

# Marie-Hélène PETER-SPIESS

## Curriculum vitae

Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer – Faculty of Law and URPP H2R, University of Zurich

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## EDUCATION

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2020 – 2024	<b>PhD in Law – University of Zurich</b> <i>PhD Program "Biomedical Ethics &amp; Law"; topic: "Food regulation and public health: the case of sugar"</i>
2018	<b>Admission to the Bar</b> – Qualification to practise as an attorney-at-law before all Swiss courts
2017	<b>Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions (ECAV) – University of Geneva</b>
2015 – 2016	<b>Master of Law – University of Zurich</b>
2014 – 2015	<b>Semester of Intensive Mandarin – East China Normal University, Shanghai, China</b>
2014	<b>Master Exchange – East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China</b>
2010 – 2013	<b>Bachelor of Law, bilingual German/French – University of Fribourg</b>

## WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Since 2024	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer</b> , Faculty of Law and University Research Priority Program (URPP) "Human Reproduction Reloaded" (H2R) – <b>University of Zurich</b>
Since 2024	<b>Affiliated Researcher</b> , Global Health Centre – <b>Geneva Graduate Institute</b>
2024	<b>Visiting Researcher</b> , O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center – <b>Georgetown University, USA</b>
2022 – 2024	<b>Adjunct Lecturer – Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)</b> , Reims campus, France
2022	<b>Visiting Researcher</b> , Faculty of Law, League of European Research Universities (LERU) Doctoral Exchange Programme – <b>University of Cambridge, UK</b>
2021 – 2024	<b>Scientific Associate</b> , URPP H2R – <b>University of Zurich</b>
2020 – 2021	<b>Academic Assistant</b> , Chair of Criminal Law, Criminal Proceedings and Medical Law & Chair of Private and Comparative Law – <b>University of Zurich</b>
2016 – 2020	<b>Attorney-at-Law</b> (2018 – 2020) and <b>Trainee Lawyer</b> (2016 – 2018) – <b>Lenz &amp; Staehelin</b> law firm, Geneva
2015 – 2016	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Chair of Public Health Law – <b>University of Zurich</b>
2013	<b>Legal Trainee</b> , Legal Department – <b>Banque Pictet &amp; Cie SA</b> , Geneva
2013	<b>Summer Associate</b> , IP   IT Department – <b>Homburger AG</b> law firm, Zurich

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES *(see also the teaching planned for the spring semester 2025 under "Lehre")*

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- Various **guest lectures** at the University of Zurich, the University of Basel, the University of Kent (UK), Sciences Po (France), and the Haute école de gestion Genève (HEG) in German and English (since 2021)
- **Courses** on issues related to **public health, bioethics, reproduction and the law**, Sciences Po, France, English (2022 – 2023)
- **Tutoring classes** in **criminal law** for Bachelor of Law students, University of Zurich, German (fall semesters 2020 and 2021)

## PUBLICATIONS

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List available [here](#).

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (*selection*)

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- Talk "**Eizellenspende in der Schweiz. Tabubruch oder total normal?**", Lunch & Lecture, Paulus Akademie, Zurich (11 September 2024, with Kristin Hammer)
- Talk "**Neue Familienformen und Abstammung – Der Einfluss verschiedener Konstellationen und Elternprojekte**", Webinar, Schweizerischer Juristenverein (SJV) (6 June 2024)
- Talk "**Alimentation, santé publique et droit: le cas du sucre**", Midi Santé, Institut de droit de la santé, University of Neuchâtel (21 May 2024)
- Conference presentation "**Corporate Social Responsibility in the Food Sector: The Role of Soft Tools for Health Sustainability**", Food Law Academic Network (FLAN) conference "Legal issues for a Sustainable agrifood chain", University of Bari, Italy (16 May 2024)
- Conference presentation "**Regulating FemTech: Challenges and Opportunities Surrounding Fertility Tracking Apps from a Public Health Perspective**", conference on "Reproductive Rights: Legal Developments and Challenges", Law Centre for Health & Life, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands (15 May 2024)
- Talk "**Évolutions et perspectives législatives dans la quête d’une alimentation plus saine en Suisse**", Rotary Club de Lausanne, Lausanne (26 April 2024)
- Talk "**Interventions in the Human Germline: Legal Framework, Challenges, and Perspectives from a Swiss-wide Survey**", Workshop "The Technology and Ethics of CRISPR", Zentrum für Life Sciences-Recht (ZLSR), University of Basel & URPP H2R, University of Zurich, Monte Verità, Ascona (4 March 2024)
- Conference presentation "**Cross-Border Surrogacy and the Rethinking of Legal Parenthood: A Gender Equality Perspective**", Panel "PIL 3: Cross-Border Surrogacy Arrangements A", 18th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL), Antwerp, Belgium (13 July 2023)
- Talk "**Eingriffe in die menschliche Keimbahn: Rechtlicher Rahmen, Herausforderungen und Perspektiven**", lunchtalk organised by the Competence Center Medicine – Ethics – Law Helvetiae (MERH) and the URPP H2R, University of Zurich (25 April 2023)
- Speaker at a roundtable following the theater play "**Vier werden Eltern**" with the author of the play, two comedians and two other researchers from the URPP H2R, Theater am Hechtplatz, Zurich (23 February 2023)
- Talk "**Surrogacy, Filiation, and the Rethinking of Legal Parenthood: Recent Developments Before the European Court of Human Rights**", Early Researchers Seminar Series (ERSS), Cambridge Reproduction, University of Cambridge, UK (8 December 2022)
- Talk "**L’avortement et la lutte pour le droit des femmes à disposer de leur corps / Abortion and the battle over women’s bodies**", organized by Sciences Po at Médiathèque Falala, Reims, France (18 November 2022, with Dr. Elena Brodeala)
- Conference presentation "**Parenthood, Equality and Autonomy: Reflecting on Surrogacy in Switzerland and Before the European Court of Human Rights**", panel "Access to Health Care and Rights to Health" at the Global Meeting on Law and Society, Lisbon, Portugal (14 July 2022)
- Discussant in the event "**The Reproductive Rights of Fathers before the European Court of Human Rights**" as part of the webinar series on "Legal Gender Studies: Highlighting Different Aspects", University of Zurich (24 November 2021)

## LANGUAGES

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**French** (native); **German** (fluent); **English** (fluent, TOEFL 111/120, IELTS 8/9); **Mandarin** (intermediate level, HSK 4); **Spanish** (basic knowledge)