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Prof. Dr. Christian CALLIESS is the holder of the Chair for Public, European and Environmental Law at Freie Universität Berlin (since 2008) and in addition of an Ad Personam Jean-Monnet-Chair awarded by the European Commission (since 2010). His research interests lie in the field of human rights, European and environmental law.

He studied law at the Universities of Saarbrücken and Göttingen. After his First State Examination he received a Master in Advanced European Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). In 1995 he finished his Second State Examination in Berlin and obtained his PhD at the Europa-Institut of University of Saarbrücken with a book on the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity in the EU, published in second edition in 1999. Afterwards he joined the Europa-Institut and became an Assistant Professor, in 2000 he finished his habilitation with a book on the rule of law, environmental law, the precautionary principle and fundamental rights ("Rechtsstaat und Umweltstaat"), which was awarded the prize of the German Gesellschaft für Umweltrecht (GfU).

From 2000-2001 Calliess taught at the Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt/Main, in 2001 he became Professor and Director of the Institute for European Law at the Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. In 2003 he was nominated Professor and Director of the Institute of International and European Law at the Georg-August University in Göttingen. He has taught as a visiting Professor at the Universities Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), Budapest (ELTE), Portland (Lewis & Clark Law School, Oregon USA) and Cambridge (Trinity College).

From 2008-2020, Calliess served as a member of the Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) of the Federal Government of Germany. In 2013 he was invited to become a member of the Club of Rome, German branch. From 2010 till 2013 he served as an adjoined judge at the Higher Administrative Court (Oberverwaltungsgericht) of Berlin and Brandenburg. In 2011/12 he was invited by former Chancellor Angela Merkel to serve as an expert in the working group on a sustainable economy, which was part of the dialogue on the future of Germany organised by the Chancellery. From 2012-2014 he was the legal representative of the German Parliament (Bundestag), appearing in the German Federal Constitutional Court and the Court of the EU in the ESM- as well as the OMT-Case.

From 2015 till the end of 2018, he was on leave from academia in order to serve as the Legal Adviser to the European Political Strategy Center (EPSC), the In-House-Think-Tank of the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, and Head of its Institutional Team. He has been contributing among others to the White Paper process on the future of the EU and the Road to Sibiu/Leaders Agenda, the Task Force on Subsidiarity, the Security Union (including Cybersecurity), migration, the reform of the Euro-area as well as the EU strategy on SDGs. In 2019 he was nominated by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research as a member of the Supervisory Board of the Umweltforschungszentrum (UFZ) der Helmholtz Gesellschaft. In 2019 he co-founded a University Network on Environmental Law funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Christian Calliess is regularly invited as an expert in hearings of the German Parliament (Bundestag) concerning European and Constitutional Law (especially on the Treaty of Lisbon, the EFSF, the ESM, the Banking Union, Brexit as well as the reform of the EU). Moreover, he was invited to hearings of the European Commission (budget reform) and the EP (AFCO May 2015; "In Camera" Workshop on Euro Area Budget in August 2016 and in December 2019 regarding the Conference on the Future of Europe).