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**Curriculum Vitae**

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ACADEMIC HISTORY:

Ph.D. Geography, Geology and English Philology, University of Tuebingen,  
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Habilitation: Geography, University of Tuebingen, 1970

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

1965-1970 Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Tuebingen  
1970-1972 Full Professor, Department of Geography, University of Giessen  
1972-1986 Full Professor, Department of Geography, University of Marburg  
1986-2004 Full Professor, Department of Geography, University of Bonn  
March 2004 Professor Emeritus

In between: shorter and longer Visiting Professorships at McGill-University Montreal,  
USI Carbondale/Illinois, University of Arizona Tucson/Arizona, Shahid  
Beheshti-University Tehran/Iran, and Wilfrid Laurier University  
Waterloo/Ontario.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS:

1973-1975 Secretary-General and Member of the Scientific Committee of the  
Zentralverband der Deutschen Geographen and Verband Deutscher  
Hochschullehrer der Geographie  
1974-1975 Dean of the Geographical Faculty, University of Marburg  
1975-1990 Member of the Evaluation Committee of the German Academic  
Exchange Service (DAAD)  
1979-1980 Dean of the Geographical Faculty, University of Marburg  
1980-1988 Member, Deputy Chair and Chair of the Evaluation Committee  
'Geography' of the German Research Council (DFG)  
1988-1992 Chairman of the Committee of the Federal Republic of Germany in the  
International Geographical Union (IGU)  
1992-1997 Vice-Rector of the University of Bonn  
1992-2000 Secretary-General and Treasurer of the International Geographical  
Union (IGU)  
1993-1998 Member of the Senate Committee 'International Relations' of the  
German Research Council (DFG)  
1994-2002 Member of the Advisory Committee 'Bonn International Centre for  
Conversion' (BICC)

- 1995-1996 Member of the Interim Steering Committee of the Human Dimensions Programme (HDP)
- 1995-1999 Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee South Asia Institute (SAI) of the University of Heidelberg
- 1996-1999 Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the International Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Programme (IHDP)
- 1996-2002 Chairman of the German National Committee for Global Change Research
- 1999-2001 Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP)
- 1999-2003 Member Coordination Committee "Geotechnologien" (BMBF/DFG)  
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- 2001-2005 Member Foundation Committee for United Nations University (UNU) Research and Training Centre (RTC) on "Environment and Human Security", Tokyo/Japan
- 2001-2007 Member Evaluation Committee des Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) Kyoto (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan)
- 2002 Member Nomination Committee for International Council for Science (ICSU), Paris
- 2002 Member Search Committee for Director for United Nations University (UNU) Research and Training Centre (RTC) on "Environment and Human Security", Tokyo/Japan
- 2002 Member of the Nomination Committee for the International Council for Science (ICSU), Paris
- 2004-present Chairman Scientific Evaluation Committee "Megacities for Tomorrow", German Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2004-present Senior Fellow, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
- 2005-present Senior Scientific Advisor to the German Research Foundation (DFG) for international affairs
- 2007-present Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of START
- 2007-present Chair of the Donor's Group of the International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

- 1989 Corresponding Member of the Finnish Geographical Society Helsinki
- 1990 Member of the Academia Europaea London
- 1995 Honorary Member of the Russian Geographical Society St. Petersburg
- 1997 Gold Medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society Glasgow
- 1998 Honorary Member of the Société de Géographie Paris
- 2001 Honorary Member of the Iranian Geographical Society, Tehran
- 2005 Honorary Member of the Hamburg Geographical Society, Hamburg/Germany