

# CHARLOTTE SIEBER-GASSER

## PERSONAL INFORMATION



Born 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1982 in Zurich.

Swiss National. Married.

Mother of Nils, born 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010,  
and of Miro, born 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2012.

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## EDUCATION

- 09.2009 – 05.2014 **PhD in Law**, World Trade Institute and NCCR trade regulation, University of Bern  
«South-South Preferential Trade Agreements in Services: Exploring the Scope for Development in International Economic Law» (summa cum laude)  
Examined by Prof. Thomas Cottier (1<sup>st</sup>, University of Bern), and Prof. Markus Krajewski (2<sup>nd</sup>, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- 09.2008 – 08.2009 **Master of Arts Development Studies**, Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester  
Graduating among others in Sociology of Law; Legal Issues in Emerging Markets; Governance and Development; Economic Development; Political Economy of Development
- 09.2006 – 08.2008 **Master of Law**, University of Bern  
Special Mention International and European Law
- 09.2003 – 08.2006 **Bachelor of Law**, University of Fribourg
- 08.1995 – 08.2002 **Matura** (university entrance certificate), Kantonsschule Zürcher Unterland, Bülach  
Graduation in Sports and Arts
- 08.2000 – 07.2001 Exchange year at Österport Gymnasiet, Ystad, Sweden  
**Student Examen** (university entrance certificate), Graduation in Languages and Sports

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since 02.2015 **Visiting Research Fellow**, Centre of Economic Integration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva  
Working on three individual NCCR research projects (1. Diffusion of Commitments in Services Trade Liberalisation; 2. Compliance with Services Commitments in PTAs; and 3. Regulation of South-South Labour Migration outside PTAs); participating in and contributing to events and seminars; advisor in the law clinics of Prof. Joost Pauwelyn
- 09.2014 – 06.2015 **Tutor / Lecturer**, Institute for European and International Economic Law (IEW), University of Bern  
Lectures, seminars and exercises in European Law and in International Trade Regulation; supervision of master theses in International Economic Law, European Law and Swiss-EU Bilateral Relations; other publications and legal opinions as part of the wider cooperation with the IEW

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- Since 06.2014 **Post-Doctoral Fellow / Lecturer**, World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Bern, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), part of the research conducted within the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) on International Trade Regulation
- Member of the NCCR work packages WP2 (Preferential Trade) and WP4 (Migration); other publications and legal opinions as part of the wider cooperation with the WTI; lectures in Public International Law, Law and Development, and Trade Law; supervision of MILE theses
- 10.2009 – 04.2014 **Doctoral Fellow**, World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Bern, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), part of the research conducted within the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) on International Trade Regulation
- Member of the NCCR workpackages WP2 (Preferential Trade) and WP4 (Migration); author in a number of publications; co-author of legal opinions; organisation and contribution to events of the WTI/NCCR
- On Maternity Leave February 2010 – July 2010, and August 2012 – January 2013
- 09.2003 – 08.2008 **Assistant**, RA Alain Luchsinger, law firm, Zurich
- Executive Board Assistant**, EB Zurich, school for continuing education, Zurich
- 05.2003 – 08.2003 Travel through Eastern Europe and Scandinavia
- 09.2002 – 04.2003 **Executive Board Assistant**, EB Zurich, school for continuing education, Zurich

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 09.2015 – 10.2015 **«Europe and USA – Together Apart? The Case of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership TTIP»**, (Master-Level) seminar, University of St.Gallen, 6 Lessons: Mega regional trade agreements in general, transatlantic trade negotiations, negotiation simulation on investor-state-arbitration
- 06.2015 – 10.2015 **Supervisor** at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern, supervising MILE theses on legal aspects of tied aid by India, on tied aid in general, and on labour standards in International Economic Law
- 02.2015 – 06.2015 **«CETA and the EFTA-Canada FTA: Implications for Switzerland»**, (Master-Level) seminar, University of Bern, together with Prof. Thomas Cottier
- 12.2014 **«The Law of Non-Discrimination»**, MILE, WTI and University of Bern, 3 Lessons: Introduction into the principle of Non-Discrimination in WTO-Law
- 11.2014 – 12.2014 **«Introduction to European Law»**, (Bachelor-Level) University of Bern, 6 Lessons: Exercises based on the discussion of Case-Law; 3 Cases
- 10.2014 – 12.2014 **«International Trade Regulation»**, (Master-Level) University of Bern, 12 Lessons: lectures include Regionalism, Direct Effect of WTO-Law, Special and Differential Treatment, Labour Migration, GATS Case-Law, and WTO-Law in the broader context of Public International Law
- 09.2014 – 06.2015 **Tutor** at the Institute for European and International Economic Law (IEW), University of Bern, supervision of more than 19 master theses in European Law, Swiss-EU Bilateral Relations and International Economic Law
- 09.2014 **«Law and Development»**, MILE, WTI and University of Bern, 5 Lessons: Amartya Sen's Capability Approach and other theories of development, case study on the interaction of social and legal norms
- 07.2014 **«The Law of Non-Discrimination: GATS and Services»**, WTI Summer Academy and University of Bern, two day course / 10 Lessons, together with Dr. Nicolas Diebold
- 10.2013 – 07.2015 **Tutor** in the WTI/CMP Publishing Distance Learning Programme

