

University Academic Curriculum Vitae

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- Education since leaving school**
- 1971: Staatsexamen (BA equiv.) in Theology and Philosophy, University of Tübingen, Germany.
 - 1975 Diploma in Social Administration, London School of Economics:
 - 1976 M.Sc. (Econ.) (Social Work) of the University of London, together with the professional Certificate of Qualification in Social Work, London School of Economics:
 - 2005 PhD at the Technical University of Dresden, (summa cum laude)

Chronological list of all previous academic employments

Professional experience

From / to	Job title	Name of academic Institution	Academic level	responsibilities
1978-1993	Lecturer in Applied Social Studies	National University of Ireland, University College Cork;	lecturer	Teaching social work Research in social work
1993-1995	Statutory Lecturer in Applied Social Studies	National University of Ireland, University College Cork;	Statutory lecturer	Teaching social work Research in social work
1995–2001	Jean-Monnet-Professor for 'European Social Integration Studies'	National University of Ireland, University College Cork;	Professor	Teaching social work Research in social work
2001-2005	Associate Professor of the Sociology of Communicative Processes	Freie Universität Bozen	Professore associato	Teaching social work Research in social work
2005-2017	Full Professor of the Sociology of Communicative Processes	Freie Universität Bozen	Professore ordinario	Teaching social work Research in social work
2008-2016	Rector	Libera Università di Bolzano	ordinario	Head of academic senate and university

Experience in academic teaching (selection, recent mandates)

- Community work, Free University of Bolzano, Social Pedagogy, undergraduate
 - Principles and Practice of Social Work, Free University of Bolzano, Social Work, , Social Work, undergraduate
 - Introductions to research methods, Free University of Bolzano, Social Work, post-graduate
 - Epistemology of Social Science, Free University of Bolzano, / Charles University, Prague; Social Work, post-graduate.
 - Evidence-oriented practice. Free University of Bolzano, Social Work, post-graduate
 - Introduction to principles of Systemic Interventions in diverse social service contexts - undergraduate
 - Introduction to the history of social research, Free University of Bolzano / Charles University, Prague; Social Work, PhD level
 - Phenomenological epistemology, Free University of Bolzano, Social Work, PhD level.
 - Management in social services, Charles University, Prague, post-graduate
- Postgraduate supervision (PhD level): number of students supervised in the last five years with subject areas 5 students, subject: Social Work

Other academic responsibilities

Rector of the Free University of Bolzano, 2008-2016

Awards

2014: Doctor honoris causa, University of Ghent, Belgium

2015: Doctor honoris causa, University of Aalborg, Denmark

2022: Doctor honoris causa, Midsweden University, Östersund,/ Sundsvall, Sweden

Memberships

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

Member of editorial board “Nordic Social Work Research” (Taylor and Francis)

2016 – 2019 member of the Administrative Council of the Stiftung University Hildesheim, Germany

2020: Chair of the RQ20 Quality Assessment panel “Service Management and Service Studies, Psychology, and Social Work” at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University, Sweden

2022/23: Member of the international project application committee of the Finnish Academy of Science

Research and scholarships

Date granted	Award Holder(s)	Funding Body	Title	Amount received
1980	Walter Lorenz	Department of Social Affairs, Governments of Ireland	Youth Diversion Programmes in Ireland	£50,000
1984	Walter Lorenz	National University of Ireland	Comparative Aspects of European Social Work – historical and contemporary dimensions	£15,000
1994	Walter Lorenz	National University of Ireland	Community dimensions in suicide prevention	£20,000
1994	Walter Lorenz	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	European Citizenship and Cultural Identity in contested Regions of Europe	£35,000
1996	Walter Lorenz	Research Grant 96-10-EET-0119-00 European Commission DG XXII,	Anti-racist coping strategies of young people from ethnic minority background in Ireland, Germany and Italy	£80,000
2002	Walter Lorenz	Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano	Decentralizzazione e territorialità dei servizi sociali in differenti regimi di benessere Europei	€100.000
2006	Walter Lorenz	Research Fund Unibz	Coping strategies and self-representation of people with disabilities in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano	€30.000
2006	Carla Facchini	MIUR Cofin/Prin	Profilo delle professioni sociali in Italia	complessivo €50.000, subsection Libera Università di Bolzano €10.000
2014	Walter Lorenz	Fondo di Ricerca Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano	Dynamic Patterns of Kindship Relations	€250.000

Publications

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Further data

Presentations at scientific conferences over past 5 years

4.5.2015 University of Ghent, Belgium, PhD Research Seminar, invited paper: "Social workers' mandate in the context of current European social policy trends: advocates or servants of the state?"

17.3.2015 World Social Work Day at UNAIDS, Geneva, **keynote address:** "Promoting dignity as social solidarity – social work's contribution to health promotion through the construction of social bonds".

