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Member of the Deutscher Bundestag
Vice-President of the SPD Parliamentary Group



Curriculum Vitae

Born on 3 August 1952 in Frankfurt am Main;
married since 1972, one grown-up son

Education and training

- 1959 - 1968 Attended primary school and grammar school (obtained qualification giving right of entry to senior technical school)
- 1968 - 1970 Internship with local authority
- 1970 - 1973 Institute for local governance studies (university of applied sciences)
- 1981 - 1982 Part-time course at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Professional career

- 1968 - 1982 Worked in the public service in Frankfurt am Main and Bochum, latterly as head of section in cultural affairs department
- 1983 - 1984 Headed the European election office of the SPD party executive under Willy Brandt and Peter Glotz
- 1984 - 1994 Head of the European office in the Western Westphalia district branch of the SPD, and district party manager
- 1994 - 1999 Member of the European Parliament
- 1999 - 2001 Head of academy of a European residential adult education college
- 2002 - 2003 Secretary General of the organisation 'European Movement Germany' (currently on leave of absence)
- Since 2002 Member of the Deutscher Bundestag

Political career

- Since 1969 Member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)
- Since 1970 Has held various posts at local and district level
- Since 1976 Chairman of the Querenburg branch of the SPD
- Since 1976 Delegate at numerous party conferences at regional, district, *Land* and federal level
- 1979 & 2000 Election campaign manager for the Bochum branch of the SPD
- Since 2010 Member of the executive committee of the North Rhine-Westphalian SPD

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- 1994 - 1999 **Member of the European Parliament**
- Spokesman of the Party of European Socialists (PES) group on the Committee on Institutional Affairs
 - Member of the EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee
 - Substitute member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
 - Sports commissioner of the group of SPD parliamentarians within the PES group
- From 1999 OSCE election observer
- From 2000 Member of the executive committee of the Western Westphalia branch of the SPD
- Since 2001 Member of the SPD party council (highest body between party conferences)
- Since 2002 Member of the commission on Europe set up by the SPD party executive
- 2002 - 2005 **Member of the Deutscher Bundestag, 15th electoral term**
- Member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union
 - Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs
 - Chairman of the Subcommittee on European Law
 - Member of the Sports Committee
 - Deputy spokesman on sports policy for the SPD parliamentary group
- 2005 - 2009 **Member of the Deutscher Bundestag, 16th electoral term**
- Member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union
 - European-policy spokesman for the SPD parliamentary group
 - Chairman of the Group of SPD-Parliamentarians from North Rhine-Westphalia (since 17th March 2009)
 - Substitute member of the Committee on Legal Affairs
 - Substitute member of the Sports Committee
 - Member of the parliamentary friendship groups for: the Baltic states (until 2008), Austria, Russia, Italy, France and Poland (since 2008)
 - Substitute member of the Committee for the Election of Judges
 - Alternate member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 - Member of the working groups on local government policy and on right-wing extremism set up by the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag
- 2009 - 2013 **Member of the Deutscher Bundestag, 17th electoral term**
- Vice-President of the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag, in charge of European Affairs and Petitions (since 28.09.2010)
 - European-policy spokesman for the SPD parliamentary group (until 28.09.2010)

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- Substitute member of the Committee on Legal Affairs
- Substitute member of the Sports Committee
- Substitute member of the Committee for European Affairs (since 28.09.2010)
- Member of the parliamentary friendship groups for relations with: Belgium/ Luxemburg, Poland, Russia, Italy and France
- Member of the Executive Committee of the SPD Parliamentary Group
- Substitute member Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the WEU and the OSCE
- Member of the working groups on local government policy and on right-wing extremism set up by the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag

Since 2013

Member of the Deutscher Bundestag, 18th electoral term

- Vice-President of the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag, in charge of European Affairs and Economic Cooperation and Development
- Chairman of the Group of SPD-Parliamentarians from North Rhine-Westphalia (until 23.09.2015)
- Substitute member of the Sports Committee
- Substitute member of the Committee for European Affairs
- Substitute member of the Economic Cooperation and Development
- Substitute member of the Mediation Committee
- Substitute member Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the WEU and the OSCE
- Member of the working groups on local government policy and on right-wing extremism set up by the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag

Trade union activities

Since 1968 Member of the Public Services and Transport Workers' Union (ÖTV), now the United Services Union (ver.di)

1969 - 1982 Posts and elected offices at company and local levels

Work in education

Since 1969 Conducted seminars and taught in the area of adult education, primarily for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the *SBG-Westfalen* (Westphalian socialist educational organisation)

Since 2000 Member of the board of the Heinz Kühn educational organisation

2010 Lecturer at Georg Agricola University of Applied Sciences (summer semester 2010)

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Europe

Since 1978	Member of Europa-Union Deutschland
Since 1992	Deputy chairman of the North-Rhine/Westphalian branch of Europa-Union Deutschland
Since 1994	Member of the presidium of Europa-Union Deutschland
1999 - 2001	Member of the Thuringian executive committee of European Movement Germany
2001 - 2009	Chairman of the Bochum branch of the Europa-Union
2002 - 2003	Secretary General of European Movement Germany (currently on leave of absence)
Since 2003	Vice-President of European Movement Germany
Since 2007	President of advisory council for european affairs of the Association for Concerns of Structural Policy
Since 2010	Member of the board of trustees of the Institute of European Constitutional Studies at Hagen Distance Learning University

Memberships

- National Association for Workers' Welfare (AWO)
- Workers' Samaritan Federation
- Association for the promotion of social movements in Europe
- Member of the housing refurbishment advisory council of the city of Bochum (chairman from 1983 to 1989)
- Association supporting the Christuskirche
- Association supporting Bochum Synagogue
- Association supporting Mansfeld School
- Bochum-Donetsk twinning association
- Bochum-Oviedo twinning association
- Querenburg sports club
- Theatre and carnival association
- ATFS and DGLD (athletics)