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Current Position

President of the University of Hildesheim
(since 04-01-2002, third term since 01-01-2013)

Chairman of the Board, Landeshochschulkonferenz Niedersachsen
(since 01-01-2015)

Education

In history, political science, slavic studies at
University of Goettingen (Ph.D. in history 1982)
Kliment-Ochridski-University Sofija (Bulgaria)
Istanbul University (Turkey)
Habilitation at University of Hildesheim (venia legendi in political science 1992)
Research terms in Bonn, Vienna, Paris, London, Oxford,
Washington D.C., Boston, Atlanta, Simi Valley, Stanford

Teaching Positions

University of Hildesheim (Professor of Political Science), University of Goettingen,
Arizona State University, University of Hannover, University of Greifswald

Other Positions

Board member, Landeshochschulkonferenz Niedersachsen (2005-2008)
Affiliated Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Chair, Deutsch-Amerikanischer Arbeitskreis
Vice President for Research and Teaching, University of Hildesheim (2000-2002)
Co-chair, Gesellschaft für Deutschlandforschung (1995/96)
John F. Kennedy Fellow, Harvard University (1982/83)

Memberships

Atlantik Brücke e.V.
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft
ARTE-Programmbeirat
Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien Hannover (supporting initiative)
Museumsverein Hildesheim e.V.
Rotary Club Hildesheim
Universitätsgesellschaft Hildesheim e.V.

Publications

Three authored books, one co-authored book, three edited books, two co-edited
books and some 30 other publications
Major subjects: German-American relations, Totalitarianism