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Education

- Doctoral Student, University of Oxford (United Kingdom), Thesis title: *Freedom of Religion or Belief the Quest for Religious Autonomy*. Oct. 2002 Jan. 2009.
- Doctoral Student, University of Tartu (Estonia), Sept. 2001- Sept. 2002
- Magister iuris, University of Tartu (Estonia), Sept. 1996 Nov. 2000 (summa cum laude)
- B.A., Faculty of Law, University of Tartu (Estonia), Sept. 1992 June 1996

Recent positions:

- Lecturer of International Law and EU Law, Chair of Public International Law, Faculty of Law University of Tartu (Estonia), 2001-2007
- Fellow of Estonian Law Centre Foundation (NGO), Responsible for legal analysis of Estonian Supreme Court decisions relating to constitutional rights and human rights, 2007-current.

Key qualifications:

Public International Law, Human Rights, Comparative Human Rights, Constitutional Law, Freedom of Religion or Belief, Religious Autonomy, Human Rights in EU, EU Law, Regulatory Impact Analysis.

Professional experience:

- Tutor/Graduate Teaching Assistant in Public International Law, University of Oxford, Balliol College, United Kingdom, 2005-2006.
- Lecturer of International Law and EU Law, University of Tartu, Faculty of Law, September 2001–2007

- Fellow, Responsible for legal analysis of the Estonian Supreme Court decisions relating to constitutional rights and human rights, 2007-2008, Estonian Law Centre Foundation (NGO)
- Research Assistant of Prof. Kalypso Nikolaidis, University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, 2005-2006.
- Fellow of the Constitutional Law Institute, Estonian Law Centre Foundation (NGO), February 2001–2005
- Assistant in International Law and EC Law, University of Tartu, Faculty of Law, September 1998–2001. Responsible for teaching international law, human rights, supervision of undergraduate students, administration and organising conferences.
- Lawyer and Programme Coordinator, Estonian Law Centre Foundation (NGO), October 1996–February 1999 The ELC is a non-governmental organization providing continuing legal education for Estonian judges, prosecutors, lawyers and notaries. I was responsible for developing training programs, teaching and organizing seminars and conferences. I delivered lectures on law and religion and on international protection of human rights at the seminars targeted at prosecutors, chief policemen and lawyers.
- Secretary for the Commission for Restoring Illegally Expropriated Property, Ida-Virumaa County Government, Estonia, 1991–1992

Teaching practice

- a. International Law
- b. Human Rights
- c. Freedom of Religion
- d. EU Human Rights Law
- e. Constitutional Rights

Other Training

- Teacher Trasining, University of Oxford, May 2005
- Åbo Akademi University, Institute for Human Rights, Finland. Advanced Course on Human Rights, 2002
- Visiting Scholar, University of Helsinki, Finland, April 2002
- Visiting Scholar, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, January 2002
- Teacher Training, EU Law, Public School of Administration, Denmark, Copenhagen, 2001.
- Visiting Scholar, Oxford University, United Kingdom, 1999–2000
- Åbo Akademi University, Institute for Human Rights, Finland. Basic Course on Human Rights, 1999
- Central European University, Summer University, Hungary. Course on Legal Theory and Judicial Review, Summer, 1998
- Helsinki Committee, European Council, Training and Internship Programme for Central-and East-European Jurists: The Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights, 1998
- EuroFaculty/University of Helsinki, Finland, Advanced Study of Human Rights, 1994

- Report on Forced Marriages and Honour Killings for Prof. G. Robbers (University of Trier, 2007-2008)
- Report on Ritual Slaughter for Prof. S. Ferrari (University of Milan, European Commission, 2007-2008)
- Estonian Educational Trust, London, an award for study-support, 2007
- Kristjan-Jaak Scholarship, Ministry of Education and Research of Estonia/Foundation Archimedes, 2005-2006 for Ph.D. studies at the University of Oxford
- Estonian Student Fund in USA, 2005-2006 for Ph.D. studies at the University of Oxford
- Scatcherd European Scholarship (Oxford) 2002-2005 for Ph.D. studies at the University of Oxford
- Travel Grant, University of Oxford, Wolfson College, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007.
- Travel Grant, Univesity of Oxford, Faculty of Law, 2003 and 2007.
- Hermanni Reisistipendium [research and travel grant], AS Hermann Reisid, 2002
- OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarship 1999-2000 for studying at the University of Oxford
- Margot M. and Herbert R. Linna Scholarship of Estonian World Council (US), 2001-2002
- Fellow of the project: Constitutional Law Institute. Estonian Law Centre Foundation, 2001–2005
- Team leader and one of the authors of the textbook 'International Law' (University of Tartu, 2004-2007, Tallinn: Juura, 2007). Chapters: International Human Rights, Theory of International Law, Recognition of States, Jurisdictions and Immunities, Use of Force.
- Phare Conditional Grant, EuroFaculty, University of Tartu, Human Rights in European Union. For creation of a course and course materials (textbook) on EU Law, September—December 2000
- Project leader of Estonian Law Centre (ELC) publication: 'Textbook on Legal Drafting and the Principle of Rule of Law', 1998–1999. The aim of the project was to create a textbook for MP-s and civil servants on Legal Drafting. In addition to project/team leading my task was to write a chapter on Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) – ex ante and ex post facto (before and after legislation is passed)
- Open Estonia Foundation (OEF) grant No E97-14.01.03 for editing and publication of Benchbook for Judges, 1996
- Project leader of Estonian Law Centre Foundation publication: Benchbook for Judges, 1996–1998
- Grants for studying/research in Finland (Helsinki University, Åbo Akademi University), the Netherlands, Hungary (Central European University), Great Britain (University of Oxford), Denmark (School of Public Administration).

