

Short vita

Studies of sociology and political science at Philipps University Marburg, Georg August University Göttingen and University Gh Kassel, graduated (M.A.) February 1991.

1987 - Sept. 1991: Interdisciplinary *Research Group for Social Gerontology (ASG)* at the University of Gh Kassel in research projects on family relationships in old age and the need for care.

October 1991 - Feb. 1992: Research associate at the *Forschungsgesellschaft für Gerontologie e.V.* (Dortmund).

March 1992 - April 1996: Research assistant in sociology at the Department of Social Sciences, Philosophy and Theology, University of Dortmund.

Doctorate (Dr. phil.) on 7.2.1996 with summa cum laude. Topic: "*Economy of morality. The conflict between family care and profession from an action-theoretical perspective.*"

Feb. - July 1999: member of the editorial staff of "Sociology", Forum of the German Society for Sociology under the direction of Prof. Johannes Weiss, University of Kassel.

Aug. 1999 - July 2001: Research assistant at the *Institute for Family Research (ifb)*, University of Bamberg.

Aug. 2001 - July 2003: Research assistant at the Chair for Sociology – International Comparison of Contemporary Societies, Institute of Sociology, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena.

Nov. 2003 - Sept. 2007: Post-doc at the Chair for Social Structure Analysis, Institute of Sociology, University of Hamburg.

Habilitation on 8.6.2006 at the University of Hamburg. Topic: "Solidarity among strangers." Venia legendi: Sociology.

Since October 2007: Professor of Sociology with a focus on social policy at the University of Trier, Faculty IV, Department of Sociology.

Other academic activities

Member of the German Sociological Association (DGS) and the European Sociological Association (ESA).

Spokesperson of the board of the "Social Policy" section of the German Sociological Association from 2012 to 2016.