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Member of the German Bundestag
Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries
Former Minister of State
Constituency 281 Freiburg

Personal data:

born in 1944, one daughter
Studied history, Slavic languages and politics in Berlin and Freiburg, state examination (Staatsexamen)
Editor for a publishing firm 1968/1969
Academic assistant at the University of Freiburg, Faculty for Eastern European History, 1969-1979
Head of Dreisam Verlag publishing house, 1980-1987
Member of the German Bundestag since 1987
Foreign languages: English, French, Russian

Political interests:

Peace and security policy
Disarmament and arms control
Development of Russia, the CIS and the countries of Eastern Europe
South-Eastern Europe and the problems of the Balkans
Central Asia and the Caspian region
Global issues as a responsibility of the EU and the United Nations

Party roles:

Member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) since 1970
Chair of the Freiburg-Tiengen SPD district association, 1973-1977
Member of the Freiburg-Tiengen Council, 1976-1984
Chair of the Freiburg SPD association, 1977-1987
Member of the presidium of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Arbeitnehmerfragen (Working Group on Employee Issues), 1980-1987
Chair of the Baden-Württemberg SPD association, 1983-1997
Member of the presidium of the Baden-Württemberg SPD association, 1985-1997
Chair of the Baden-Württemberg SPD's historical commission

Political roles:

Federal Government:	Since January 2015: Special Representative of the Federal Government for the OSCE Chairmanship
	Since January 2014: Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries
German Bundestag:	Chairman of the Parliamentarian Friendship Group for Relations with Bulgaria
	Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

SPD Parliamentary Group: October 2009 to December 2013: Deputy Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group (foreign, defence and development policy, human rights)

2005 to 2009: Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

1998 to 2005: Deputy Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group (foreign, defence and development policy, human rights)

2002 to 2006 (March): Coordinator of German-Russian Intersocietal Cooperation

Voluntary activities:

President of the South-Eastern Europe Society (Munich)

Member of the Steering Committee of the Petersburg Dialogue

Member of the Foundation Board of the German Foundation for Peace Research

Chair of the West-Ost-Gesellschaft Südbaden e. V. (WOG)

Chair of the German-Bulgarian Forum

President of the Franco-German Cercle Stratégique (discussion group on foreign and security policy)

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)

Member of the university committee of the University of Freiburg

Member of the Advisory Committee of the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Freiburg

Other memberships:

Ver.di; AWO; Eurosolar; Öko-Institut Freiburg; German-Russian Forum; German-Ukrainian Forum; German-Romanian Forum; German Council on Foreign Relations; working group on “The Church’s Peace Mission”, Protestant Church Württemberg; German Pushkin Society; Gegen Vergessen – für Demokratie e. V. (Against Oblivion, For Democracy); Verkehrsclub Deutschland (VCD) (German Transport Club).