

ZDZISLAW KEDZIA

CURRICULUM VITAE

I. PERSONAL

Born: Radom (Poland), July 2, 1943
Nationality: Polish
Family status: married, one daughter
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II. DEGREES

1992 - Professor of Law - academic title given by the President of the State
1980 - Habilitated Doctor of Law - Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences
1972 - Doctor of Law; Adam-Mickiewicz-University, Poznań (Poland)

III. PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Present

- Professor, Chair of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam-Mickiewicz-University of Poznań, Poland
- **teaching subjects:** constitutional law, international human rights law
- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (United Nations) - chairperson 2013-2015
- National Director of the European Masters Programme in Human Rights (E.MU), European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization
- Honorary Professor at the University in Hagen (Germany)

Summary of previous professional experiences

Academic life

- Professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Director of the Poznan Human Rights Centre (until 1991)
- Adviser to the Parliament on human rights and constitutional matters (1989-1991)
- Expert on human rights and constitutional matters at the “Round Table Talks” between the Solidarity Opposition and the Government in 1989
- Adviser to the Polish Ombudsman (1987-1991)
- Lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law, International Annual Course at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg, and the Annual Session of the Institute of International Public Law and International Relations of Thessaloniki, as well as and many universities in Poland and abroad (e.g. Austria, China, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and USA)

International organizations

- Chief of the Research and Right to Development Branch (including technical assistance to

countries in post-conflict and democratic transitions), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (2001-2005)

- Chief of the Programmes and Activities Branch (including field operations in conflict areas) Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (1999-2001)
- Senior Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (1994-1999)

Diplomatic Service

- Minister-Counselor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office in Geneva (1991-1994)
- Rapporteur of the 49th Session of the UN Commission on Human Rights (1994)
- General Rapporteur of the II World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna (1993)
- Representative of Poland in the III Committee of the UN General Assembly (1993)
- Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee to the World Conference Human Rights (1991-1993)
- Head of the delegation of Poland to the 47th and 48th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1992-1993)
- Alternate Member of the Venice Commission "Democracy through Law" (1991-1994)
- Senior Adviser to the Foreign Minister on Human Rights (1990-1991)
- Representative of Poland to the Steering Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe (1990-1991)

Selected Publications

The Implementation of Social and Economic Rights in Central and Eastern European Countries, in: *The Implementation of Economic and Social Rights. National, International and Comparative Aspects*, Engel Verlag 1991

Right to life, Freedom of movement, The citizen's right to protection by the State while staying abroad, The foreigner's right to be protected against arbitrary expulsion, in: *Human Rights. The Legal Model. Studies in International and Comparative Law*, Ossolineum 1991

An East-European Perspective of an All-European System of Human Rights Protection, in: *Perspectives of an All-European System of Human Rights Protection. The Role of the Council of Europe, the CSCE, and the European Communities*, in: *All-European Human Rights Yearbook*, 1991, vol. 1

The European Convention on Human Rights and the Polish Law, in: *Nomos Verlag*, 1992

Comments on the preparatory work for the new Polish Constitution, in: *Constitutional Law*, Erasmus University Rotterdam 1993

Remarks on axiology of the future Polish Constitution, *Ethos*, Lublin 1992, vol. 2

The implementation of international human rights treaties in Poland, in: *Relationships between international and domestic law, UNIDEM Seminar, 19-21 V 1993r.*, Poznan 1994

The Vienna World Conference on Human Rights: a failure or milestone in human rights history?, *International Geneva Yearbook*, 1994, vol. 8

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in: *Recht zwischen Umbruch*

und Bewahrung, Springer Verlag 1995

Constitutional Culture and Human Rights, in: *Constitutional Cultures*, Warsaw Institute of Public Affairs 2000

United Nations Mechanisms to Promote and Protect Human Rights, in: *Mechanisms of the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights*, UNESCO 2003

Present-Day Challenges to Human Rights, The Polish Quarterly of International Affairs, vol. 12/2003, No 3

The Polish contribution to the international human rights protection, in: *Human Rights in the Polish Foreign Policy*, The Polish Institute of International Affairs 2007

2005 World Summit – the reform of the UN human rights programme, Polish Diplomatic Review, No 5, September and October 2007

The Road to Vienna: Negotiating the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, in: *Global Standards – Local Action: 15 Years of Vienna World Conference on Human Rights*, Vienna, 2009

Contemporary challenges to human rights in the light of the Polish Constitutional Law
Zdzislaw Kedzia and Antoni Rost (ed.), Poznan 2009

Mainstreaming human rights within the United Nations system, in: *International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms. Essays in honour of Jacob Th. Möller*, Raul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, 2009

Managing Diversity. Protection of Minorities in International Law, Daniel Thürer, Zdzisław Kędzia (ed.), Schulthess Verlag; 2009,

Relationship between the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights after the European Union's accession to the Convention, in:
Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union, J. Barcz (ed.), Warszawa 2009

The Responsibility to Protect: Political Strength vs. Legal Fragility, in "Rafał Lemkin A Hero of Humankind", Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, Sławomir Dębski (ed.), Polish Institute of International Affairs, 2010

Human Rights Diplomacy: Contemporary Perspectives, Michael O’Flaherty, Zdzisław Kedzia, Amrei Müller, George Ulrich (ed.), Martinus Nijhoff Publications, Leiden – Boston 2011; Author: ***Conference Diplomacy and Human Rights***

Reinforcement of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, *European Yearbook on Human Rights* 2014, Intersentia, p. 23 - 37

Constitution Making and Human Rights – a UN guidebook (in print)

Countering Corruption and Human Rights – a UN book (in print)