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## Degrees

* Ph.D. (International Law), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva — *summa cum* *laude avec les félicitations du jury* – highest distinction (SNIS Best Thesis Award, 2019).
* LL.M., University of Michigan Law School (Grotius Fellow).
* Master’s in Law and Bachelor’s in Political Science and International Relations, Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic).

## Areas of Expertise

* International law
* International dispute settlement
* International courts and tribunals
* International peace and security
* United Nations and Security Council
* International investment law and arbitration
* Business and human rights
* International law in domestic courts

## Biography

Dr Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg’s scholarship explores structural questions of international law and global governance, focusing on the ways in which international law regulates collective nonstate entities to address global coordination problems. Her work has been published in the *Business and Human Rights Journal*, *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics* and otherleading scholarly journals. She edited *International Law and Time: Narratives and Techniques* (Springer, 2022) and her monograph *Regulating Collective Nonstate Entities in International Law: Rights and Obligations* isforthcoming with Oxford University Press.

Dr Van der Ploeg is dual-qualified (New York; Czech Republic) and practiced public international law with leading firms in London, United Kingdom, and Prague, Czech Republic. She served as Judicial Assistant to Judge Sir Christopher Greenwood at the International Court of Justice in the Hague. She is and has advised states and private parties on a wide range of public international law and dispute-resolution matters. At University of Nottingham, she previously led the Business, Trade and Human Rights Unit (Human Rights Law Centre).

## Courses (recent/typical)

* International Law
* International Trade and Investment
* International Dispute Settlement
* Business & Human Rights
* Torts

## Selected Publications

* “[Investor Obligations: The Transformative and Regressive Impacts of the Business and Human Rights Framework](https://doi.org/10.1017/bhj.2024.8)” *Business and Human Rights Journal*, Vol. 9(2), 2024, 221-49.
* “[Fairness as Balance: Investor Obligations and Investment Treaty Reform](https://investmentlaw.adjuris.ro/articole/An4v2/5.pdf),” *Journal of International Investment Law*, Vol. 4, 2024, 184-97.
* “[Unified Patent Court and International Law](https://www-degruyter-com.nottingham.idm.oclc.org/document/doi/10.1515/9783110781687-020/html)” in Duncan Matthews & Paul Torremans (eds) Research Handbook on European Patent Law: The European Patent Convention, the European Patent with Unitary Effect and Unified Patent Court (Gruyter Publishing 2023).
* “[International Law Across Time: On Change and Facticity of International Law](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-09465-1_15)” in *International Law and Time: Narratives and Techniques* (Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg et al. eds.) (Springer 2022), 313-33.
* “[The Functional Threshold: Direct International Legal Regulation of Collective Nonstate Entities and the Law of International Peace and Security](https://www.nyujilp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NYI102.pdf)” *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*, Vol. 53, No. 1, 2020, 71-133.
* “[Treaty Obligations of Collective Non-State Entities: The Case of the Deep Seabed Regime](https://brill.com/display/book/edcoll/9789004340251/BP000003.xml)” in James Summers and Alex Gough (eds.), *Non-State Actors and International Obligations: Creation, Evolution and Enforcement* (Martinus Nijhoff 2018), 15-38.
* “[Protection of Regulatory Autonomy and Investor Obligations: Latest Trends in Investment Treaty Design](https://scholar.smu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4559&context=til),” *The International Lawyer*, Vol. 51 No. 1, 2017, 109-119.

## Professional Admission

* Attorney-at-Law, New York (active registration)
* Bar of the Czech Republic