Publications (1996–2008, main):

- Kiviorg, M, 'Law and Religion in Estonia', *International Encyclopaedia of Laws*, *Religion Law* (Kluwer Law International, contract signed, 200-250 pp monograph expected for publishing in 2009).
- Kiviorg, M. 'EU Practices and Approaches to Registration of Religious Organizations' Published by National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine/Centre for Religious Information and Freedom. (in publication 2008)
- Kiviorg, M, 'Financing of Religious Communities in Estonia' in *Financing of Religious Communities* (Peeters, in publication 2008)
- Kiviorg, M., 'Estonia At-a-Glance' in G. Robbers (ed.), *Encyclopaedia of World Constitutions*, (New York: Facts on File, 2007), pp. 295-299.
- Kiviorg, M., Land, K., Vallikivi, H., Miil, K, Rahvusvaheline õigus [International

- Law], 3nd Edition (Tallinn: Juura, 2007).
- Kiviorg, M., 'The Permissible Scope of Legal Limitations on the Freedom of Religion or Belief' in *Emory International Law Review*. Volume 19, Summer 2005, pp. 753-783.
- Kiviorg, M. 'State and Church in Estonia' in G. Robbers (ed.) *State and Church in European Union* 2nd edition (Nomos-Verlagsgesellschaft, Baden-Baden, 2005), pp 95-114.
- Kiviorg, M, 'Chiesa e Stato in Estonia' in Ferrari, S., W.C. Durham Jr., et al (eds.) *Diritto e Religione Nell'Europa Post-Communista*, (Bologna: Societá editrice il Mulino, 2004), pp. 131-160.
- Kiviorg, M., Land, K., Vallikivi, H., Miil, K, Rahvusvaheline õigus [International Law], 2nd Edition (Tallinn: Juura, 2004).
- Kiviorg, M, 'Law, Religion and Politics' in *Rechtstheorie. Zeitschrift für Logik, Methodenlehre, Kybernetik und Soziologie des Rechts* (Berlin: Duncker-Humblot, 2001).
- Kiviorg, M, 'Legal Status of Religious Communities in the Realms of Public and Private Law' in Juridica International. Law Review University of Tartu, 2001, VI.
- Kiviorg, M, 'Basic Concepts, Principles and Sources of Law of Religious Freedom' in Juridica, 2001, No. 1, pp. 23–34 (in Estonian).
- Kiviorg, M, 'Church and State in Estonia' in *European Journal for Church and State Research* (Peeters: Belgium, 2000), Vol. 7, pp. 317-338.
- Kiviorg, M. 'Church Autonomy in Estonia' in Robbers, G. (ed.). *Church Autonomy. A Comparative Survey* (Peter Lang: Frankfurt am Main, 2001), pp. 285-301.
- Kiviorg, M. 'Law on Religions: Individual and Collective Freedom of Religion'. Master Thesis (University of Tartu, 2000), (in Estonian).
- Kiviorg, M. 'Church Autonomy and Religious Liberty in Estonia' in Juridica International. Law Review. University of Tartu, IV, 1999, pp. 93–99.
- Kiviorg, M. 'Regulatory Impact Analysis: Comparative Overview of Estonian and Western Models' in Merusk, K., Kiviorg, M. (eds.). *Legal Drafting and the Principle of Rule of Law* (Tartu: Estonain Law Centre, 1999), (in Estonian).
- Kiviorg, M. 'Estonian Greek Orthodox Church and Objective Ecclesiastical Law' in Juridica, 1997, No. 10, pp. 518–523 (in Estonian).
- Kiviorg, M. 'The Law Regulating Religious Associations as Part of Public Law in the Republic of Estonia: Comparative Analysis of the Periods 1918–1940 and 1991–1996' in Juridica, 1997, No. 9, pp. 465–471 (in Estonian).
- Kiviorg, M. 'Comparative Analysis of Law on Religions in Estonia (1918–1940; 1991–1996)', Bachelor Thesis, 1996.

