

# MAGDALENA FOROWICZ

**Date of birth** 1 November 1978  
**Nationalities** Polish, Canadian  
**Languages** English (native), French (native), Polish (mother tongue), Italian (advanced), German (advanced), Spanish (intermediate).

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**06/2006 – 04/2009** **Ph.D. in International Law (*summa cum laude*)**  
**University of Zurich** Title: The Reception of International Law in the Case  
Switzerland Law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)  
To be published by Oxford University Press in  
August 2010.

**09/2001 – 09/2002** **LL.M. in Anglo-American Law (distinction)**  
**City London** Main courses: Anglo-American constitutional and  
London, United Kingdom administrative law, Anglo-American corporate law,  
Anglo-American tradition, EU law.

**09/1998 – 06/2001** **LL.B. (General)**  
**University of Montreal** Core courses, including human rights law, comparative  
Canada law, international private and public law.

## EMPLOYMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE

**05/2009 – 06/2010** **Researcher/ Post Doctoral Fellow**  
**University of Zurich** Partner in a research project on friendly settlements  
Department of Law before the European Court of Human Rights. The aim  
Zurich, Switzerland of the project is to publish a handbook on the friendly  
settlements before the ECtHR. This involves research in  
Strasbourg, interviews with the ECtHR's personnel  
(judges, Government Agents, case lawyers, etc.),  
compilation of statistics and project management.

**06/2006 – 04/2009** **Research assistant (part time – 50%)**  
**University of Zurich** Substantive review and editing of reports that were  
Department of Law published by the Oxford University Press (“A Europe of  
Zurich, Switzerland Rights”); recommendations and comments to authors;  
writing articles; research for articles; drafting and  
editing project documents; organising and taking part in  
project-related conferences (Columbia University, USA  
and University of Zurich, Switzerland); drafting  
budgets; providing assistance in bringing a case to the  
ECtHR; liaising with stakeholders; assisting in the  
management of the research project.

**01/2005 – 05/2006**  
**Geneva Centre for**  
**Democratic Control of**  
**the Armed Forces**  
**(DCAF) Geneva,**  
Switzerland

**Research assistant (part time – 50%)**

Research for publications; proofreading and editing of reports for publication; translating reports from French into English; organising conferences in West Africa; liaising with stakeholders and participants; drafting contracts; identifying potential partners; updating online material; ensuring the visibility of the programme.

**09/2004 – 06/2005**  
**University of Surrey**  
Department of Law  
Guildford, Surrey  
United Kingdom

**Associate lecturer (part time)**

Lecturing at postgraduate level in EU employment law; conducting tutorials in EU law and family law at undergraduate level; supervision of LL.B. dissertations; consultations for students.

**07/2003 – 08/2004**  
**International**  
**Organisation for**  
**Migration,**  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Claims assistant (full time)**

Substantive review and assessment of compensation claims; editing of reports, correspondence and decisions; preparation of appropriate correspondence to claimants; research pertaining to the documentation of compensation claims.

**04/2003 – 06/2003**  
**World Organisation**  
**Against Torture**  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Intern (full time)**

Research and drafting of two reports on children's rights in Bangladesh and Madagascar; presentation of one of these reports before the Committee on the Rights of the Child; reporting on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; representing the NGO before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; drafting urgent appeals concerning torture victims.

**08/2002 – 03/2003**  
**Department of Justice,**  
**Government of the**  
**Gambia,**  
In cooperation with:  
UNICEF, Banjul,  
The Gambia

**Junior consultant (full time)**

Assistance in the implementation of the requirements of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: research for the periodic report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, organisation of workshops, training of judges on the CRC, assistance in the coordination of a consultancy on legislative reform, reporting on workshops, assistance in financial reporting to UNICEF, assistance in hiring consultants, drafting correspondence.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Independent**  
**Publications**

Magdalena Forowicz, *The Reception of International Law in the Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming in August 2010.

Magdalena Forowicz, "The Ricochets of Convergence in EU Law and the ECHR: Much Ado about the Margins of Appreciation?", *Colloque Pro-Doc*,

Université de Fribourg, Fondements du droit européen, Bruylant, forthcoming in 2010.

Magdalena Forowicz, "The Implementation of the ICC Statute in Belgium", XVI Finnish Yearbook of International Law 55 (2005). Appeared in February 2007.

Magdalena Forowicz, Report on the Rights of the Child in Madagascar, World Organisation Against Torture, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2003.

Magdalena Forowicz, Report on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh, World Organisation Against Torture, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2003 (presented at the UN Committee of Child Rights).

**Collaborative Publications**

Keller, Helen/Forowicz, Magdalena/Engi, Lorenz, Friendly Settlements before the European Court of Human Rights, Oxford University Press, forthcoming in September 2010.

Helen Keller/Magdalena Forowicz, "A Tightrope Walk Between Legality and Legitimacy: An Analysis of the Israeli Supreme Court's Judgment on Targeted Killing", 21 (1) Leiden Journal of International Law 185 (2008).

Helen Keller/Magdalena Forowicz, "A New Era for the Supreme Court after *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*?", 67/1 Heidelberg Journal of International Law 1 (2007).

**Prize**

Prize for the best Ph.D. in Law for the year 2009 at the University of Zurich.

**Funding**

Scholarship for Young Researchers, Swiss National Science Fund

**Memberships and Courses**

Human Rights Centre, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

European Society of International Law, Florence, Italy.

Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, course on 23 March 2010.

Teaching on line, course divided into five days of teaching and exercises, University of Zurich, December 2007.

**Computer Skills**

Very good command of MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Adobe InDesign, MS Access, Photoshop, custom-made databases.

## **Other Skills**

- Excellent communication skills gained through my experience as associate lecturer and research assistant;
- Substantial experience acquired in advising students through consultations;
- Affinity for working in multicultural environments acquired through my work experience with international organisations;
- Important linguistic skills acquired through living abroad;
- Solid diplomatic skills, confidentiality and discretion acquired through my work with international organisations;
- Team spirit, dedication, flexibility and motivation.