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Curriculum vitae

Visiting Professor: Institute for Linguistics and Philosophy, University of Uppsala (since 8-2010); "Privatdozent" at the University of Bonn.

Senior Lecturer: (4/2002-8/2010) Senior lecturer at the Indological Department, University of Bonn (Germany), first as "Wissenschaftlicher Angestellter", since 10/2008 as "Akademischer Oberrat" ("venia legendi" position). Teaching responsibilities in Hindi and Urdu, modern Indian literature, history of Indian religions, modern Indian history. Administrative duties within the Institute for Oriental- and Asian Studies Bonn (IOA), website editing. General editor of the quarterly "SÜDASIEN" in German.

Guest lecturer: University of Uppsala (Sweden), Institut for Linguistics and Philology (9/2009-1-2010)

Editor: United Evangelical Mission (UEM, 7/2000-3/2002). Responsible for internet sites, press releases, two magazines in English and German

Lecturer: (1997-1999) Indological department, University of Aarhus (Denmark). Academic publications in the field of Indian languages/Indian history of religions

Journalism: Free lancing journalist (Deutsche Welle, Westdeutscher Rundfunk etc.)

Pax Christi: Honorary activities in the Catholic Peace Movement (German section and on international level).

ICRC: (7/95-4/96) Translator-delegate for Urdu/Hindi, International Committee of the Red Cross, delegation in New Delhi/Srinagar

Doctorate: Dr. phil. (December 1993), University of Zürich. Subject of dissertation: "Zeit und Geschichte im Vishnupurana" (Time and History in the Vishnu Purana, published in "Studia Religiosa Helvetica, series altera, vol.1").

Research Ast.: April 1990 - April 1994 research assistant of Prof. Peter Schreiner, Indological department, University of Zürich (Switzerland). Teaching in Hindi and Sanskrit. Library supervision and all kinds of administrative work.

Ass. editor: 9/1988-2/1990, 'Training in job'-programme, Deutsche Welle (Voice of Germany, Cologne)

Other activities: Teacher in intensive Hindi-course at the Bundessprachenamt, Hürth, "DSE", Bad Honnef, 1994. Teaching in Hindi at University of Mainz (2000) and Bonn (2000-2001)

University: 1983 - 1988 University of Bonn: Comparative Religions/Indology/Science of Music. Additional courses in Philosophy, Theology, Greek etc. Studies in Persian and Arabic. MA 7/1988

Studies abroad: August 1985 until April 1986: "Central Institute of Hindi" in New Delhi. Teacher in music at the German school in New Delhi (classes 6-10).

'Advanced Diploma' in Hindi: Division A ("Central Institute of Hindi", New Delhi).

Civil service: 1982-April 1983 at Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund, Düsseldorf

Schooling: 1968-1972 Primary School; 1972-1981 Städtisches Schloß-Gymnasium, Düsseldorf; final exam: "Abitur"; foreign languages: English, Latin, French

Birth: 20.7.1962 in Düsseldorf-Benrath (Germany)

Family: Married, two children (born 1991 and 1996)

Hobbies: Music (piano, organ); literature