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## CONFERENCES, PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 09.2015      **«TTIP and Third Countries»**, invited speaker, Panel on PTAs, Mega-Regionals and the WTO, World Trade Forum, University of Bern, 24-25 September 2015, Bern
- 09.2015      **«Democratic Legitimation of Trade Agreements in Switzerland»**, presentation, Conference on International Law and Domestic Law-Making Processes, University of Basel, 4 September 2015, Basel
- 07.2015      **«The WTO, bilateral, regional and plurilateral agreements»**, invited speaker, Geneva Debates, 8-12 June 2015, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Geneva
- 06.2015      **Panelist**, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, Final Round, 2-7 July 2015, Geneva
- 05.2015      **Panelist**, Public Debate on the EU as a threat to or a guardian of democracy, with MPs M. Näf and L. Stamm, organised by zurichsalon.org, 26 May 2015, Zurich
- 04.2015      **«Die Transatlantische Handels- und Investitionspartnerschaft USA-EU (TTIP) und die Schweiz»**, invited speaker, lecture series, IVR-Europagruppe, 28 April 2015, University of Zurich, Zurich
- 03.2015      **Panelist**, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, Regional Round, 23-27 March 2015, Halle
- 07.2015      **«Report of the ESIL IEL IG Göttingen Conference on PTAs»**, presentation, ESIL, SIEL Biennial Conference, 10-12 July 2014, Bern
- 06.2015      **«Preferential Services Trade Agreements between Developing Countries – Where, When, and What?»**, presentation, Brown Bag Seminar Series, World Trade Institute, 11 June 2014, Bern
- 06.2015      **Panelist**, Public Debate on the role of free trade agreements in strengthening human rights, with Prof. O. Diggelmann and Prof. C. Scherrer, organised by Erklärung von Bern and Foraus, 19 June 2014, Zurich
- 03.2015      **Panelist**, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, Regional Round, 26-30 March 2015, Warsaw
- 03.2015      **«The Evolutionary Interaction of Preferentialism and Multilateralism: Two Cases»**, presentation, ESIL IEL IG Göttingen Conference on PTAs and World Economic Order, 6-8 March 2015, Göttingen
- 09.2013      **«PTAs and Multilateralism»**, presentation with T. Cottier, World Trade Forum, World Trade Institute, 27-28 September 2013, Bern
- 11.2012      **«Das Prinzip der Freizügigkeit: Eine Idee für alle?»**, presentation, doctoral seminar of the Centre de Droit des Migrations (CDM), 30 November 2015, Solothurn
- 12.2011      **«The Scope of GATS V: Towards more Flexibility for the South»**, presentation, Brown Bag Seminar Series, World Trade Institute, 14 December 2011, Bern
- 11.2011      **«Arbeitsmigration im Investitions- und Handelsrecht»**, presentation, doctoral seminar of the Centre de Droit des Migrations (CDM), 4-5 November 2011, Solothurn
- 09.2011      **«Trade Policy, Investment and Migration: The Liberalisation Paradigm»**, presentation with T. Cottier, Global Forum on Migration and Development, 13-15 September, Bern
- 05.2011      **«The Legal Character of Sino-African Tied Aid: Cunning Fox or Wise Dragon?»**, presentation, 1<sup>st</sup> African IEL Regional Conference, University of Witwatersrand, 5-6 May 2011, Johannesburg
- 11.2010      **«Will China stimulate value added chains in Africa? A Case Study»**, presentation, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual TRAPCA Trade Conference, 25-26 November 2010, Arusha
- 06.2010      **«Legal Framework for Cross-Regional Networks: The Case of Services and Migration»**, presentation, International Conference on the Political Economy of Liberalising Trade in Services, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 14-15 June 2010, Jerusalem

