

## CV Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Heinig

### General Information

Name: Heinig, Hans Michael, Prof. Dr. iur.  
Date of birth: 09. March 1971  
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Work Address: Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, DE  
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Current Position: Director for Constitutional Theory, Institute for Public Law, and  
Chair for Public Law, esp. Ecclesiastical Law/Law and Religion,  
Director of the Institute for Ecclesiastical Law, EKD.  
Vice-President of the Volkswagen-Foundation, Hannover.  
  
Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto, Munk School of  
Global Affairs & Public Policy, und at the York University,  
Osgoode Hall Law School.

### Scientific and legal education / degrees

1998 First legal examination (with merit) after studies in law, history and sociology in  
Hamburg, Hannover and Bochum.

2004 Second legal examination (with merit); trainee clerk at the Chancellery  
(Bundeskanzleramt) and the Federal Constitutional Court.

2004 Doctoral thesis (Dr. iur. = Ph.D.) in law at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität  
Düsseldorf (summa cum laude), awarded with the Goethe-price for the best thesis of  
the year.

2008 Habilitation at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg; *venia legendi* for  
Public Law, Philosophy of Law, Ecclesiastical Law, European Law and Law of social  
security.

### Scientific positions

1998 – 2002 Research assistant to the chair for public law, legal theory and  
sociology of law, Prof. Dr. Martin Morlok, FernUniversität Hagen/Heinrich-Heine-  
Universität Düsseldorf.

2004-2008 Senior lecturer (wissenschaftlicher Assistent, C 1) at the Ruprecht-Karls-  
Universität Heidelberg.

Since 2008 Chair for public law and ecclesiastical law at the Georg-August-University Göttingen; director of the Institute for public law at the law faculty; member of the centre for health care law.

Since 2012 Lecturer in law on religion and politics of religion at the Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin. Co-opted member of the "Berlin Studies on Jewish Law" at the Humboldt University Berlin

2015-2020 Head of the Ethics Committee of the Georg-August-University Göttingen

2022-2024 Dean of the Law Faculty of the Georg-August-University Göttingen

Since 2022 Vice-President of the VolkswagenStiftung (foundation capital ca. 5 billion €).

### **Awards**

2020-2021 Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Studies).

Since 2020 Member of the Class for Humanities at the Braunschweigischen Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft

### **Grants and Projects**

2013-2019 PI in the DFG-Forschergruppe FOR 1765 (Protestantism in ethic debates in West Germany 1949-1989).

2016-2019 PI in the HERA Research Group ProNoLa (Protestant Legacies in Nordic Law: Uses of the Past in the Construction of the Secularity of Law).

### **Research interests**

Law and Religion  
Legal issues of the welfare state  
Law of political decision-making  
Constitutional theory/philosophy of law  
Academic law

### **Ten Most Relevant Publications**

- (1) Öffentlich-rechtliche Religionsgesellschaften. Studien zur Rechtsstellung der nach Art. 137 Abs. 5 WRV korporierten Religionsgesellschaften in Deutschland und der Europäischen Union, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 2003, 578 pp.

- (2) Der Sozialstaat im Dienst der Freiheit. Zur Formel vom „sozialen“ Staat in Art. 20 Abs. 1 GG, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008, 668 pp.
- (3) Staatskirchenrecht oder Religionsverfassungsrecht? Ein begriffspolitischer Grundsatzstreit, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007, (ed. with C. Walter) 367 S.
- (4) 70 Jahre Grundgesetz. In welcher Verfassung ist die Bundesrepublik?, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019, 310 pp. (ed. with F. Schorkopf).
- (5) Protestantismus und Demokratie, in: ZevKR 60 (2015), pp. 227-264.
- (6) Autonomy vs. Technocracy: Libertarian Paternalism revisited, in: C. Möllers et al (eds) Choice Architecture in Democracies: Exploring the Legitimacy of Nudging, Oxford: Hart/Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 219-227.
- (7) Verfassung im Nationalstaat: Von der Gesamtordnung zur europäischen Teilordnung?, in: VVDStRL 75 (2016), pp. 65-104.
- (8) Unabwägbarkeit der Menschenwürde und Würdekollisionen, in: Essener Gespräche zum Thema Staat und Kirche 51 (2019), S. 129-159.
- (9) Why Constitution Matters – Verfassungsrechtswissenschaft in Zeiten der Corona-Krise, in: JZ 2020, pp. 861-872 (zusammen mit T. Kingreen u.a.).
- (10) Die Krisen der Repräsentation und das evangelische Kirchenrecht, in: ZevKR 66 (2021), pp. 333-357.