

Dr. Robert Esser

Professor in Law

Curriculum Vitae

Robert Esser, born in 1970, joined the University of Passau in 2007 as Professor in Law. He holds the Chair of German, European and International Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and White-Collar Crime.

He teaches in the areas of German, European and International Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Juvenile Justice and the Sentencing System.

Since November 2002 Robert Esser has given lectures to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Academy of European Law (ERA), the German Judges Academy (*Deutsche Richterakademie* – Trier/WuStrau), the German Bar Association (*Deutscher Anwalt Verein* – DAV), the German Lawyers' Academy (*DeutscheAnwaltAkademie*), several political foundations (HSS, KAS, FES) and the German Ministry of Justice.

His key publications include numerous articles on European Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure as well as on the subject of “Human rights in criminal proceedings” (European Convention on Human Rights); co-publisher of *Löwe-Rosenberg*, commentary on the German Code of Criminal Procedure (26th Edition 2006-2014); articles on European Criminal Law in the handbooks *Internationales Strafrecht in der Praxis* (International Criminal Law – Practical Approach), C.F. Müller 2007, and *Europäisches Strafrecht* (European Criminal Law), 2nd Edition, C.H. Beck 2015. In 2012 Robert Esser's commentary on the European Convention on Human Rights (Vol. 11 of the *Löwe-Rosenberg*; 1312 pages) was published.

Since 2007 Robert Esser is engaged in the German-Chinese Dialogue concerning the Rule of Law (*Deutsch-Chinesischer Rechtsstaatsdialog*) organised by the German Ministry of Justice. He extended his activities in this field to the German-Vietnamese Dialogue concerning the Rule of Law (*Deutsch-Vietnamesischer Rechtsstaatsdialog*) from 2010 onwards.

In 2010 Robert Esser founded the *Research Center for “Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings” (HRCP)* at the University of Passau. HRCP is a research and advanced training center and an expert helpdesk specialized in all branches of international protection of human rights in criminal proceedings. The Center focuses on the judicature of the ECHR in Strasbourg and the precedents of the Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) by interpreting and systemizing them. In addition to law reporting and summing precedents HRCP conceives lectures and reports, organises expert conferences and develops advanced training events in the field of human rights protection for judges, state attorneys and criminal defence lawyers. Moreover, a special focal point of HRCP is the support of foreign governments in their efforts and endeavours of phrasing and establishing

human rights standards in their national criminal proceedings – especially in South East Asia and Eastern Europe. HRCP offers teaching units concerning issues of human rights to foreign universities. The service of HRCP includes creating and providing legal expertise related to all relevant issues of the protection of human rights.

His main areas of research are European Criminal Law (EU Criminal Law; European Convention on Human Rights; jurisdiction of the ECtHR), International Criminal Law and White-Collar Crime.

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