

Helmut Tichy – curriculum vitae

Born 8 August 1958

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- since 2010 **Ambassador, Director-General for Legal Affairs, Austrian Foreign Ministry**
- Retirement in August 2023
 - Ambassador and Director-General for Legal Affairs, responsible for international law, human rights law and policy, European law and their implementation in national law
 - Preparation of legal opinions, representing Austria in international human rights bodies, issuing instructions for Austrian missions in New York, Geneva and Strasbourg; Austrian agent before the European Court of Human Rights and the International Court of Justice, monitoring of the implementation of Austria's human rights obligations in national law; dialogue with NGOs on these matters.

RELEVANT PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1983 – 2009 **Diplomat, Austrian Foreign Ministry**
- Several positions in the Office for Legal Affairs (headquarters) as well as postings in Belgrade, to the UN in Geneva and to the EU in Brussels
 - Legal advice and diplomacy; member of Austrian delegations to the UN Human Rights Commission, the 3rd and 6th Committee of the General Assembly of the UN, legal adviser during Austria's EU accession negotiations in Brussels
- Since 2014 **Professor for international law and human rights law** at the University of Graz and the Vienna School of International Studies
Author of **numerous publications** in the field of international law
- 1988 – 1990 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
Deputy Head of the Vienna Office
- Refugee law, negotiations with the Austrian Ministry of the Interior

EDUCATION

- 1981 – 1982 **Cambridge University:** law, specialisation in international law and civil liberties
- Title of qualification awarded: **LL.M. (Cantab)**
- 1976 – 1980 **University of Vienna:** law, specialisation in constitutional and human rights law
- Title of qualification awarded: **Dr. iur.**
 - Research assistant at the Institute of Public Law of Vienna University