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BAR ADMISSIONS

Germany • England and Wales • United Arab Emirates

EDUCATION

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Master of Laws (LL.M.): International Business Law: Commercial Transactions (<i>cum laude</i> , Valedictorian)	Netherlands 09/2021 – 07/2022
Higher Regional Court of Bamberg Legal Clerkship (Second State Examination in Law)	Germany 10/2018 – 12/2020
San Diego State University Study Abroad Semester	USA 09/2014 – 01/2015
Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg Law (First State Examination in Law)	Germany 04/2011 – 06/2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOAS University of London Research Fellow	Remote 06/2026 – 05/2028
Daburon & Partners Legal Consultants LLP Of Counsel	Remote 07/2025 – Present
Rödl & Partner Manager: Corporate & Contracts, M&A; AI; Data Protection	UAE & KSA 11/2023 – 06/2025
Daburon & Partners Legal Consultants LLP Senior Legal Consultant: Corporate & Contracts, Arbitration, Real Estate	UAE 01/2021 – 11/2023
Daburon & Partners Legal Consultants LLP Legal Consultant: Corporate & Contracts, Labour, Tax, Inheritance	UAE 09/2017 – 01/2021

DISSEMINATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Legal Presentations and Workshops

– German Emirati Joint Council “Market Entry in the UAE”	Dubai 06/11/2024
– German Emirati Joint Council “UAE: Legal Updates 2024”	Dubai 12/02/2024
– German Chamber of Commerce and Industry “Market Entry into the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East”	Germany 02/2024
– Netherlands Business Council “Commercial Contracts in the UAE: Practical Examples and What Really Matters When Drawing Up or Signing Commercial Contracts”	Dubai 15/03/2023
– Austrian Business Council “Commercial Contracts: Litigation or Arbitration? Local Law or Foreign Law? What really matters before entering into a contract”	Dubai 02/11/2022

Panel Discussions

- **MENA Forum Bayern 2025, Chamber of Industry and Commerce** **Munich**
“The MENA Region: Geopolitical Challenges and Economic Opportunities” 22/05/2025
- **27th Arab-German Business Forum, Ghorfa** **Berlin**
“Beyond Borders: Capitalising on Investment Opportunities in Arab Special & Free Zones” 03/06/2024

Online Webinars

- **Webinar Series ‘Global Law Insights’, Rödl**
“Law Insights in Dubai (UAE)” 29/04/2025
- **German-Saudi Arabian Liaison Office for Economic Affairs (GESALO)**
“Navigating Saudi Arabia’s Personal Data Protection Law” 25/02/2025

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- **Who Counts as a Family in Europe?** 2027 (in prep.)
Together with Yafa Shanneik & Merna Aboul-Ezz, ‘Who Counts as a Family in Europe: Polygamous Refugees and the Boundaries of Recognition’. Journal of Law and Society
- **‘Forced Divorce’: Syrian Refugees and the Act to Combat Child Marriage in Germany** 2026 (in print)
Together with Yafa Shanneik & Schirin Vahle. In P. Berta (Ed.), Politics of Marriage and Gender: Global Issues in Local Contexts. Rutgers University Press

Legal Journal Articles

- **Real Estate Acquisition in the United Arab Emirates** 06/2022
Together with Kaleb Kitzmüller, ‘Der Immobilienerwerb in den Vereinigten Arabischen Emiraten’ (2022) 4(6) immo aktuell 316-320

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Regionalverband Würzburg e.V.** **Germany**
Integration Support to Families Seeking Asylum 03/2021 – 03/2022
- Federal Office for Migration and Refugees** **Germany**
Translator (Arabic, German, English): Asylum Applications and Proceedings 06/2016 – 02/2017

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native speaker) • German (native speaker) • English (fluent) • French (beginner)

ACADEMIC REFEREES

Dr. Thibault Schrepel (Associate Professor): t.schrepel@vu.nl
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