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Curriculum vitae

Born: January 28th, 1930 in Ludwigshafen

1) Academic career:

1949 - 1950	Liberal Arts and Economics, Davidson College, Davidson N.C., USA
1950 - 1955	Law and Economics, Munich and Frankfurt Universities
1955	Law Degree, Frankfurt University
1955 - 1963	Assistant to Prof. Heinrich Kronstein, Frankfurt University and Georgetown University
1958	Doctor of Law, Frankfurt
1958 - 1959 and 1961 - 1962	Studies and research work, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1960	Bar Examination, Frankfurt
1962	Master of Law, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1963	Assistant Professor, Frankfurt University
1964 - 1970	Full Professor, Ruhr University, Bochum
1966 - 1967	Dean, Law Faculty, Ruhr University, Bochum
1967 - 1969	President, Ruhr University, Bochum
1967 - 1968	Chairman of the Conference of University Presidents, North Rhine-Westphalia
1968 - 1970	Chairman Federal Expert Commission to study Co-determination
1990	Visiting Professor at the Leipzig University (former GDR)

2) Professional:

1971 - 1973 Member Executive Board, Henkel Corporation, Düsseldorf

1977 - 1990 Lawyer, Member of the Bar, Cologne

3) Political:

1973 - 1977 Secretary General, Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU)

1976 - 1980
and 1987 - 1990 Member Deutscher Bundestag, Bonn
(Federal Parliament)

1977 - 1983 Deputy Chairman, CDU

since 1983 Member of the Board of the CDU

1979 - 1980 Chairman Economic Committee, Federal Parliament

1980 - 1988 Member Landtag (State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia)

1980 - 1983 Opposition Leader (State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia)

1977 - 1987 Chairman CDU (State organization of North Rhine-Westphalia)

10/1990
to 04/2002 Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony

10/1990
to 10/2004 Member Landtag (State Parliament of Saxony)

11/1999
to 10/2000 President of the German Bundesrat

4. Academic:

since 05/2003
since 11/2003 Trustee of the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin
Chairman of the Board of Trustees Hertie School of Governance

05/2003
to 12/2005
since 01/2006 President of
Dresden International University (DIU)
Honorary President of Dresden International University (DIU)

since 01/2011 three-year research professorship at Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für
Sozialforschung (Social Science Research Center).
Current project: "Democracy as Concept and Cultural Performance".

4) Honors:

- 1974 Doctor of Law honoris causa,
Davidson College, Davidson N.C.
- 1978 Doctor of Law honoris causa,
Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- 1993 Doctor of Law honoris causa,
New School for Social Research, New York
- 1994 Doctor of Law honoris causa,
Catholic University Brussels
- 2008 Doctor of Law honoris causa,
Handelshochschule Leipzig