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Professional Experience:

2005 – 2024 First/second supervisor to MA- and PhD-candidates at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, International Development Cooperation studies

11/2012 – 2018 Associated member of UN-ESCWA's special unit "Future of Syria"; (working groups on water and on higher education), Berlin/Beirut;

01/2008 – 04/2024 Board member German-Arab Friendship Association (DAFG Berlin), coordinator of DAFG's activities in science and education;

08/2007 – 12/2018 Representative of German government on the Advisory Boards of four German-Arab Young Professionals Master Programs; Advisor to the Middle East division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and to GIZ MENA Department;

07/2003 - 07/2007 Head, Middle East division, BMZ Bonn (annual budget: 200 Mio €);

01/2001 - 06/2003 Head, United Nations division, BMZ, Bonn (included responsibility for aid-related German UN budgets, German representative on UNDP, UN-Volunteers, and UNFPA Boards at UN HQ New York);

08/1996 - 12/2000 Head of two consecutive German Federal Development Ministers' offices for cabinet and parliamentary affairs BMZ, Bonn and Berlin;

08/1973 - 07/1996 various desk officer positions in BMZ, including regional desk for Arab countries and general development policy affairs.

In between, secondments to other organizations include:

11/1988 - 05/1993 Director of general policy and corporate strategy department, German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ, now GIZ), Eschborn, Germany

02/1985 - 07/1985 Desk officer, Arab countries, European Commission, Brussels

07/1976 - 12/1979 Team leader, German Advisory Team to the Ministry of Planning and Development, Sana'a, Yemen.

Education and Training:

07/2004 Honorary professorship award at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

02/1989 - 04/1992 Four two-week training courses on strategic planning for non-profit organizations at Management School St. Gallen/Switzerland;

01/1980 – 03/1988 Ph.D. in Geography (on Yemen), University of Giessen, Germany

08/1972 - 05/1973 Participant, post graduate program, German Institute for Development, Berlin (including field study in East Java, Indonesia);

04/1967 - 08/1972 Combined studies of engineering and economics, Hamburg University, Germany (Diplom-Holzwirt, analog Dipl.-Wi-Ing.)

04/1966 - 03/1967 Internships (banking, wood processing industry) Germany;

04/1953 - 03/1966 Primary and secondary school in Berlin, Germany; internships in woodworking industries in summer vacations from 1963.

Academic Teaching:

1991- 2018 annual MSc- and occasional PhD-seminars on international development aspects, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin;

2009 + 2010 1-week MA-workshops at Damascus University, Fac. of Economics;

2007-2012 MSc-seminars at the University for Applied Sciences Cologne;

06/1993 -12/1993 Visiting scholar, Center for International Studies, M.I.T. Boston, US;

1988 - 2003 Seminars on international development, Giessen University (GER);

1980 - 1987 Seminars on international development, University of Bonn (GER).