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## Vita

### Education

- 2001 Freie Universität Berlin, Habilitation, Communication Science
- 1991 University of Mannheim, Ph.D., Political Science
- 1979-85 University of Mannheim, M.A., Political Science
- 1983-84 University of California Los Angeles, Political Science, Fulbright Student

### Career

- Since 4/2024 Senior Professor Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
- Since 2017 Principal Investigator “Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society – The German Internet Institute”, Berlin
- 4-10/2019 Managing Director (interim) “Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society – The German Internet Institute”, Berlin
- 2015-2017 Managing Director of the Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2009-2011
- Since 2011 Faculty of the Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies (BGTS)
- 2008-2024 Professor for Communication Studies, Communication Theory and Media Effects, Freie Universität Berlin
- 6/2005 Call for a professorship for Comparative Communication Studies, University of Zurich

- 2001-2008 Professor for Communication Studies and Media Politics, University of Hohenheim
- 1994-2001 Senior Researcher, Berlin Science Center for Social Research (WZB), research area "The Public Sphere and Social Movements"
- 1992-1994 Assistant Professor for Political Science, University of Mannheim, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 1986-1990 Researcher, University of Mannheim, Political Science and Comparative Social Research, Chair of Prof. Dr. Max Kaase, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 1977-1979 Editorial traineeship at Schwäbische Zeitung, Leutkirch im Allgäu

### **Fellowships and Stays Abroad**

- 2022-2024 Visiting Professor Helsinki Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities (HISSH), University of Helsinki
- 3-7/2018 Lady Davis Visiting Professor, Hebrew University Jerusalem
- 2012-13 Fellow Stanford University, Stanford, C.A., Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
- 2006-07 Visiting Fellow Harvard University, Cambridge, M.A., Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
- 1-6/1997 Fellow Harvard University, Cambridge, M.A., Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy
- 1991-92 Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Center for German and European Studies

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2017 ICA Fellow
- 2010 AcademiaNet – Network of Excellent Female Scholars
- 1993 German Marshall Fund, Travel Award for Younger German Scholars

### **Scientific Advisory Boards**

- Since 2023 Center for Comparative Media and Communication Research (CMC) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
- Since 2020 Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Bochum

Since 2020	Düsseldorf Institute for Internet and Democracy, (DIID), University of Düsseldorf
2019-2021	German National Academy, Leopoldina Halle, Working Group "Digitalization and Democracy"
2019-2022	Leibniz-Institute for Media Research/Hans-Bredow- Institute, Hamburg, Scientific Advisory Council
Since 2017	Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society – The German Internet Institute", Berlin, Scientific Council
2013-2015	Institute of Research Information and Quality, Berlin (iFQ), Board member
2012-2018	DFG, Committee on Scientific Library Services and Information Systems (AWBI) German Science Foundation and Sub-Committee for Scientific Publishing
2012-2016	European Communication Research Education Association (ECREA), Executive Board
2012	Organizer of the Annual Conference of the German Association for Media and Communication Science, "Mediapolis – Communication between boulevard und parliament", in Berlin
2010-2012	Federal Agency for Civic Education, Head of the Scientific Advisory Board
2010-2012	DFG Committee on longitudinal social research, Querschnittsfachkollegium Langfristprogramm"
2008-2012	DFG, Head of the Review Board for Social Sciences of the German Research Foundation
2009-2018	Hans-Bredow-Institute for Media Research, Hamburg , Scientific Advisory Board
2004-2008	DFG, Member of the Review Board for Social Sciences of the German Research Foundation
2004-2010	Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Member of the Senate
2004-2010	Federal Agency for Civic Education, Scientific Advisory Board
2008-2012	College-Research Group (KFG) "The Transformative Power of Europe", Freie Universität Berlin, Board member
2003-2006	IPSA, Head Research Committee 22 "Political Communication", International Political Science Association
2003-2011	ICA and APSA, Joint Publication Committee of Political Communication
2000-2006	DGPuK and DVPW -Head of the joint working group „Politics and Communication"

### **Selection Committees for Scientific Grants**

2023	Nordforsk –Head of Selection Committee for projects in Communication Science
2021	Finnish Academy – Head of Selection Committee for media and communication studies
2023-2025	ICA Steve Chaffee Award Selection Committee
2019	American Political Science Association APSA, Selection Committee Ithiel de Sola Pool Award
2015-2018	Fitz Thyssen Foundation Selection Committee for the best German journal article in Social Sciences
2015-2017	European Research Council – Review Committee for Starting Grants (SH2) The Social World, Diversity, Institutions and Values: Sociology, Political Science, Law, Communication, Education
2014-2016	Finnish Academy – Review Committee for Communication and Media Studies, 2016 Head
2012-2013	ICA, Selection Committee of the Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award, 2013 Head

### **Editorial Boards**

2021	Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media
since 2020	Communication Theory
Since 2014	Journal of Communication
Since 2011	Javnost – The Public
Since 2010	Co-editor of the Book Series “Political Communication and Democratic Public Sphere” Nomos Verlag Baden-Baden
Since 2010	International Journal of Press/Politics
Since 2008	Central European Journal of Communication
2007-2008	Journal of Global Mass Communication
Since 1998	Editorial Board Book Series „Communication, Society, and Politics“, Cambridge University Press
1998-2001	Political Communication