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Civil status: Married with one child born in December 2022 and one due in December 2025.

### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

01.05.2025→01.04.2028 *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow* at Copenhagen University, iCourts Centre, Law Department: ADJUST project on the use of Artificial Intelligence and automation in Adjudication.

13.06.2024→ 31.12.2026 *Post-doctoral Researcher* at the European University Institute, Department of Law: ELOQUENCE project on Ethical and human rights compliant GenAI.

### **LANGUAGES**

*Danish*: Mother tongue

*English*: C2

*Italian*: B2 certification, conversational C1

*Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian*: B2 certification

*German*: Passive capabilities

*Swedish/Norwegian*: Passive capabilities

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **European University Institute, Law Department (eui.eu)**

01.09.2019-13.06.2024: *PhD-researcher*: The Margin of Appreciation at the European Court of Human Rights: A Court under Pressure in Search of Legitimacy.

01.01.2024-30.6.2024: *Research Assistant*: ELOQUENCE project: Multilingual and Cross-cultural interactions for context-aware, and bias-controlled dialogue systems for safety-critical applications.

01.01.2021-20.12.2022: *Research Assistant*: Ventotene Project: Prisons and the Concept of Human Rights: The Island of Santo Stefano and the Development of Human Rights in Europe.

01.04.2020 – 30.06.2021: *Research Assistant*: COVID-19 Project: Human Rights in the Endgame of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and Beyond.

#### **Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law(jur.ku.dk)**

01.01.2017- 01.01.2020: *External lecturer*

01.01.2016- 01.01.2019: *Assistant lecturer*

#### **DEO – Demokrati i Europa Oplysningsforbundet (deo.dk)**

01.11.2017 – 01.01.2019: *Project manager*

#### **Magasinet rØST**

01.05.2016-01.01.2020: *Editor*

#### **Danish Institute for International Studies (diis.dk)**

01.01.2015 – 01.05.2015: *Consultant*

01.08.2014 – 30.9.2014: *Project member*

01.04.2013 – 01.06.2013: *Student assistant*

#### **The Thinktank EUROPA (thinkeuropa.dk)**

01.09.2014 – 31.12.2014: *Intern*

#### **Danish ministry of Agriculture(mfvm.dk)**

01.08.2009 – 01.05.2011: *Student assistant*

01.09.2008 – 01.05.2009: *Case officer*

### **EDUCATION**

#### **PhD in Law**

European University Institute 1.9.2020-13.6.2024.

**Master of Laws** (Comparative, European and International Laws)  
European University Institute 1.9.2019-31.8.2020.

**Master of Arts** (International studies)  
Aarhus University 1.9.2013-12.11.2015.

**Bachelor of Arts** (Balkan Studies and Political Science)  
Copenhagen University 1.9.2009-12.6.2013.

#### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

When	What	amount
01.05.2025- 01.01.2028	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action. Granted by Horizon Europe, European Commission.	263.393 €
01.09.2019- 30.06.2024	PhD-scholarship at the EUI 2019-2024. Granted by the Danish Ministry of Science.	159,000 €
01.11.2017- 01.01.2019	Various grants obtained as project manager at the NGO DEO (Democracy in Europe Organisation. Grants for the most part provided by Danish Parliament and the Ministry of State.	~97,000 €
01.01.2016- 31.12.2016	New Website for Magasinet rØST, grant provided by Wistifonden.	~2,666 €

#### POSITIONS OF TRUST

##### **Cambridge Forum on AI**

01.04.2025→ *Guest Editor*: Towards Trustworthy and Responsible AI in Adjudication

##### **European Journal of Legal Studies(ejls.eui.eu)**

01.09.2022 – 01.11.2023: *Editor-in-Chief*

01.05.2021 – 01.09.2022: *Managing editor*

01.09.2020-01.05.2021: *Senior editor*

01.10.2019-01.09.2020: *Junior editor*

##### **Peer-reviewer**

*Journal of International Dispute Settlement* (Oxford University Press)

*Nordic Journal of Human Rights* (Taylor & Francis)

*Leiden Journal of International Law* (Cambridge University Press)

*European Journal of Legal Studies* (European University Institute)

*Cogent Social Sciences* (Taylor & Francis)

*Data & Policy* (Cambridge University Press)

*Bialystok Legal Studies* (De Gruyter/ University of Bialystok)

##### **Examination committee**

01.09.2022-01.05.2025: Member of Master's Thesis Exam Committee at UCPH Institute of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies.

