

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal data

Born on 11 July 1939 in Vienna, Austria

Citizenship: Austrian

Family status: married, 3 children

Education

1957 Matura Bundesrealgymnasium Laa an der Thaya
1958-1964 Study of Sociology and Human Geography at the University of Vienna
1967 Salzburg Seminar in American Studies (one-month course in urbanism)
1975 Dr. Phil. University of Vienna (with a thesis on migration to Vienna)
1976 State exam in official statistics (Dienstprüfung für den Höheren Stat. Dienst)

Career (Main profession)

1964-1969 Researcher at the Austrian Institute for Regional Planning in Vienna (with a focus on population and migration).
1969-2002 Staff member of the Austrian Central Statistical Office, namely:
1969-1984 Head of Vital and Migration Statistics Section
1985-2001 Director of Population Statistics Department (since 1986 with title "Hofrat")
2001-2002 Deputy Director, Population and Social Statistics Directorate
Retired since December 2002

Functions in the Vienna Institute of Demography

1977-1987 Head of Section Applied Demographic Research
1987-2001 Director, except for 1990-1992 (Deputy Director)
Since 2002 Deputy Director and Research Group Leader Demography of Austria

Other functions in the Austrian Academy of Sciences

2004-2012 Member of the Commission for Migration and Integration Research
1986-1988 Member of the Commission for Urban and Regional Research

Teaching

1988-2001 Lecturer in Demography, esp. of Austria, at the University of Vienna

Editorial functions

Since 2000 Editor of Statistics Austria's monthly bulletin "*Statistische Nachrichten*"
Since 2003 Member, editorial board of VID's "*Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*"
Since 2013 Member, editorial board of "Demografie", Prague

Government missions

1977-2005: Permanent Austrian delegate to the European Population Committee (CAHP) of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg; preparation of annual country reports

Member of the Austrian delegations at the European Population Conference 1982 in Strasbourg, the World Population Conference 1984 in Mexico City, the International Conference on Population and Development 1994 in Cairo, and the Special General Assembly of the United Nations (Cairo +5) 1999 in New York

Member of the Advisory Boards for Population Statistics and for Social Statistics of the Austrian Central Statistical Office from 1966 to 1970

Invited expert

Participation in the TACIS project "System of current estimation, analysis and forecasting of number and structure of households in the periods between censuses", managed by Statistics Austria for ROSSTAT (2006-2007)

Participation in USST1 (Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey): Mission to TURKSTAT in January 2005 on registration and statistics of births, deaths and causes of death

Participation in the reflection group on the future of cause-of-death statistics in Europe, organised by EUROSTAT in June 2004

Comparison of the national vital statistics systems in France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria at the London Conference on civil registration and vital statistics in May 2002 upon invitation of the Royal Statistical Society and the Office for National Statistics (UK)

Expert in the project of the EFTA Secretariat comparing migration statistics of EFTA and EU countries, responsible for Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland (second half of 1991)

Organisation of international expert meetings

VID-TURKSTAT workshop on population projections and migration in Vienna in 2014

International Symposium on "Perspectives of Demographic Research in Austria" at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in 1998 (co-organiser)

European Workshop on Census Geography, organised for EUROSTAT in Vienna in 1995 with participants from EU and EFTA countries, USA and Canada

Workshop on Migration Statistics, organised for UNECE in Vienna in 1992 with participants from transition countries, Germany and Austria

Since 1978 co-organiser of biennial workshops of German, Austrian and Swiss demographers with participants from demographic institutes, statistical offices, and universities

Memberships

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)

German Demographic Society (DGD)

Austrian Statistical Society (OSG; organiser of section Demography)

Awards

2004 "Bene merito" Medal of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

1988 Z-Preis für Wissenschaft des Adolf-Schärf-Fonds

1987 Großes Ehrenzeichen für Verdienste um die Republik Österreich