessels).
- (2011) Aufenthaltsrecht und Migrationssteuerung, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- (2006) Grundbegriffe der Handlungsformen der EU – entwickelt am Beschluss als praxisgenerierter Handlungsform des Unions- und Gemeinschaftsrechts, Heidelberg u.a.: Springer.
- (1999) Totalitärer Pluralismus. Zu Franz L. Neumanns Analysen der politischen und rechtlichen Struktur der NS-Herrschaft, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- (2024) The Constitutional Core of the Union. On the CJEU’s New, Principled Constitutionalism, Common Market Law Review (CML Rev.), 62(6), 1471–1500, doi.org/10.54648/cola2024099 (with Armin von Bogdandy).
- (2023) Enhancing the Rights of Protection-seeking Migrants through the Global Compact for Migration. The Case of EU Asylum Policy, International Journal of Refugee Law (IJRL), 35(4), 461–474, doi.org/10.1093/ijrl/eead007 (with Pauline Endres de Oliveira and Janna Wessels).
- (2021) Origins and Pathways of Constitutionalism, in: Dann, Philipp/Thiruvengadam, Arun K. (eds.) Democratic Constitutionalism in India and the European Union. Comparing the Law of Democracy in Continental Polities, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 75–103, doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3642530 (with Arun K. Thiruvengadam).
- (2012) New Categories of Acts after the Lisbon Reform. Dynamics of Parliamentarization in EU Law, Common Market Law Review (CML Rev.), 49(3), 885–928, doi.org/10.54648/cola2012034.
- (2009) Principles of European Constitutional Law, 2. rev. edition, Oxford/Munich: Hart Publishing/C.H. Beck (ed. with Armin von Bogdandy).

b) Further project-related publications

- (2026) Humanrightization of Migration Discourses. A Conceptual Framework, Journal of Human Rights Practice, 18(1), February 2026, doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/uaaf044 (with Susanne Buckley-Zistel [first author] and Laura Holderied).
- (2025) The Trajectory of the European Court of Human Rights in Migration Matters, MeDiMi Working Paper Nr. 3, doi.org/10.22029/jlupub-20502 (with Janna Wessels).
- (2024) The Rise of Human Rights Limits to Migration Control. A European Perspective, AJIL Unbound, 118(6), Symposium. Unsettling the Sovereign ‘Right to Exclude’, 208–213, doi.org/10.1017/aju.2024.35.
- (2022) A Global View on the Global Compact for Migration, World Comparative Law (VRÜ/WCL) Special Issue, 55(3), 3–104 (ed. with Anuscheh Farahat).
- (2016) Deepening Supranational Integration. Interstate Solidarity in EU Migration Law, European Public Law (EPL), 22(2), 289–304, doi.org/10.4337/9781783477784.00011.