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Personal data

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Present positions

United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, since 2010.

Professor of Human Rights and Human Rights Politics, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, since 2009.

Honorary Professor of Law, University of Bielefeld, since 2007.

Education

Habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in Philosophy, University of Bremen, 2000.

PhD in Philosophy, University of Tübingen, 1989.

Studies in History, University of Tübingen, 1983-1988.

Studies in Philosophy and Catholic Theology, University of Tübingen, 1978-1982.

Studies in Philosophy and Catholic Theology, University of Bonn, 1976-1978.

Experience

German Institute for Human Rights (Germany's NHRI), Director, Berlin, 2003-2009.

International Coordinating Committee, Chair of Subcommittee on Accreditation of NHRIs, 2008-2009.

University of Bielefeld, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence, 1995-2003.

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and Department of Philosophy, 1993-1994.

University of Heidelberg, Faculty of Law, 1992-1995.

University of Mannheim, Faculty of Law, 1990-1992.

University of Tübingen, Interdisciplinary Research Project on Human Rights, 1983-1990.

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Coordinator for human rights in the German Commission of Justice and Peace, since 1999.