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Curriculum

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Year of birth: 1955

Professional training

	Academic degrees
2002, Berlin	Dr. phil (rer. soc., Ph.D. in Sociology), Humboldt University,
2002, Bochum	Habil. theol. (post-doc. Systematic Theology), Ruhr-University,
1991, Bochum	Dr. theol. (Ph.D. in Systematic Theology and Ecumenism), Ruhr-University,
1983 and 1991, Bielefeld	1st and 2nd theological exams, Protestant Church of Westphalia (EkvW).
	Studies
1976 to 1983 Göttingen, Tübingen	Protestant Theology. Emphasis on hermeneutics, dogmatic, ethics, New Testament, Third World-theologies; philosophy and social sciences.
	Modern languages
	German, English, Spanish (business fluent), Portuguese (fluent), French (basic)
	Ancient languages
	Latin, Greek, Hebrew.

Academic teaching

Since 2006 Bielefeld	Professorships <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Protestant Theology and its didactics (Systematic Theology, History of the Church) as well as Sociology of Religion at the <i>University of Bielefeld</i>, Germany, Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology as well as Faculty of Sociology,▪ Religious Studies at <i>Universidad Nacional</i>, Costa Rica, Escuela Ecueménica de Ciencias de la Religión, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras,▪ Systematic Theology at <i>Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana</i> (officially recognized private University with a continental network of partners. Attendance- and correspondence courses with a contextual theological approach).
2003 to 2006 San José, Costa Rica	
1995 to 2003 Costa Rica , Brazil Bolivia, Cuba, Mexico Guatemala, Panama Peru, Venezuela	
2003 to 2006 Hannover	Lecturerships <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Religious Studies (Systematic), University of Hannover, Seminar for Religious Studies,▪ Ecumenical Theology, Ecumenical Institute, Ruhr-University.
1992 to 1994, Bochum	
Since 2005	Para-university advanced teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Collaboration in the development of the <i>European Center of University Studies for Senior Citizens</i> (EZUS).

Research

	For more details on research, please, see special document.
Bielefeld University since 2006	Research projects and cooperation according to areas: Religion and conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “The ethos of religious peace builders” (Bosnia-Herzegovina); <i>German Research Foundation</i> (DFG); ongoing.▪ Cooperation in the application for a <i>Cluster of Excellence</i> with the DFG on “Signatures of threat”, IKG, Bielefeld University; applied for.▪ Cooperation in the <i>Research Center</i>-proposal “Religion – conflict – peace: religion’s potentials for violence and peace in situations of crisis and war” (director Prof. Dr. A. Hasenclever) to DFG; applied for. Religion, social disparity and transnationalization (Pentecostalism) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Religious faith and social action in Guatemala and Nicaragua,

- 1985/2012”; applied for at *German Research Foundation* (DFG).
- “The field of religious identity politics and transnational media impact: Pentecostalism in a Brazilian favela”; applied for at DFG as part of a Research Group.
 - „Religious change in Argentina: Pentecostal styles and social class“; financed by the *German National Academic Foundation* (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes).
 - „Religious diversity under conditions of relative social equality“; financed by *Consejo Nacional de Ciencias y Tecnología* (CONACYT), Mexico.
 - Associated Fellow in the Inter-American Research Group “E Pluribus Unum? Ethnic Identities in Transnational Integration Processes in the Americas”, at the *Center for Interdisciplinary Research* (ZiF), Bielefeld.
 - Bielefeld University initiative for furnishing regional studies on Latin America: „Culture – communication – conflict: intercultural and transnational dynamics in the Americas“; to be financed by the *Ministry for Education and Research* (BMBF).
 - *Bertelsmann Foundation* in the project of the worldwide „Religion Monitor 2008“, sections of „Pentecostalism worldwide“ and „Latin America“ (finished, see publications).

Religious identities, habitus, formation of ethical orientations, and politics of identity (methods and theory)

- Projects on Bosnia-Herzegovina and on Latin America (see above).
- Member of *Bielefeld Center for Education and Capability Research*.
- Cooperation in the initiative for a Cluster of Excellence “Signatures of Threat”.

Fundamentalisms

- Standing alone project, finished with a monography (see publications: *Kampf der Fundamentalismen*, Suhrkamp 2008).

Pneumatology and second modernity

- A Systematic Theological project on the meaning of the Christian teaching on the Holy Spirit for contemporary societies.

Universidad Nacional
Universidad Bíblica
Latinoamericana,
Costa Rica
1995 to 2003

World religions in the process of globalization

Cooperation in an international research group of the *World Council of Churches* (*Ecumenical Institute*, Bossey, Geneva, 1998-2002).

Network-theory of religious identity

Development of sociological theory and methodology (Dissertation for Dr. phil.),

Religion and theology as „practical logics“ (Bourdieu)

Development of theory in theology and religious studies (Habilitation in theology).

Ruhr-Universität
Bochum
1984 to 1992

History, contemporary politics and theology of the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala.

Commissioned by the *World Alliance of Reformed Churches*; field studies in Guatemala, 1985.

Protestantism in Central America: history, social conditions and theological orientation.

Focus on the Pentecostal Movement. Financed by *Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst* (Protestant Academic Foundation) and *World Council of Churches*; field studies in Guatemala, Nicaragua and USA, 1983, 1985 and 1986.

