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## **Henry Peter**

Born in 1957, Henry Peter is a Franco-Swiss national who is full professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and Head of the Geneva Centre for Philanthropy.

A recipient of a succession grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, he was a visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley Faculty of Law in 1983 and 1984. He obtained his PhD in law from the University of Geneva in 1988. From then on, he became a lecturer, before being appointed associate professor in 1997 and full professor in 2004 of the Law School of the University of Geneva. From 1998 to 2012 he was the main architect of the Master in Business Law postgraduate joint programme of the universities of Geneva and Lausanne, which he created and directed. From 2006 to 2017, he was Head of the Department of Commercial Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva. He is a member of the Audit Committee, the Committee of the *Centre de Droit Bancaire et Financier* and of the LL.M. Tax of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva. In parallel, he is also a partner of the law firm Kellerhals Carrard in Lugano, where he resides.

For many years, his research and publications have focused on issues related to good governance and social responsibility of companies and international sports federations. In line with his approach, and while continuing his teaching activities, in 2014/2015, he launched the Philanthropy Series at the University of Geneva - a series of events open to the public. The rectorate then mandated him to create a Centre in philanthropy, which he has directed since 2017. Convinced that the most relevant subjects today are often at the interface between several disciplines and approaches, the Centre, unique in its kind, practices a transdisciplinary academic approach to philanthropy involving both the sciences and the humanities. A public-private partnership, the Centre's mission is teaching, fundamental and applied research, and knowledge sharing.

## **Teaching**

Henry Peter's academic career focuses on corporate law, with a secondary focus on sports law. It has included teaching at various universities, including the *Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3*, the University of Fribourg, the *Académie internationale des sciences et techniques du sport (AISTS)* in Lausanne, the *Académie suisse de la magistrature* in Neuchâtel, the Duke Summer Institute, the University of Zurich and of *Università della Svizzera italiana*.

## **Affiliations**

Henry Peter is a member or president of several organizations dealing with governance and ethics issues. He was a member of the Swiss Takeover Board from 2004 to 2015. Since 2007, he has been a member of the Sanctions Committee of the Swiss Stock Exchange. Since 2001, he has also been Vice-President of the Disciplinary Board for Doping Cases of the Swiss Olympic Association. For several years he has been a member of the committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association and is president of its Swiss Italian section. He is also a member of the committee of the Foundation for the Faculties of Lugano of the University of Southern Switzerland, the committee of the Foundation of the Museum of Art of Italian Switzerland (MASI) and the ethics committee of the International Automobile Federation (FIA, Paris and Geneva). He frequently acts as president, sole arbitrator or member of arbitral tribunals in commercial or sports law disputes, and is a permanent member of the Arbitral Tribunal for the America's Cup.

## Publications

Henry Peter is the author or editor of more than a hundred publications, articles and books, in French, German, English and Italian.

Recently:

- PETER Henry / JACQUEMET Guillaume, "*Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainable Development et Corporate Governance: quelles corrélations?*", in RSDA 3/2015, pp. 170 to 188.
- PETER Henry/JACQUEMET Guillaume : "*Groupes, sociétés de famille et entreprises responsables: à la recherche d'une gouvernance idoine...*", *Développements récents en droit commercial VI* (éd. David-André Knüsel), CEDIDAC no. 102, Lausanne, 2018, pp. 1 to 37
- PETER Henry / NERI-CASTRACANE Giulia, "*Einfluss und Wirkungen von Corporate Social Responsibility auf den Finanzplatz*", in *Finanzmarktaufsicht und Finanzmarktinfrastrukturen*, St. Galler Handbuch zum Schweizer Finanzmarktrecht, (éds. Peter Sester / Beat Brändli / Oliver Bartholet / Reto Schiltknecht), Dike Verlag, Zurich / St. Gall, 2018, pp. 135 to 163
- PETER Henry : "*Les avocats et la philanthropie*" ; in *Revue de l'avocat*, Berne – vol. 21 (2018), no. 2, p. 79 to 85.
- PETER Henry / VENTURA Livia / BOTTGE Delphine / PFMMATTER Vincent: "*Profit and Non-Profit purposes: can legal entities serve two masters at once?*", in *Expert Focus 2019/3*, pp. 163 to 165. Also published in German under the title: "*Gewinnorientierte und Gemeinnützige Zwecke. Können juristische Personen zwei Herren auf einmahl dienen?*", pp. 166 to 169.
- PETER Henry / MERKT BENOIT: "*Utilité publique et activité économique. Possibilités et limites de l'exonération fiscale*", in *Expert Focus 2019/3*, pp. 209 to 214.