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Areas of expertise:

Jens Woelk is teaching courses in comparative constitutional law, comparative administrative law and European Union Law. His main fields of interest in research are comparative constitutional law, especially federalism/regionalism, minority-issues and South Eastern Europe, as well as the constitutional law of the European Union.

Background and education:

After his graduation in law at the University of Regensburg, Bavaria, he continued to work there as a Research Assistant to the Chair of Comparative Public Law and European Community Law (Prof. Dr. Rainer Arnold) and received his PhD in Comparative Constitutional Law (thesis on constitutional principles of co-operation in federal and regional systems).

In 1994 he passed the Bavarian Bar examination and received his admission as lawyer at the District Court in Regensburg. From 1994 to 2000 he worked as a Senior Researcher at the European Academy Bozen/Bolzano, since 1996 as the coordinator of the Research department “Minorities and Autonomies”.

Current research projects:

- Constitutional reforms in the federal systems of Austria, Germany and Switzerland
- Constitutional transformation processes in South Eastern Europe, esp. decentralization and local self-government reforms

Teaching:

- CoDe - Joint European Master for Comparative Local Development (among the topics taught: European Charter of Local Self-Government; Local Government in Germany; Minority-Protection; The Case of South Tyrol; Human Rights)
- *Istituzioni di diritto comunitario* (First Year’s Course on European Community Law)
- *Diritto dei paesi di lingua tedesca* (Comparative course on the legal systems of the “German speaking Countries”)
- Seminar on Minority Rights (Master Peacebuilding – School for International Studies)

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Main publications:

Books:

- Stefania Cavagnoli, Jens Woelk, *Einführung in die italienische Rechtssprache / Introduzione all'italiano giuridico*, Lehrbuch für (deutschsprachige) Studenten der Rechtswissenschaften, Series "Rechtssprache des Auslands", C.H.Beck, München, 1997, (2. ed. 2003)
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- Siglinde Clementi/Jens Woelk (eds.), 1992: *Ende eines Streits. Zehn Jahre Streitbeilegung im Südtirolkonflikt zwischen Italien und Österreich*, Nomos-Verl.-Ges., Baden-Baden 2003, 249 pp.
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Publications in the fields of comparative constitutional law, regionalism, federalism, and minority issues (selection)

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- Jens Woelk, *Minderheitenschutz durch territoriale Autonomie: "Reservate" oder nachhaltige Integrationsprozesse?*, in: *Europäisches Zentrum für Föderalismusforschung* (ed.), *Jahrbuch des Föderalismus 2002. Föderalismus, Subsidiarität und Regionen in Europa*, Baden-Baden, NOMOS, 2002, pp. 117 – 137
- Francesco Palermo, Jens Woelk, *No Representation Without Recognition. The Right to Political Participation of (National) Minorities*, *Journal of European Integration*, 2003, vol. 25, pp. 225 – 247
- Jens Woelk, *Federalism and consociationalism as tools for state-(re)-construction? Experiences from Bosnia and Herzegovina*, in G. Alan Tarr, Robert F. Williams, Joseph Marko (eds.), *Federalism, Subnational Constitutions and the Protection of Minorities*, Greenwood-Praeger, Westport Connecticut - London, 2004, pp. 177 – 198
- Jens Woelk, *A Place at the Window: Regional Ministers in the Council*, in Roberto Toniatti, Francesco Palermo, Marco Dani (eds.), *An Ever More Complex Union. The Regional*

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