01.06.2025→ Registered subject expert 'Cultore della materia' in Public Law in Italy.

##### **European Society of International Law**

01.06.2022-01.08.2024 *Member of Co-ordinating Committee of the EarlyCareer Network*

##### **Tech Litigation Database (Hertie School)**

01.05.2025→ *European Court of Human Rights Rapporteur*

##### **Ethics Advisory Board Member**

01.09.2024-01.08.2027 *SAFEHORIZON Project*, Horizon Europe Programme, GA no. 101168562; project on the use of machine learning to combat cyber-crime. Budget: €3,998,925.

01.10.2024-01.09.2027 *GeoFlexHeat Project*, Horizon Europe Programme, GA no 101172780; project developing technology for increasing the efficiency of geothermal heat extraction. Budget: €2,996,262.

01.02.2025-01.01.2028 *IAMI Project*. Horizon Europe Programme, GA no. 101168272; AI-Driven System for Enhanced Entity Identification and Resolution in Counter-Terrorism Investigations Budget € 3,746,252.

01.01.2025-31.12.2029 *SYNAPSING Project*. Horizon Europe Programme, GA no. 101156566; AI-Driven project on Mental Disorders and Neurodegenerative diseases: Towards more effective diagnosis and management of psychiatric symptoms. Budget € 6,999,921.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Full courses**

1. 2017-2019: Legal philosophy and legal sociology: Copenhagen University Faculty of law.
2. 2016-2018: Fundamental rights of the individual in the Danish Constitution and in the European Convention on Human Rights. Copenhagen University Faculty of law.

### **Short Courses**

1. 2019: Populism & Nationalism. People's University (Folkeuniversitetet). Copenhagen University.
2. 2019: Foreign policy of the EU. People's University (Folkeuniversitetet). University of Southern Denmark, Kolding.

### **Guest lecturer**

1. 09-10-2025: Hertie School Berlin: 'Let me just ask Judge-GPT: on Ad hoc uses of Generative AI by judges'
2. 20.06.2025: European Society of International Law Online Lectures: 'How to use Generative Artificial Intelligence with integrity for Early Career Researchers'.
3. 18.06.2025: Hertie School Berlin PhD school: 'Masterclass: Empirical legal methods'
4. 10.01.2025: University of Messina, Institute of Political Science and Law: 'Regulating AI'
5. 16.04.2024: University of Messina, Institute of Political Science and Law: 'The EU AI Act'
6. 10.05.2023: University of Messina, Institute of Political Science and Law: 'The European Court of Human Rights as part of the International System of Human Rights Protection'
7. 19.04.2023: University of Messina, Institute of Political Science and Law: 'The Kelsen-Schmitt debate and the Grundnorm in the international legal system'
8. 08.09.2019: Leipzig University, International Summer School on Human Rights Protection under the ECHR: 'The reform process at the ECtHR'
9. 26.07.2017: Sarajevo University, International Sarajevo Summer School: 'The populist threat to transitional justice'
10. 14.11.2016: Copenhagen University, Institute of Cross-Cultural studies: 'Minority rights in Croatia'

### **Teacher Training:**

1. 2017: Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law: Active teaching methodologies.
2. 2017: Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law: Grading written exams in Law.
3. 2017: Copenhagen University, Faculty of Law: How to interest students in dry fields.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

1. *Forthcoming*: Helga Molbæk-Steensig, Alberto Quintavalla, Sascha van Schendel, and Jeroen Tempermann: *Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: A Textbook*. Oxford University Press, 2027.
2. *Forthcoming*: Helga Molbæk-Steensig, Francesca Palmiotto, Alberto Quintavalla, and Jeroen Tempermann: *Research Handbook: Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence*. Edward Elgar, 2027.

