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## **Current positions:**

Full professor of Sociology of cultural and communicative processes  
Director of the degree courses in Social Work (BA and MA)

## **Qualifications**

**1966 – 71** undergraduate studies in Theology at the Universities of Tübingen, Erlangen, Zürich. B.A. in Theology and Philosophy, University of Tübingen, Germany.

**1971-72** Research year at the University of Cambridge, UK, grant-awarded by the “Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes”

**1974-75** London School of Economics: Diploma in Social Administration; Award of the ‘Mostyn Lloyd Memorial Prize’

**1975-76** London School of Economics: M.Sc. (Econ.) (Social Work) of the University of London, together with the professional Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (CQSW) of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (CCETSW)

**2005** PhD at the Technical University of Dresden, (summa cum laude)

**2014 PhD h.c.** University of Ghent (Belgium)

**2015 PhD h.c.** University of Aalborg (Denmark)

## **Professional Career**

**1972–74** Inner London Education Authority: Education Welfare Officer (school social work) with the school authority of the dockland area of London

**1976–78** London Borough of Tower Hamlets: Intermediate Treatment Officer (Social education worker)

## **Academic Career**

**1978-1993:** Lecturer in Applied Social Studies at the National University of Ireland, University College Cork;

**1993-1995:** Statutory Lecturer in Applied Social Studies at the National University of Ireland, University College Cork;

**1995–2001:** Jean-Monnet-Professor for ‘European Social Integration Studies’ at the National University of Ireland, University College Cork,

**2001-2005:** Associate Professor of Applied Social Sciences, Free University of Bozen – Bolzano, Italy, Faculty of Education

**2005- today:** Full Professor of the Sociology of Communicative Processes, Free University of Bozen – Bolzano, Italy, Faculty of Education

**2008 - 2016:** Principal (“Rector”) of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

## **Principal Research Areas**

- Comparative history of social work in Europe
- Development of social policy in Europe
- Curricula comparisons and models of professional education in European social work
- Anti-racist and intercultural methods in European social work
- Anti-racist ‘coping strategies’ of young people from ethnical minorities in Ireland, Germany and Italy
- Youth work as delinquency prevention
- Community work and suicide prevention
- ‚Citizenship’ as intercultural practice
- Decentralization and territorialization in the European welfare regimes,
- Self-representation of people with disability
- Access to social services
- Quality criteria in social services

## **Editorial Commitments:**

Co-editor and co-founder of the journal „European Journal of Social Work“ (Oxford University Press, now Taylor and Francis)

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Qualitative Social Work, Research and Practice“ (Sage Publications)

Co-founder and member of the Board of Editors “Social Work and Society” (since 2003 international on-line journal)

Co-editor of the scientific series Contemporary Social Work Studies (CSWS), Ashgate / UK

## Recent Publications

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