Sophia Frey

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Curriculum Vitae

Work Experience

11/2026 – today
Research Associate,
National Institute for Public Administration Germany (NIPAG)

08/2022 – 07/2026
Academic Research Associate,
University of Mannheim
Chair in Civil Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Media Law, as well as Civil Procedure Law, formerly held by Prof. Dr. Nadine Klass, LL.M. (Wellington)

04/2020 – 04/2022
Legal Traineeship,
District Court Mannheim; European Commission, Directorate General Environment, Global Cooperation and Multilateralism; Higher Administrative Court Baden-Württemberg; Law Firm Rittershaus (Administrative Law)

Academic Education

08/2022 – today
Ph.D. student,
University of Mannheim, Germany
"The protection of traditional cultural expressions of Indigenous Peoples – the legal foundations of a human right based collective right for the protection against cultural misappropriation"
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Nadine Klass, LL.M. (Wellington)

10/2014 – 01/2020
Study of Law at Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg, Germany
Focus area: German and European Administrative Law

09/2016 – 04/2017
Study of Law at University of Montpellier, France

Research Stays

01/2024 – 03/2024
Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand
(Host: Prof. Susy Frankel)

Waipapa Taumata Rau – University of Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand
(Host: Jayden Houghton)

Awards

2024
Research Funding ot the German Academic Exchange Service

2014
Awards for outstanding achievement in German language and modern foreign languages

Volunteering

03/2023 – 06/2023
Art Workshop at Children´s and Youth Center "Holzwurm", Heidelberg

09/2016 – 12/2016
Cultural Assistant at "Maison de Heidelberg" in Montpellier, France

Memberships

iDSI-Research

German Association of Women Lawyers

Languages

- German: native
- English: excellent Command
- French: working knowledge
- Spanish: basic communication skills

Teaching

Winter semester 2022/23 – 2025/26

- Tutorials in Property Law, University of Mannheim

Sommer semester 2023 – 2025

- Tutorials in Law of Obligations, University of Mannheim