



Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin y Ochoa

CURRICULUM VITAE

Cllr ret. LtGen (CSLI) **Oliver M. GRUBER-LAVIN y OCHOA**, FRSA MRHistS MBCS KJ, (*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 war in the former Yugoslavia and as radio presenter for several years. Extensive study travels to South East 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 an associate partner in an agency for PR and social media.

He also is a Member (MRi) of the [Royal Institution of Great Britain](#) the oldest independent research body in the world (*Patron: Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II.*) and the [British Science Association](#).

Gruber-Lavin was elected Fellow of the [Royal Society of Arts](#) 2014 and Member of the [Royal Historical Society](#) 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-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).

Since 2017 Gruber-Lavin has been working voluntarily as a media designer and in the production management of the intergenerational theatre group "[ALTE MEISTER](#)".

* LAZARUS UNION (CSLI) & ORDER OF ST. JOACHIM (OSJ).

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). 2015 he was elected Secretary General of the Union and appointed delegate to the [United Nations Office at Vienna \(UNOV\)](#).

2017 he was appointed “Grand Chancellor” of the Chapter of the Knighthood of Honour of the Union. In 2019 Gruber-Lavin takes over the management of the Lazarus Union on an interim basis as General Plenipotentiary.

In August 2013, he received his admittance as a “*Knight expectant*” of the Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial [Order of Saint Joachim](#) (OSJ) and was promoted to the rank of a “*Knight*” by the Grandmaster of the order during the UK Investiture in November 2013.



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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books (all in German):

- "ATYCHIPHOBIA- Talks about failure", with 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](#)
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- "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

- 1980 [The Grand Austrian Youth Prize](#), *Art, Literature and Music*
- 2012 State recognized and accredited personal certification based on ISO/IEC 17024

SEE ALSO

References

- ¹ BV-Wahl 1996 - <http://www.wien.gv.at/wahl/NET/BV961/BV961-208.htm>
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- [Works by or about Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin](#) in the Catalogue of the [German National Library](#)
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- [The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim](#)
- [Österreichischer Journalistenclub](#)

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MEMBERSHIPS



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, FRSA



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MRHISTS



BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY, MBCS



ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN, MRi



THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL)



LAZARUS UNION (CSLI) - Union Corps Saint Lazarus International



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



HOSPITALIER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM (HOLJ)
Grandpriors of Austria



EMPA - European Military Parachuting Association



OeJC - AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS CLUB



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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AWARDS & DECORATIONS

		BHZ 3rd Class (<i>Austrian Armed Forces / Austria</i>)
		WDEM Bronze (<i>Austrian Armed Forces / Austria</i>)
		UN-Medal "In the Service of Peace" (<i>UNDOF / United Nations</i>)
		Medal of Merit (Bronze) (<i>Association of Austrian Peacekeepers</i>)
		Medal of Merit (Bronze) (<i>Austrian Red Cross</i>)
		German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (<i>German Federal Forces</i>)
		Médaille Civisme et Dévouement Palm Or (<i>France</i>)
		Etoile du Bien et du Mérite (<i>France</i>)
		Médaille d'honneur des Services Bénévoles échelon Or (<i>France</i>)
		Etoile Européenne du Dévouement Civil et Militaire d'Or (<i>France</i>)
		La Croix d'Honneur du Policier Européen (<i>L'AECOPSD</i>)
		Croix de la Confédération Européenne des anciens Combattants (<i>France</i>)
		Medalla del Servicio Militar Obligatorio (<i>Spain</i>)
		Medalla del Guerrillero (<i>Asociación Heroico Viriato, Spain</i>)
		Médaille d'Honneur de l'UNACITA (<i>France</i>)
		Order of Merit 5th Class with Swords (<i>FK HuDM Mannheim</i>)
		Cross of Merit 1st Class in Gold (<i>FK HuDM Mannheim</i>)
		Cross of Merit 2nd Class (<i>STK Lettenreuth</i>)
		Foundation Cross in Bronze (<i>Österreichische Lebens- Rettungsgesellschaft</i>)
		Kolonialdenk Kreuz 2. Klasse (<i>STK Lettenreuth</i>)



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		„AUSTRIAN BATAILLON“ Freedom Medal
		St. Michaels' Medal (<i>EMPA - European Military Parachuting Association</i>)
		Jubilee Cross 2012 (<i>Traditional Regiment „Kaiserjäger N° 1“, Tyrol/Austria</i>)
		Cold War Victory Medal (<i>United States of America</i>)
		United Nations Medal (<i>United States of America</i>)
		Donation Cross (<i>ÖKB-Perchtoldsdorf</i>)
		"IN MEMORIAM" (<i>ÖKB Stadtverband Hollabrunn / Austria</i>)
		Signum Memoriae (<i>Traditionsverband der Sachsen dragoner, Austria</i>)
		Medal of Merit des K.k. Landwehrinfanterieregimentes Linz No. 2 (<i>Austria</i>)
		Vitézi Rend 20 éves emlékérem (<i>Hungary</i>)
		Médaille des sympathisantes de l'ANT-TRN (<i>France</i>)
		LU-Cross Grand Commander (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Officers Cross of Merit (VDKO) (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Cross of Honour of the Union Commander (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		UN-NGO Medal for delegates (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Lazarus Union Medal in Gold (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Medal of Humanity in Gold (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Members' medal (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		Lazarus Medal (<i>Lazarus Union / CSLI</i>)
		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!