

Alex Putzer, PhD

Expertise: interdisciplinary research, legal analysis, environmental ethics, urban policy, data mapping

Work Experience

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| German Ocean Foundation
<i>Senior Science Manager</i>
– Writing policy, lobbying for ocean protection efforts, and assisting the foundation's director | 2025 – present |
| Ca' Foscari University of Venice Environmental Humanities
<i>Post-Doctoral Researcher</i>
– Developing an AI-powered programme to analyse the anthropocentrism of ecological laws | 2025 – present |
| New York University Environmental Studies
<i>Fulbright-Schuman Post-Doctoral Fellow</i>
– Drafting a book on multi-nature urbanism, to be published with MIT Press and Birkhäuser | 2024 – 2025 |
| University of Amsterdam University of Applied Arts Vienna IT:U
<i>Lecturer</i>
– Co-developing and co-teaching seminars on environmental and urban theory and design | 2020 – 2024 |
| EURAC UNESCO Chair in Anticipation and Transformation
<i>Fellow</i>
– Implementing and advocating for the rights of nature in international policy frameworks | 2023 |

Publications and Engagement

- 10+ academic articles** (1 in top 3%), book chapters, reports, and reviews
20+ pieces in newspapers (*Il Corriere della Sera*, *Der Standard*), magazines, and podcasts
50+ presentations to 1500+ people in 14 countries in 4 languages
- Compiled, mapped, and published the **world's most comprehensive database** on rights of nature
- Featured at 2025 **Venice Biennale**, 'Interspecies' Exhibition at **MAC/CCB**, and 2024 **IABR**

Professional Affiliations

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| IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Member | since 2025 |
| New York University School of Law Non-Resident Fellow | since 2025 |
| United Nations Harmony with Nature Program Recognized Expert | since 2021 |

Education

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| Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
Ph.D. in Human Rights and Global Politics (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>)
– Thesis: <i>The Rights of Urban Natures</i>
– Visiting Scholar at MIT , UPenn , and The New School | 2020 – 2024 |
| University of Hamburg
M.A. in International Political Theory
– Thesis: <i>Human Rights for Nature</i>
– Erasmus+ at University of Barcelona (2 semesters) | 2017 – 2020 |
| University of Hamburg
B.A. in Media, Communication, and Political Sciences
– Thesis: <i>Comparison of Online Presence of Right-Wing Populist Parties</i>
– Erasmus+ at University of Florence (2 semesters) | 2013 – 2017 |

Awards, Skills, and Interests

Fellowships and Awards: Fulbright-Schuman, PhD Grant, 3 **outstanding contribution** awards
Languages: **English** and **German** (C2), **Italian** and **Spanish** (C1), **French** (A2)