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## OTHER EXPERIENCES

Media / Press	<p>Interview with Aargauerzeitung on the TTIP and Switzerland, October 2015; Discussion with Tagesanzeiger on the TTIP and Switzerland, May 2015; Press conference on the Seco-Study on the potential impacts of the T-TIP on Switzerland, July 2014; Interview with UniPress in the context of the Science Night of the University of Bern, May 2014; Interviews with several newspapers on the initiative on mass immigration and free trade agreements, March 2014</p> <p>Newspaper article's referring to my research:</p> <p>"Zweifel an Vereinbarkeit mit Freihandelsabkommen", NZZ, March 1 2014: <a href="http://www.nzz.ch/schweiz/zweifel-an-vereinbarkeit-mit-freihandelsabkommen-1.18253721">http://www.nzz.ch/schweiz/zweifel-an-vereinbarkeit-mit-freihandelsabkommen-1.18253721</a></p> <p>"Die Fakten zum grössten Wirtschaftsraum aller Zeiten", Tagesanzeiger, June 5 2015: <a href="http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/schweiz/standard/Die-Fakten-zum-groessten-Wirtschaftsraum-aller-Zeiten/story/18376180">http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/schweiz/standard/Die-Fakten-zum-groessten-Wirtschaftsraum-aller-Zeiten/story/18376180</a></p> <p>"Die Schweiz liegt nun mitten im Pazifik", Aargauerzeitung, October 10 2015: <a href="http://www.aargauerzeitung.ch/wirtschaft/die-schweiz-liegt-nun-mitten-im-pazifik-129632792">http://www.aargauerzeitung.ch/wirtschaft/die-schweiz-liegt-nun-mitten-im-pazifik-129632792</a></p>
Organisation	<p>Simulation of the public debate on the Fair-Food Initiative, Science Night of the University of Bern, September 2014; Biennial Conference 2014 of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), July 2014; Doctoral seminar of the NCCR trade regulation, April 2013; Dispute Settlement Simulation, Science Night of the University of Bern, September 2011; French-Swiss Seminar for BeNeFri Master-students and students of the Université Montpellier II on migration, autumn/winter 2011.</p>
Politics/Leadership	<p>Advisor to the board of «Operation Libero» on foreign policy (2015); Founding member and former chairwoman of the pro-european youth organisation «young european swiss», Member of the board in a number of European organisations in Switzerland, Member of the steering committee of the national youth campaigns «erweiterung.ch» and «Ja zum Osthilfegesetz» (2002-2008).</p>

## LANGUAGES

German	C2	Mother tongue
English	C2	Very good (IELTS)
Swedish	C2	Very good
French	C1	Very good
Spanish	A2	Basic knowledge

## MEMBERSHIPS AND INTERESTS

Since 2008	<p>Member of the board of «La Suisse En Europe»; Member of Advocates for International Development (A4ID); Member of Juristinnen Schweiz; Founding member and member of the editorial board of «sui generis» (Swiss open source journal in law); Founding member and member of the board of gleichbeRICHTIG (Swiss association for gender equality)</p> <p>Family, Sports, Music and Photography</p>
Until 2008	<p>Volleyball Juniorinnen A and Damen 1, 1. Liga, VBC ZU (1996 – 2003), Damen 2, 2. Liga, TSV Düringen (2004 – 2005) and Damen 2, 4. Liga, VBC KSOE (2007 – 2008)</p>

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## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

-- Post-Doctoral Publications--

### BOOKS

forthcoming      *Developing Countries and Preferential Services Trade*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

forthcoming      «Challenging Democratic Legitimation of Trade Policy: TTIP, Democracy and the Market in the Swiss Constitution», *Jusletter*, 12/2015. (currently in peer review)

                     «TTIP and Swiss Democracy», *European Yearbook of International Economic Law (EY-IEL)*, Springer, Heidelberg.

2015                «Das Ende der Bilateralen Handelsabkommen: Was Mega-Abkommen wie das Freihandelsabkommen EU-USA für die Schweiz bedeuten», *sui generis*, [www.sui-generis.ch](http://www.sui-generis.ch).

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

forthcoming      «Various Contributions», among others on GATS mode 4, Special and Differential Treatment, Labour Migration, and Preferential Trade Agreements, In: T. Cottier and K. Nadakavukaren Schefer (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of International Economic Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

2015                «The Dialectical Relationship of Preferentialism and Multilateralism», In: M. Elsig and A. Dür (eds.), *Trade Cooperation: The Purpose, Design and Effects of Preferential Trade Agreements*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, with T. Cottier and G. Wermelinger.