### Peer reviewed articles

3. *Forthcoming*: Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Alessandro Morelli 2026: Constitutional Limitations to partial automation of adjudication: A Comparative Study of Denmark and Italy. *Cambridge Forum on AI*.
4. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Martin Scheinin, 2025: 'Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare-related Settings: a Grammar of Human Rights Approach'. 32(2) *European Health Law Journal*. 139-164.
5. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2024: 'Battling for the is-position in the Field of Law: The problem of Case Law sampling'. *European Journal of Legal Studies*. 15(2) 37-56.
6. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Alexandre Quemy, 2023: 'Judicial Independence and impartiality: tenure changes at the European Court of Human Rights' *European Journal of International Law*. 34(3) 581-614.
7. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2023: 'Subsidiarity does not win cases: A mixed methods study of the relationship between margin of appreciation language and deference at the European Court of Human Rights'. *Leiden Journal of International Law*. 36(1) 83-107.
8. Molbæk-Steensig Helga, 2022: 'AI at the European Court of Human Rights: Technological Improvement or Leaving Justice by the Wayside?' *Ordine Internazionale e Diritti Umani* 5/2022 1254-1267.
9. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2022: 'How to deal with really good bad-faith interpreters: M.A. v Denmark.' *Utrecht Journal of International and European Law*. 37(1) 59-65.
10. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2020: 'Jurisdiction and Human Rights protection in Kosovo: A black hole in Europe'. *Nordisk Østforum*, 34(1) 274–294.
11. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2018: 'In defence of the dynamic interpretation tradition at the European Court of Human Rights'. *The Universal*. 2, 37-50.
12. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2017: 'Politicisation of Enlargement: The future of the Balkans in Europe.' *Bezhjednosti Dialozi*. 8(1), 267-282.
13. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2016: 'The prohibition of retroactive law and other safeguards when conducting institutional reform: The right to non-recurrence in Bosnia and Herzegovina.' *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. 7, 138-146.
14. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga 2015: 'Reviewing the narrative of the double standard Europe concerning collective minority rights'. *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. 6, 13-27.

### Book Chapters and Working Papers

15. *Forthcoming*: Zuzanna Godzimirska and Helga Molbæk-Steensig: 'Third-Party Interventions and State Collaboration at the European Court of Human Rights' in Kjetil Mujezinović Larsen, Stian Øby Johansen and Geir Ulfstein: *The Role of the Executive Branch in the Domestic Application of International Law*. Oxford University Press.
16. *Forthcoming*: Helga Molbæk-Steensig and Ben Malin. 2027: 'Lost in Translation: How diverging methods and terminologies in AI development and human rights law limit the impact of ethical AI measures' in Helga Molbæk-Steensig, Francesca Palmiotto, Alberto Quintavalla, and Jeroen Tempermann: *Research Handbook: Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence*. Edward Elgar. 2027.
17. *Forthcoming*: Helga Molbæk-Steensig. 2027: 'Human rights or human alignment: The impact on vulnerable minorities of fragmented vocabularies on bias and discrimination in AI development for courts' in Medda-Windischer, Roberta and Nardocci, Costanza: *Minorities and Minority Rights before Artificial Intelligence: Risks and Undetected Challenges*. 2026.
18. *Forthcoming*: Helga Molbæk-Steensig. 2026: 'AI in the European Court of Human Rights' in Monika Zalnieriute and Agne Limante(eds.): *The Cambridge Handbook of AI and Technology in Courts*, Cambridge University Press.
19. Helga Molbæk-Steensig, 2025: 'Ad Hoc use of Generative AI by Judges'. *ESIL Working Paper Series*.
20. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga. 2025: 4 entries in Kushtrim Istrefi, Zane Ratniece and Kristaps Tamuzs (eds): *Companion to The European Convention on Human Rights*. Brill.

