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Curriculum vitae:

1946 born in Munich, Germany. 1970-1979 studies at the University of Bonn in sinology as major with modern Chinese language (diploma 1974), general linguistics, Indonesian/Malayology (diploma 1972), and Japanology as minors. 1979 PhD (Dr. phil.). 1980-1998 lecturer at the Section of Chinese Studies of the School of Applied Linguistics and Cultural Studies (*Fachbereich Angewandte Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaft*) at Mainz University in Germersheim. 1990 habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in sinology. 1998-2012 professor and head of the Chinese Section (until retirement), 2001-2003 dean of the School.

Since 1979 various research activities in Chinese language and culture teaching, development of training programs for translators and interpreters, frequent research and lecture tours to China, Japan, Singapore and the Philippines, organization and co-organization of more than twenty national and international conferences etc. 1983-2004 founder and president, 2004-2008 vice-president of the Association of Chinese Language Teaching in German Speaking Countries (*Fachverband Chinesisch e.V. - Deutschland, Österreich, Schweiz*). 1985 co-founder, board member and 1996-2008 vice-president of the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching. 2000 Friendship Order of Chinese Language and Culture awarded by the Government of the People's Republic of China. 2002-2004 research project and 2003 international conference on *Youtai – Presence and Perception of Jews and Judaism in China*. 2007 organization of the International & Interdisciplinary Symposium on *Cultural Studies of Wine in China and Germany*. Several visiting professorships at different universities in China. 2008 and 2012 research expeditions along the "Silk Road" from Europe to Central Asia (25,000 km) and along the "Chinese Silk Road" (17,000 km), including lectures at different universities. 2012 Friedhelm-Denninghaus-Award from *Fachverband Chinesisch* for outstanding merits in promoting Chinese language teaching. November 2012 guest speaker at the "Beijing Forum" at Peking University. May-June 2013 study and lecture tour to Hong Kong, the Philippines and Taiwan. March-April 2014 excursion to Teheran and along the south-eastern "Silk Road" of Iran. November 2014 guest speaker at the "International Conference for Sinological Translations" at Peking University, and lectures at Beijing Language and Culture University and Chinese Agriculture University. 2015 lectures and guest speaker at conferences in the USA (University of Pennsylvania, UC Davis) and in China (Beijing Language and Culture University, Jiangnan University, Taiyuan, Anyang). Spring 2016 visit and lecture at Confucius Institute, Havana University, Cuba. October 2016 invited speaker at the 1st International Forum of Cultural Inheritance and Innovation in Nanjing.

Publications:

Die Wortarten im modernen Chinesischen (The Word Classes in Modern Chinese), 1979

Grundkurs modernes Chinesisch (Elementary Course in Modern Chinese), 1981

Nin hao! Ein praktischer Chinesischkurs für Anfänger (Nin hao! A Practical Chinese Language Course for Beginners), 2 vols, 1987/1990/1993

Der Begriff des Komplements in der chinesischen Grammatik und seine Präsentation in der Didaktik des Chinesischen als Fremdsprache (The Notion of Complement in Chinese Grammar and its Presentation in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language), 1988

1984-2008 main editor of *CHUN* (Journal of the Association of Chinese Language Teaching),

1990-2011 co-editor of *SinoLinguistica* (Monograph Series on Chinese Linguistics)

2008 and 2010 edition of the conference proceedings *Yutai – Presence and Perception of Jews and Judaism in China* and *Wine in Chinese Culture – Historical, Literary, Social and Global Perspectives*.

Ongoing book projects: *History of Chinese Wine Culture*, *Eurasian Identities along the Silk Road*, and *Chinese Morphology*.

More than 80 articles and reviews on Chinese linguistics, culture, society and politics in German, Chinese and English language.