                     «Trade, Investment and Migration: Coherence through Policy Alignment», In: M. Panizzon, G. Zürcher and E. Fornalé (eds.), *Palgrave Handbook on the Law and Policy of International Labour Migration*, Palgrave Macmillan, Hampshire, with T. Cottier.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

2014                «Mögliche Auswirkungen eines Handels- und Investitionsschutzabkommens EU-USA auf die Schweiz», *Die Volkswirtschaft*, vol. 87, no. 7/8-2014, pp. 53-6, with T. Cottier et al.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2014                «Zum Freihandelsabkommen EU-USA: Auswirkungen auf die Schweiz», *inside*, no. 04/2014, Swiss Technology Network, Volketswil, with J. Francois.

### EXPERT OPINIONS

2014                «Potential Impacts of a EU-US Free Trade Agreement on the Swiss Economy and External Economic Relations», *Rechtsgutachten* erstattet Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft SECO, with T. Cottier et al.

Contribution: Chapter on implications for the services industry, draft and revision of general remarks on the broader regulatory implications, summary.

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-- Pre-Doctoral Publications --

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2014                      «Der Dritte Weg zur Vierten Freiheit – Von bestehenden und künftigen Konflikten zwischen Handels- und Migrationsrecht», *Jusletter* 17. März 2014, with S. Schlegel.
- 2013                      «Variationen der regionalen Personenfreizügigkeit», *Jusletter* 18. März 2013.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2012                      «Legal Aspects of Sino-African Tied Aid», In: E. T. Laryea, N. Madolo and F. Sucker (eds.), *International Economic Law: Voices of Africa*, Siber Ink, Cape Town, pp. 110-130. (peer reviewed)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2013                      «The Jurisprudence of the World Trade Organisation 2012», *SZIER*, 3/2013, with T. Cottier et al.
- Contribution: China – Electronic Payment Services.

## NCCR WORKING PAPERS

- 2012                      «The Principle of Proportionality in International Law», *Working Paper No 2012/38*, [http://www.wti.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/nccr-trade.ch/wp3/publications/Proportionality\\_final\\_29102012\\_with\\_NCCR\\_coversheet.pdf](http://www.wti.org/fileadmin/user_upload/nccr-trade.ch/wp3/publications/Proportionality_final_29102012_with_NCCR_coversheet.pdf), with T. Cottier et al.

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- 2014                      «The Evolutionary Interaction of Preferentialism and Multilateralism: Two Cases», conference paper, Göttingen Conference on PTAs and World Economic Order, Göttingen.
- 2012                      «Das Prinzip der Freizügigkeit: Eine Idee für alle?», conference paper, doctoral seminar of the Centre de Droit des Migrations (CDM), Solothurn.
- «The Scope of GATS V: Towards more Flexibility for the South», conference paper, 1<sup>st</sup> Postgraduate and Early Professionals and Academics Conference of the Society of International Law (PEPA/SIEL), University of Hamburg, Hamburg.
- 2011                      «Arbeitsmigration im Investitions- und Handelsrecht», conference paper, doctoral seminar of the Centre de Droit des Migrations (CDM), Solothurn.
- «The Legal Character of Sino-African Tied Aid: Cunning Fox or Wise Dragon?», conference paper, 1<sup>st</sup> African IEL Regional Conference, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.
- «Trade Policy, Investment and Migration: The Liberalisation Paradigm», conference paper, Global Forum on Migration and Development, Bern, with T. Cottier.
- 2010                      «Will China stimulate value added chains in Africa? A Case Study», conference paper, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual TRAPCA Trade Conference, Arusha.
- «Legal Framework for Cross-Regional Networks: The Case of Services and Migration», conference paper, International Conference on the Political Economy of Liberalising Trade in Services, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, with M. Panizzon.
- 2009                      «The Killings of Albinos in Tanzania: On the Adaptation of the Legal System to the Cultural Challenge», master thesis, MA Development Studies, University of Manchester.

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2008 «Die Implementierung von Art. 10 & 11 EMRK in Russland», master thesis, Master of Law, University of Bern.

## EXPERT OPINIONS

2013 «Auswirkungen der SVP-Volksinitiative ‘Gegen Masseneinwanderung’ auf internationale Verpflichtungen der Schweiz», *Rechtsgutachten* erstattet Economiesuisse, with T. Cottier.

Contribution: First draft, revisions.