

Curriculum vitae

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Norfolk, Virginia, USA.

Naturalised as a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Economic Community (EEC) on 10 September 2001 in Heidelberg, Germany.

Primary Education

1950- 1956: Woodlawn Elementary School, St. Petersburg, Florida.

1957- 1960: Mirror Lake Junior High School, St. Petersburg.

1960 - 1963: St. Petersburg Senior High School, St. Petersburg.

Intermediate Education

1963 - 1964: Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg.

Military Service

1964 - 1965: United States Air Force; injured; discharged with full military honors.

Political Service

1967 - 1972: Student leader against U.S. military involvement in Viet Nam (President, Students for Peace and Freedom, University of South Florida, Tampa).

Study Travels

1973 - 1974: India and Nepal.

1974 - 1975: Palestine, Israel.

Employment

1975 - 1977: Teacher of English as a foreign language at the Inlingua-Schools, Karlsruhe and Heidelberg, Germany.

Higher Education

1966 - 1972: Basic studies at the University of South Florida.

1977 - 1978: Basic studies of Germanistics and Anglistics at the University of Heidelberg.

1978 - 1988: Studies in Indology, Modern Languages and Literatures of South Asia, and the History of Religions and Philosophy of South Asia at the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University.

- 1985 - 1987: Merit stipend holder of the Land Baden-Württemberg (*Promotionsstipendium*).
- 1988: Completion of doctoral studies with highest honour (*summa cum laude*).
- 2001: Habilitation to associate professor (*Privatdozent*) in the Institute of Indology of the Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, with highest honour (*summa cum laude*).

Academic Service

- 1978 - 1979: Research assistant in the Department of Political Science at the South Asia Institute.
- 1985 - 1986: Teaching assignment in the Department of History of Religions and Philosophy of the South Asia Institute.
- 1986: Research on the religious situation in the Deccan (India) in the 16th century (Merit Stipend of the Land Baden-Württemberg).
- 1988: Teaching assignment in the Department of History of Religions and Philosophy of the South Asia Institute.
- 1989: Teaching assignment in the Department of History of Religions and Philosophy of the South Asia Institute.
- 1990: Research in India on hagiographies written in Old Marathi on the life of Shri Santa Ekanatha (16th century, Maharashtra); financed by the Smithsonian Institution (Washington, D.C.) and the American Institute of Indian Studies (Chicago).
- 1990 -1998: Assistant professor in the Department of Indology, South Asia Institute.
- 1991-1998: Research in the Deccan (India) on medieval devotional literature in Dakhni-Urdu and in the Northern Areas of Pakistan (Hunza and Nager) on oral traditions of the central Asian epic of Gesar in Burúshaski.
- 1992 - 1995: Research in the Northern Areas of Pakistan (Hunza and Nager) on oral traditions of the epic of Gesar in Burúshaski.
- 1995 - 1998: Project for the German Research Council (DFG), Bonn, on the ancient traditions and world-view of the people of Híspar (Nager, Karakoram).
- 1999-2005: Personal member of the South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University.
- 2001-2005: Associate professor (*Privatdozent*) in the Institute of Indology of the Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 2007-2013: Professor of comparative religions in the Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

- 2007-2012: Principal adviser to the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) for the project "Upgrading the Taxila Institute", Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2012-2014: Guest professor at the Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2013-2017: Guest professor at the Seminar of the Science of Religion, University of Basel, Switzerland.
- 2014-2015: Special consultant to the German International Cooperation (GIZ) for the project "Improving the Quality of Education in Yemen".
- 2015-2018: Guest lecturer in the Faculty of Lutheran Theology, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 2019-present: Gutachter (expert evaluator) der Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung (Bonn).

Awards

- 2008: Peace Prize of the Belgian-Pakistan Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Institute for Peace and Development (INSPAD) in Islamabad on 31 July 2008.
- 2012: Gold Medal of the Rotary Club International for „Service to Humanity” awarded in the Marriott Hotel, Islamabad, on 13.2.2012. See following Internet link:
<http://www.taxilastudies.com/events-gallery.aspx>.
- 2012: Gold Medal of the National Defense University (NDU), Islamabad, on 18.12.2012 for contributions to the security and stability of Pakistan.
- 2012: Special Recognition Award of the Rotary Club of Islamabad in collaboration with the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST) for contribution to a „Peaceful and Prosperous Pakistan“ on 19 December 2012.
- 2016: Awarded the title "Ambassador of Peace" by the Belgium-Pakistan Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Institute for Peace and Development (INSPAD) in Islamabad on 30th September 2016.