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His publications include *The Constitutional Structure of Proportionality* (Oxford University Press, 2012), *Institutionalized Reason: The Jurisprudence of Robert Alexy* (Oxford University Press, 2012), and the two-volume *Constitutionally Conforming Interpretation – Comparative Perspectives* (Hart Publishing, 2023 and 2025). He is Series Co-Editor of Hart Studies in Constitutional Theory, and his work has appeared in seven languages.

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Klatt lectures widely across Europe and the Americas and has supervised doctoral scholars whose theses have appeared with Hart, Springer, Nomos, and Mohr Siebeck. His research has been recognised by the European Award for Legal Theory and the Young Scholar Prize of the IVR.