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M.Sc. (Econ.), University of Bonn, 1980.

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Heisenberg Fellow, German National Science Foundation (DFG), 1991-1992.

European Scholar, London School of Economics, 1991.

Professor and Chair of Economics, University of Halle-Wittenberg, 1992-1995.

Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, 1994-2004.

Professor and Chair of Economics, University of Mannheim, 1995-2003.

Member, German Science Council (Wissenschaftsrat), 1997-1999.

Research Fellow, Institute for Economic Research (CESifo), Munich, 1999-.

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA), Bonn, 2000-.

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Professor and Chair of Economics, Public Finance, and Industrial Organization, Munich University of Technology, 2003-.

Member, Federal Taxation and Finance Committee, National Tax Association (USA), 1987-1990.

Member of the Board of Governors, Institute for Economic Research (IWH), Halle, 1992-1996.

Council Member, European Society for Population Economics, 1992-1997.

Chairman, Education Economics Committee, German Economic Association, 1994-1999;

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Member, Standing Commission on Education, German Rectors' Conference (HRK), 1994-2000.

Board Member, German Economic Association, 1994-1999; 2006-2008.

Member, Scientific Committee, World Congress, International Institute of Public Finance (Lissabon 1995, Tel Aviv 1996, and Kyoto 1997).

Member, Senate Committee and Authorizing Committee, Postgraduate Programmes, German National Science Foundation, 1996-1999.

Vice-Dean, Department of Economics, University of Mannheim, 1996-1998.

Member of the Managing Board, Institute for Mittelstand-Research, Mannheim, 2001-2004.

Faculty Member, Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, 2003-2007.

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Dean of Student Affairs, TUM School of Management, Munich University of Technology, 2005-2007.

Docent of the Year, Executive MBA in Communication and Leadership, Munich University of Technology, 2007.

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