- a. 'judgments'
  - b. 'decisions'
  - c. 'separate opinions'
  - d. 'striking out'
21. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Alexandre Quemy, 2023: 'Artificial Intelligence and Fair Trial Rights', in Quintavalla, Alberto and Jeroen Temperman, *Human Rights and AI*. Oxford University Press.
  22. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga 2022: 'The Copenhagen Declaration: Wrapping up the Interlaken Reform?', in Stephanie Schiedermaier, Schwarz, Alexander, Steiger, Dominik, *Theory and Practice of the European Convention on Human Rights*. Nomos.
  23. Scheinin, Martin and Helga Molbæk-Steensig, 2021: 'Human Rights-based versus populist responses to the pandemic'. In Kjaerum, M, Davis, M, Lyons, A: *COVID-19 and Human Rights*. Routledge.
  24. Scheinin, Martin and Helga Molbæk-Steensig, 2021: Pandemics and human rights: three perspectives on human rights assessment of strategies against COVID-19. *EUI Law working paper*. 1/2021.
  25. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2019: 'Kosovo and the oddities of not being a recognised state'. In: Agir, Büilent (ed.): *Kosovo, Past, Present and Future*. Nova.

### **Blogs, Book-Reviews, Reports and Editorials**

24. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Martin Scheinin, 2025, 'D6.2 Assessing emerging ELOQUENCE technology: Report approved by the ELOQUENCE Community on assessing project outputs as to respecting EU values, with particular emphasis on gender, cultural or racial biases' *ELOQUENCE project report*. Grant agreement number: 101135916.
25. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Martin Scheinin, 2024, 'D6.1 Report on linguistic expression respectful of EU values' *ELOQUENCE project report*. Grant agreement number: 101135916.
26. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Michael Widdowsson, 2024, 'Editorial: Publish, perish or (self)plagiarise?' *European Journal of Legal Studies* 15(2). 1-9.
27. Scheinin, Martin and Helga Molbæk-Steensig, 2023: Assessing human rights compliance of European countries while combating Covid-19 [Drets humans i pandèmia: el rol dels països europeus davant la lluita contra la COVID-19], *IDEES*. Centre for Contemporary Studies from the Ministry for Foreign Action and European Union of the Government of Catalonia. 12 December 2023.
28. Molbæk-Steensig, 2023: 'No democracy without human rights – On the pressure on democracy and the rule of law in Europe' In: *Report on Prisons and the Concept of Human Rights: The Island of Santo Stefano and the Development of Human Rights in Europe*. 69-81.
29. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2023, 'Editorial: Maieutic or Meddlesome: reflections on the roles of the journal and the author' *European Journal of Legal Studies*, 15(1) (2023), 1-9.
30. Steininger, Silvia and Helga Molbæk-Steensig: 'Favourite Readings 2022: A collection of First Academic Books' *EJIL:Talk!*. 31.12.2022.
31. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, and Alexander Gilder 2022. 'Editorial: Thoughts on Academic Publishing for Early Career Researchers'. *European Journal of Legal Studies*, 14(1), 1-7.
32. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga: 'Did we solve the caseload problem? Russia's exit from the European Court of Human Rights.' *EUIdeas*. 24.3.2022.
33. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga: 'M.A. v Denmark: Is Denmark (Still) a Good-Faith Interpreter with legitimate aims?' *Strasbourg Observers*. 21.9.2021
34. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga and Alexandre Quemy 2021: 'Cautiously making friends with AI: Machine learning for human rights research and practice'. *Conference paper Rotterdam*.
35. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga, 2021: 'Dänemark' in *MIDEM Jahrestudie: Corona und Rachtspopulismus*. Mercator Forum. 42-55.
36. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga: 'Particularities in the challenge to the rule of law in Eastern Europe.' *Constitutionalism and Politics*, 25.3.2020.
37. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga: 'Something Rotten in the State of Denmark?', *VerfassungsBlog*, 26.4.2018.

