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10/2004 – 09/2005 LL.M. at Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan) (Main Focus: Private Law, Japanese Law, Comparative Law); Monbukagakusho grant, with „all A's“

Work

06/2002 – 05/2003 Head of the Japan Liaison Office of Krammer, Wrbka & Partner Consulting GmbH (Kobe, Japan)

04/2004 – 09/2004 Lecturer at Ryukoku University (Kyoto, Japan)

08/2005 Lecturer at Ryukoku University (summer school) (Kyoto, Japan)

04/2008 – 09/2008 Assistant Professor at Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan)

02/2010 – 02/2017 Head of the Japan Liaison Office of Krammer, Wrbka & Partner Consulting GmbH (Fukuoka, Japan)

02/2010 – 03/2017 Associated Professor at Kyushu University(Fukuoka, Japan)

Since 04/2012 Senior Research Fellow in Law at the Vienna Liaison Office of Kyushu University EU Centre (Vienna,Austria)

Academic Memberships

Deutsch-Japanische Juristenvereinigung

Japan Association of Private Law

Japanese Association for Consumer Law

Kyushu Private International Law Research Association

University Courses

Introduction to Japanese Law (Wintersemester 2018/19) at the University of Vienna

Publications

Books

Wrbka, *Grundzüge des Vertragsrechts von Japan* (Linde Verlag 2019)

S. Wrbka, *Geplante Obsoleszenz aus Sicht des Gewährleistungsrechts* (NWV, 2015), 106 pages

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Editor

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