



Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin y Ochoa

CURRICULUM VITAE

CLlr ret. Colonel Hon **Oliver M. GRUBER-LAVIN y OCHOA**, FRSA MRi MBCS (* 24.9.63, Vienna/AT)

After attending Piarist Order Grammar School and earning his higher education entrance qualification, Gruber-Lavin studied political science and communication studies at the University of Vienna.

MILITARY

1985 he completed his recruit training, and served 1985-1994 as a regular soldier in the Austrian Armed Forces (Österreichisches Bundesheer), including a tour of duty 1990/91 during Gulf War I to Syria as logistic officer to UNDOF (*United Nations Disengagement Observer Force*), supplying a.o. "Hermon Hotel", the highest permanently manned UN position in the world. For his distinguished service, he was awarded amongst others the United Nations Medal "In the Service of Peace" and others.

POLITICS

1993 Gruber-Lavin was appointed Chief Organization Officer of the Austrian Liberal Party (*Liberales Forum*) in Vienna and served 1994-2000 as Parliamentarian Assistant and Consultant in the Austrian Parliament.

1996¹ he was elected district councillor in Vienna and was re-elected 2001² and 2005³. For the Viennese state parliament elections 2001 he was top candidate in his constituency. For several years, he was chairman of the district Cultural Commission.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

After his military service, Gruber-Lavin collected excellent expert knowledge in the public and private sector as IT- and office trainer as well as a consultant. He has comprehensive teaching experience as a lecturer in Vocational Training Institutes and was awarded the professional Membership (MBCS) of the "British Computer Society", the only Chartered Professional Institution for Information Technology in the UK.

As a member of the "Austrian Journalists Club" he collected profound journalistic experience as photojournalist, amongst others during the wars in the former Yugoslavia and as radio presenter for several years. Extensive study travels to Southeast Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the Balkan followed.

2004 he started to work as a consultant and member of the management committee for Austrian and German mining companies in East Africa (*Uganda, Kenya & Ruanda*) and the DRC (*Democratic Republic of Congo*).

Since begin of 2013 Gruber-Lavin acts as senior expert instructor in an institution of adult education in Vienna. He is personally certified (ISO/IEC 17024). 2015 he began his work as a managing partner in a Society for Value-Oriented Communication.

Gruber-Lavin was elected Fellow of the "The royal society for arts, manufactures and commerce (FRSA)" (UK) 2014 and Member of the Royal Historical Society (UK) 2016.



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CHARITY & PHILANTHROPY

Gruber-Lavin has a long record of activities in the field of international humanitarian relief assistance and other fields of welfare activities. Starting with supporting the Druze minority at the Syrian/Lebanese border area during his UN-Peacekeeping-Mission or operating humanitarian aid transports (*with CARE*) in the early 90s to Mostar (*Bosnia*), which became the site of a bloody siege at that time during the Bosnian war, up to supporting charities while his work in Africa, like sponsoring the Grace of God Orphanage and Primary School Inganga and others.

As a member of a district council in Vienna and chairman of the cultural commission Gruber-Lavin supported numerous social associations and action groups.

As member of the Association of Austrian Peacekeepers and the Royal British Legion he is supporting the welfare and interests of Veterans.

To backup these activities he earned a Certification for Safety and Health (*SMP20 - Irish Legislation Authority*). 2012 Gruber-Lavin successfully completed a helicopter Marshall – Training and earned the CSLI Air Wings in Silver.

Gruber-Lavin is member of the student fraternity Corps Victoria Vienna and was 2014 - 2015 Chairmen (*„Philistersenior“*) of their old fellows association (*„Altherrenschaft“*).

His interest in heraldry and genealogy led to be awarded a membership in the Cambridge University Heraldic and Genealogical Society (2014).

In 2022, Gruber-Lavin was appointed Colonel with the title "*Honorable*" by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Andy Beshear.

* LAZARUS UNION (CSLI)

2011 Gruber-Lavin, joined the Corps Saint Lazarus International (CSLI) (*„General Consultative Status“*, *ECOSOC - Economic and Social Council*) as a Captain (CSLI). He served as an Officer on staff duty assigned to the UCIC (*Union Commander in Chief*) and CSLI Group Liaison Officers (Staff), Corps Austria with the rank of Colonel (CSLI). 2022 he was promoted Lt. General (CSLI)

2015 he was elected Secretary General of the Union and appointed delegate to the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV). In 2022 Gruber-Lavin was elected Plenipotentiary of the Lazarus Union and Grand Master of the Honorary Knighthood of the Lazarus Union. He is head of delegation of the Lazarus Union at the "*Economic and Social Council of the United Nations*" (ECOSOC) in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