38. Molbæk-Steensig, Helga: 'Book Review: Globalising transitional justice: Contemporary Essays' by Ruti Teitel.' *International Journal on Rule of Law, Transitional Justice and Human Rights*. Vol. 8. December 2017.

#### **ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND RESEARCH EVENTS**

1. Rotterdam University: 'Towards Trustworthy and Responsible AI in Adjudication. 16-17 October 2025.
2. European University Institute: 'How do we know what is true in the field of law?'. 13-14. June 2022.
3. European University Institute: 'Exploring all avenues on Human Rights Day: Methods and Methodology in Human Rights Research'. 10 December 2020. A workshop for PhD-researchers.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. 20-21 March 2025: ESIL Research Forum: *University of Catania*: 'Ad Hoc use of AI by judges'.
2. 22 October 2024: International Conference on AI and Technologies in Courts. *Vilnius University*: 'AI at the ECtHR'.
3. 25-26 September 2024: Addressing the Digital Realm through the Grammar of Human Rights Law. *Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University*: 'AI and the right to health'.
4. 19-21.6 2024: 12th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union. *Universidade NOVA*. Lisbon: 'Independence from whom? Judicial independence and third state interveners before the European Court of Human Rights'
5. 14-15.9.2022: European Human Rights Protection: Twenty years from now. *Academy for European Human Rights Protection, University of Cologne*. Cologne: 'Technological improvement of courts or leaving justice by the wayside? The role of AI and automation in future human rights protection'
6. 1-2.9.2022: International Empirical Legal Studies (ELS) Conference. *The Netherlands Academy for Empirical Legal Studies*. Amsterdam: 'Judicial independence and judge tenure: a mixed methods approach.'
7. 13.-14.6.2022. How do we know what is true in the field of law? *The legal theory- and Fundamental rights working groups at the European University Institute*. Florence: 'The problem with the strategic model in empirical studies of international law.'
8. 19-20.5.2022: Second ECTPIL and iCourts Conference: The Reality of International Legal Theory, *University of Copenhagen*. Copenhagen: 'Studying reality through samples: explicating legal methodologies for discovering what the law is.'
9. 1.4.2022: Researchers workshop. *Fundamental rights working groups at the European University Institute*. Florence: 'Judge behaviour at the European Court of Human Rights before and after Protocol 14.'
10. PhD course: Human rights research methods. *The Danish Institute for Human Rights, iCourts Center of Excellence for International Courts, and the PhD School of the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen*. 2.11.2021-4.11.2021. Copenhagen: Methodology for contentious topics: The question of subsidiarity at the European Court of Human Rights.
11. 28.10.2021: AI & Human Rights: Friend or Foe? *The Erasmus School of Law, The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance, and The Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research*. Rotterdam: Cautiously making friends with AI: Machine learning for human rights research and practice.
12. 24-25.10.2020: When International Courts and Tribunals Defer to States. *Pluricourts Centre of Excellence*. Oslo.: Use of the margin of appreciation by different actors at the ECtHR.

#### **MEDIA PRESENCE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING**

2017-2018: 11 radio interviews on human rights, transitional justice developments in the Balkans, and European Union politics on Danish Radio programmes: 24/Syv and P1.

2017-2019: National speaking tour: 30 public speaking events in 17 different Danish cities and towns on EU policy and EU law.

**Non-academic publications**

1. *Kan EU skabe Fred i Verden?* (2018) DEO. When working as a project manager at DEO I edited this popular science book 'Can the EU make world peace' on EU foreign policy and wrote several chapters for another 2019 publication entitled 'EU Parliamentary Elections – what you need to know'.
2. Between 2016 and 2018 I wrote 24 journalistic articles and editorials in various Danish newspapers and magazines. I also functioned as an editor at *Magasinet rØST* and *EUnyt* for upwards of a hundred articles and book chapters.