Participation in scientific conferences and seminars:

- Conference on Religion in Post-Modern Society: Conceptual, Social Political and Legal Aspects. 20.05 21.05.2008 Ukraine, Kiev. <u>Presentation:</u> 'EU Practices and Approaches to Registration of Religious Organizations'.
- Conference of the European Consortium for Church-State Research, Nicosia, Cyprus, 15-18.11.2007, Application of Article 9 of the ECHR in Domestic Courts. Report on Application of Article 9 of the ECHR in Estonian Courts.
- Religious Tolerance Opportunity, Obligation, Responsibility, Estonia, Tartu 2007, <u>Presentation</u> on Principles of Freedom of Religion or Belief in Estonian Constitutional Law.
- Conference of the European Consortium for Church-State Research, Sicily, Messina, 16-19.11.2006, Report on Financing of Religious Communities in Estonia.

- Conference of the European Consortium for Church-State Research, Sweden, Höör, 17-19.11.2005, Report on Church and Religious Entities as Legal Persons in Estonia.
- Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Department of Religious Affairs. Presentation on the history of the legal regulation of relations between the state and religious associations, 29 Sept, 2005.
- Conference 'Guantanomo Bay', University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 26-27.03. 2004. Organizing committee: student assistant.
- Forth Meeting of the European-American Law and Religion Consortium. The Permissible Scope of Legal Limitations on the Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Comparative Perspective. <u>Presentation</u> on Permissible Scope of Legal Limitations on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Budapest, 2003.
- Conference 'State and Church in the European Union' Germany, University of Trier, 4-5, July, 2003. <u>Conference of authors</u> of 2nd edition of G. Robbers (ed.) State and Church in the European Union.
- A Consultation of the Council of European Churches (CEC). Religious Freedom: Majority and Minority Communities in their Relation to the State. <u>Key speaker</u> on Tendencies in Church-State Relations Seen from an Eastern European Perspective. Austria, Vienna, 2002.
- Third Meeting of the European-American Law and Religion Consortium. The Permissible Scope of Legal Limitations on the Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Comparative Perspective. <u>Presentation</u> on Permissible Scope of Legal Limitations on Freedom of Religion and Belief in Estonia. Emory University, Atlanta, USA, 2002
- Conference on Privacy, Budapest, Hungary, 2001
- Conference on Law and Religion in Civic Society. <u>Presentation</u>: State and Religion in Estonia. Vilnius, Lithuania, 2000
- Colloquium of European Consortium for Church-State Research. <u>Presentation</u>: Church and State in Estonia. Strasbourg, France, 2000
- Conference: What do we Have in Common? Challenges on the Road to the 21st Century, University of York, United Kingdom, 2000
- International Symposium: Legislation and Legal Policy. <u>Written presentation</u>: Law, Religion and Politics. Tartu, Estonia, September 28–October 1, 2000
- Conference on Religious Liberty in Post-communist Countries. <u>Presentation:</u> Freedom of Religion and Belief in Estonia. Kiev, Ukraine, 1999
- International Conference on Law, Religion and Democratic Society. Organizer of the conference. Presentation: Law on Religions in Estonia. University of Tartu, Estonia, 1999.
- Second European/American Conference on Religious Freedom: Church Autonomy and Religious Liberty. Written presentation on Church Autonomy in Estonia. Trier, Germany, 1999
- Conference on Religious Pluralism in Northern Europe. <u>Presentation</u>: Law on Religions in Estonia. Riga, Latvia, 1999
- An International Workshop: Strengthening Independent Judiciaries: Strategies for Building Sustainable Judicial Organisations. Representative of Estonian Law Centre, Riga, Latvia, 1997

Professional activity and membership

Member of the European Consortium for Church-State Research, 2005-current

- Member of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS), 2007current
- Member of the Board of the Estonian Academic Law Society (EAÕS), 2000–2003; Member, 1998–current
- Member of the Ethical Committee of Biomedicine and Human Research, University of Tartu, 2000-2002
- Member of Estonian Branch of the International Law Association, 1999–current
- Member of the Working Group formed by Ministry of Internal Affairs for drafting the new Churches and Congregation Act, 1999–2000
- Advisor to Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs Department of Religious Affairs, Legal Chancellor and Office of the President on matters of religious freedom.
- Advisor to the Law Commission of the Estonian Parliament on validity of international contracts between Estonian Republic and Soviet Union.

Honours/Awards

- Open Estonia Foundation (OEF) Legal Research Competition: second award, 1996
- Estonian Ministry of Education Research Competition, Diploma, 2001.

Language skills (Marked 1 to 5 for competence, where 5 is the highest):

Language	Level	Passive	Spoken	Written
Estonian	Mother Tongue	5	5	5
English		5	5	5
Russian		5	5	3
Finish		4	3	1