Gruber-Lavin is Knight of the "*Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim*" was established 1755. Having seen the terrible consequences of ongoing religious wars in Europe, the founders dedicated themselves to "*worship the Supreme Being, show tolerance towards all religions, loyalty towards their princes, support the needs of their military, the poor, widows and orphans.*"

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books *(all in German)*:

- *“ATYCHIPHOBIA- Talks about failure”*, w. Sandy Tomsits (*Publ.*) ArtLibre 2019, ISBN 978-3-9012-0920-8
- *„Manfred Seibt – In Memoriam”* (*Publ.*), Norderstedt BoD, Paperback/eBook, 2017, ISBN 978-3-7460-1454-8
- *„Haram Satire”*, Norderstedt BoD, Paperback/eBook, 2016, ISBN 978-3-8370-0374-1
- *“Human rights from New York to Cairo”*, Norderstedt BoD, Paperback/eBook, 2015, ISBN 978-3-8482-2151-6
- *„Lazarus 2012 - A Compendium”*, Norderstedt Paperback/eBook, 2012, ISBN 978-3-8482-2151-6
- *„Memories of the Millennium”*, Norderstedt, Paperback/eBook, 2011, ISBN 978-3-8423-7532-1
- *„Die Fanatischen Vier”*, Comic-Booklet, 2010

Radio credits

- **Zoom – das Kulturmagazin**, *Radio Orange*, 2001-2003
- **On-Stage**, *Radio Orange*, 2002
- **Screen**, *Radio Orange*, 1999-2002

Web credits

- **Comics against right** - *an initiative of Austrian cartoonists*

Awards & Honours

- 1980 The Grand Austrian Youth Prize, *Art, Literature and Music*
- 2012 State recognized and accredited personal certification based on ISO/IEC 17024
- 2014 Fellow of the “Royal Society of Arts (RSA)” (UK)
- 2022 Colonelcy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (*Aide de Camp to the Governor*)

SEE ALSO

References

- ¹ BV-Wahl 1996 - <http://www.wien.gv.at/wahl/NET/BV961/BV961-208.htm>
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- ³ BV-Wahl 2005 - <http://www.wien.gv.at/wahl/NET/BV051/BV051-208.htm>

External links

- Works by or about Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin in the Catalogue of the German National Library
- LAZARUS UNION – Union Corps Saint Lazarus International

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MEMBERSHIPS



LAZARUS UNION (CSLI) - Union Corps Saint Lazarus International



UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION VIENNA (UNCAV)



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, FRSA



OeJC - AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS CLUB



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MRHISTS



BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY, MBCS



ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN, MRi



THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



THE EQUESTRIAN, SECULAR AND CHAPTERIAL ORDER OF SAINT JOACHIM (OSJ), KJ
Austro-German Commandery Leopold II.



EMPA - European Military Parachuting Association



VÖP - Association of Austrian Peacekeeper



A.I.S.P.
Soldiers of Peace International Association (*Association Internationale des Soldats de la Paix*)



G.M.I.C. - Gentleman's Military Interest Club



K.Ö.M.L. CORPS VICTORIA
Katholisch österreichische Mittelschul-Landsmannschaft



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DECORATIONS



BHZ 3rd Class (*Austrian Armed Forces / Austria*)



WDEM Bronze (*Austrian Armed Forces / Austria*)



UN-Medal "In the Service of Peace" (*UNDOF / United Nations*)



Medal of Merit (Bronze) (*Association of Austrian Peacekeepers*)



Signum Sacri Itineris Hierosolymitani (*Vatikan*)



Medal of Merit (Bronze) (*Austrian Red Cross*)



German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (*German Federal Forces*)



Croix de la Confédération Européenne des anciens Combattants



Grand Cross of Peace of the founder of the Lazarus Union (*Lazarus Union / CSLI*)



Commander Cross for Science, Research and Arts (*Lazarus Union / CSLI*)



Certified Helicopter Marshaller – CSLI Air Wings in Silver



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COAT OF ARMS



Registered: *The Armorial Register - International Register of Arms*
(formerly *Burke's Peerage & Gentry International Register of Arms*) (Vol.2).

Arms: *Gules, on a bend Vert fimbriated Argent between two pairs of brushes in saltire Or three fleur-de-lis Argent.*
Crest: *A statant lion crowned Or bestriding two conjoined wings Gules on each a fess Argent.*

Motto:

Etiam si omnes, ego non!



Grandmaster of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union

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