Scientific cooperation (international and national)

Since 2006
from Bielefeld with
Brazil, Argentina, Mexico,
Bosnia-Herzegovina,
Netherlands, Britain, USA

International

- *Universidade Metodista de Sao Paulo*, Brazil;
- *Universidad de Buenos Aires*, Argentina;
- *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*, Mexico;
- *University of Sarajevo*, Bosnien-Herzegovina;
- *University of Chicago*, USA;
- *New York University*, USA;
- *GloPent*, European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism, Great Britain;
- Editorial Board, Social Science Section of *PentecoStudies*, Netherlands.

Between
1992 and 2003
Germany, Switzerland,
Mexico, Brazil,
Costa Rica

Courses, lectures, working groups etc. in collaboration with the following organizations:

- *United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*, Mexico,
- *Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias (CLAI)*, Ecuador,
- *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)*, Costa Rica,
- *Instituto de Estudos da Religião (ISER)*, Brazil,
- *Departamento Ecuménico de Investigaciones (DEI)*, Costa Rica,
- *Ecumenical Institute Bossey*, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, International Research Group on globalization and religion (1998-2002) and various consultations.
- The Universities of Basel, Bochum, Cologne and Hamburg from base in Costa Rica.

Heidelberg

National (only current cooperation)

- Interdisciplinary Research Group on Pentecostalism (*IAK Pfingstbewegung*, Heidelberg).
- Research Network Religion and Conflict (*Forschungsverbund Religion und Konflikt*, FES), Heidelberg.

- Gütersloh
 - *Bertelsmann Foundation* (Religion Monitor 2008).
 - The above (Research according to areas) mentioned project oriented cooperation.

University of Bielefeld:

- Bielefeld
 - *Center for the Interdisciplinary Research on Religion and Society* (CIRRuS). The own platform for cooperation and communication of the Bielefeld Theology and Religious Studies department (<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/religionsforschung>).
 - *Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence* (IKG, [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ikg/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ikg/)).
 - *Center for Interdisciplinary Research*, Bielefeld (<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ZIF/FG/2008Pluribus/>).
 - *InterAmerican Studies* (IAS, [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ias](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ias)).
 - *Bielefeld Center for Education and Capability Research* (<http://www.bca-research.net>).

Recent international papers and conferences

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| <p>Berlin, Buenos Aires
 Concepción, Frankfurt
 Gothenburg, Hamburg
 Luisville, Mexico City
 Mostar, Münster
 New York,
 Santiago de Compostela,
 Santiago de Chile
 São Paulo, Sarajewo</p> | <p>Papers, seminars, lectures, round tables etc. at international conferences and workshops by international scientific associations, universities and research institutions such as: Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin; Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld; Universidade Metodista de São Paulo; Universidad de Buenos Aires; Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; New York University; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR); International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR); Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutsche Lateinamerika-Forschung; International Sociological Association etc. (No public speeches or media).
 For details, please, see the research curriculum.</p> |
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International cooperation in development issues

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| <p>Costa Rica
 1995-2003
 Hannover
 1992-1995</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>German Embassy</i> roundtable for developmental cooperation. ▪ <i>Lateinamerika Beratungsausschuss</i> (Latin America Counseling Committee) of <i>Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland</i> (German Protestant Church). |
| <p>Marl/Guatemala
 1989-1994</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Evangelische Stadtgemeinde Marl</i> (Cooperating Protestant Congregations) initiation and coordination of a partnership with the indigenous <i>Fundación Metodista de Desarrollo Integral, FUMEDI</i> (Methodist Foundation for Integral Development); |

Neuwied/Nicaragua
 El Salvador, Guatemala,
 Honduras
 1983
 Neuwied/Nicaragua
 1980
 Tübingen
 1978

extension to a School partnership and cooperation with *Food First Information and Action Network* (FIAN). 1993: project visit to Guatemala with German partners. Partnership still active.

- *EIRENE Christliche Friedensdienste* (EIRENE Christian Services for Peace) project coordination in Nicaragua and fact finding missions in the other countries.
- *EIRENE Christliche Friedensdienste* (EIRENE Christian Services for Peace) project finding mission in Nicaragua.
- Founding of the *Central America Committee* together with José Argüello Lacayo and Lutz Wingert. Committee still active.

Special trainings

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| 2008 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Management, <i>University of Bielefeld</i>, ▪ Team Building, <i>University of Bielefeld</i>, |
| 2006 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Problem-oriented Learning, <i>University of Bielefeld</i>, |
| 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conflict Mediation, German Society for Technical Cooperation, <i>GtZ</i>, |
| 1989 to 1994 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pastoral Training, Moderation of Teams, Conflict Mediation, Rhetoric, and Gender Relations at the training program of the Protestant Church of Westphalia (<i>EKvW</i>). |

Expert assessments

Assessments have
 been issued at the
 request of:

- German Research Foundation (DFG),
- Volkswagen Foundation ,
- German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF),
- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

Memberships in scientific societies

Active memberships
 are being maintained
 in the following
 societies:

- Scientific Society of Theology (*WGTh*),
- German Society for the History of Religion (*DVRG*),
- German Society for Sociology (*DGS*),
- German Society for Latin American Studies (*ADLAF*),
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (*SSSR*),
- International Society for the Sociology of Religion (*ISSR*),
- Research Network on Religion and Conflict (*FVRK*),

- Interdisciplinary Research Group on Pentecostalism (*IAK Pfingstbewegung*),
- European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism (*GloPent*),
- Latin American Network for Pentecostal Studies (*RELEP*).

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