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Curriculum vitae

- Since 2023 Director of the Center for Global Studies, University of Bern, Switzerland
- 2018-19 Head of the Historical Institut, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Since 2013 Professor for Iberian and Latin American History, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Since 2007 Visiting professor, Area de Historia, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito (Ecuador)
- 2002-2013 Professor of History with special regard to Iberian and Latin American History, University of Bielefeld (since April 2002).
- State doctorate (Habilitation), with postdoctoral lecture qualification for Modern and Contemporary History with special regard to Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne, April 2002.
(State doctorate thesis „Consensus and conflict in the Spanish Monarchy (1621-1635). The vice-regal courts of Valencia, Naples and Mexico and the reforms of the Count-Duke of Olivares”).
- 2000/01 Scientific assistant (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Iberian and Latin American Department of the Seminar of History, University of Cologne, from October 2000 to September 2001.
- 1998/99 Research in Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Simancas, Valencia and Seville), Italy (Rome und Naples) and Mexico (city of Mexico), from January 1998 to July 1999.
- 1995-97 Scientific assistant (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at the Iberian and Latin American Department of the Seminar of History, University of Cologne, from October 1995 to September 1997.
- 1995 Ph.D., Iberian and Latin American History, German Philology, and Medieval, Modern and Contemporary History, University of Cologne, May 1995.

(Ph.D. Thesis „Family, Honour and Power. Concept and Social Reality of the Nobility of the City of Quito (Ecuador) during the Late Colonial Period, 1765-1822“)
- 1993/94 Research in Germany (Berlin), Spain (Madrid and Seville), Ecuador (Quito) and Colombia (Bogotá), from February 1993 to March 1994.

- 1992 Magister Artium in Iberian and Latin American History, German Philology, and Medieval, Modern and Contemporary History, University of Cologne, July 1992.
- 1988/89 Studies of Spanish and Hispanic American History and Literature at the Universidad Hispalense, Seville (Spain), October 1988 to March 1989.
- 1986 Studies of Iberian and Latin American History, German Philology, and Medieval, Modern and Contemporary History, University of Cologne, from October to July 1992.

Main research interests

- Ethnicity
- Music and Identity Politics, Hip Hop
- (New) Social Movements, Indigenous Movements
- Latin American Liberation Theology
- Social Elites and Aristocracies (16th to 19th centuries),
- The Spanish Monarchy and its Viceregal Courts (16th and 17th centuries)
- Regional focus on the Spanish Monarchy during the Early Modern period and on the Modern and Contemporary history of Latin America, with special regards to Mexico and the Andean Region