26.3. 2015 Czech Association of Streetworkers, National Conference, Prague invited address: "Social Work with Young People in a Changing Europe"

2.7.2015 European Association of Schools of Social Work bi-annual conference, University Bicocca, Milan, **honorary lecture:** "Social Work Education in Europe: Towards 2015"

7.9.2015 International Federation of Social Workers, European Seminar, University of Edinburgh, Partnerships and Creating Solutions. **Keynote address:** "Social work in an era of social fragmentation – affirming the social dimension"

- 4.5.2016 University of Applied Sciences, Aarhus, Denmark; **honorary lecture** on the occasion of the opening of the new Department Building: *“Social Solidarity in an age of individualism – professional challenges”*
- 23.5.2016 Charles University Prague, Faculty of Humanities, International Student Conference “Cross-Cultural Management”, invited address: *“Meeting the challenges migration and the refugee crisis pose for social work”*
- 12.6.2016 German Association of General Medicine, Annual Conference Munich, invited paper: *“Allgemeinmedizin und gesellschaftlicher Wandel - ihr Beitrag zur sozialen Integration“*
- 13.7.2016 Joint Social Work Education Council (JSWEC) UK, Annual Conference Milton Keynes, **keynote address**: *“Promoting social solidarity as the unifying core of social work research”*
- 22.9.2016 University of Ghent, International Conference in honour of Prof. Marie de Bie, **keynote address**: *“Why Social Pedagogy?”*
- 2.11.2016 National Association of Social Workers Norway (FO), National Conference, **keynote address**: *“Social Solidarity in an Age of Individualism – challenges for the social professions”*
- 12.11.2016 NOS-HS workshop University of Aalborg at Copenhagen, Reconstructing Welfare and Frontline Practices focusing on Young Unemployed People – Danish perspectives. Invited discussant.
- 23.11.2016 6th International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference, “Society, Health, Welfare”, University of Riga, invited paper: *“Social and Political Reality in Europe at the Crossroads of Global Transformations and Challenges for the Future”*
- 15.3.2017 University of Helsinki, NOS_HS Workshop on Reconstructing welfare and Frontline Practices focusing on Young Unemployed People – Finnish perspectives; invited discussant
21. 3. 2017 University of Aalborg, Denmark, International Master in Social Work seminar, invited paper: *“Social Work in a European Perspective? Issues of identity and solidarity in a dis-united Europe”*
- 20.4.2017 European Conference of Social Work Research, University of Aalborg, **Keynote address**: *“Social Work Research and Accountable Practice – challenging dogma in uncertain times”*
- 23.5.2017 Deutscher Fachbereichstag, University of Applied Sciences, Hamburg, invited paper: *„Zukunftsperspektiven der Sozialen Arbeit“*.
- 6.9.2017 University of Halle, Germany; international conference on Social Pedagogy, invited panel discussant
- 8.9.2017 Charles University Prague, Protestant Theological Faculty, 7th International Conference on Social Work “Sociology and Social Work in a Post-Secular Society”, **keynote address**: *“Social work and the search for*

meaning under conditions of modernity”.

8.11.2017 Technische Hochschule Köln, joint EASSW conference, invited paper: *“A European Model of Social Work – Utopia or Necessity”*

16.-18. 11. 2017, University “Roma Tre”, World Academy of Art and Science / World University Consortium 2nd International Conference on Future Education; Special Plenary Session on Higher *“Learning for Tomorrow: Challenges Ahead”*

18. 5.2018, University of Ireland, Cork, Research Seminar *“Teaching social work skills”*, **Keynote address:** *“To the Lighthouse’ – teaching social work in the spirit of Frances Hishon”*

29.6. 2018, University of Applied Sciences, Feldkirchen, Austria. Symposium *“Global Challenges and International Social Work”*, **keynote address:** *“Social work and social policy in a changing Europe”*

12.9.2018, 4. Deutsch-Italienische Psychiatrietage, Brixen, Italy, *„Herausforderndes Verhalten – Psychiatrie ja oder nein?“*, address: *„Wieviel Psychiatrie braucht die moderne Gesellschaft?“*

21.9.2018, University of Ghent, Belgium, Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy, Doctoral School, invited lecture: *“Social work research and accountable practice –challenging dogma in uncertain times”*

24.9.2018, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, International Conference *“European Dimension in Social Work Education and Practice”*, **Keynote address:** *“Social Work Education for a Social Europe - Challenges in the Face of Individualism, Nationalism and Commercialism”*

9.10.2018, University of Applied Studies, Dornbirn, Austria; International Social Work Conference: *“Social Justice and Diversity – Models in Social Work Research, Practice and Education”*. **Keynote address:** *“Social Work and its public mandate”*

26.10. 2018, ISSSP Oporto, Portugal, V Congress of the Portuguese Association of Social Work Professionals, *“Social Work: Peace, Culture and Development”*. **Keynote address:** *“Social work’s contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society”*

22.11.2018, University of Helsinki, Finland; FORSA / NOUSA Nordic Social Work Conference, *“Power and Social Work”*, **keynote address:** *“Power, Authority and Accountability in Social Work – Facing Up to the Challenges of a Consumer Culture”*

15.4.2019, University of Torino, Italy: National conference on social work research; keynote address: *“Ricerca in servizio sociale – temi attuali”*

21.5.2019 University of Ghent, Belgium: International conference, conference paper *“Social Pedagogy as a Perspective on Social Policy”*

31.5.2019 University of Trento:, Italy: II° Conferenza Italiana sulla Ricerca di Servizio Sociale, conference paper, *“Ricerca e Servizio Sociale in un contesto Europeo – creare conoscenze rilevanti in tempi*

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10.11.2019 ELTE University Budapest, national social work conference, **Keynote address:** *"European Social Work – between universal principles and cultural sensitivity"*.

21.11.2019 Free University of Bolzano: International Conference, "20 years of social work" Opening address *«European Dimensions of Social Work Education: Optional or Essential?»*

2 March 2020: Oslo Metropolitan University, Conference "100 years of social work in Norway", invited keynote address: "Unity in diversity – the national identities of social work in a European context"

19 May 2020: Charles University Prague, DOCMAN conference presentation: "Managing Social Work and Health Care in Europe in East/West Perspective"

17 September 2020: University of Hradec Králové, "Hradec Days of Social Work", invited keynote address: "Affirming social work values and principles in the light of the Corona Crisis"

8-11 November 2020: Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Rimini / Italy, invited keynote address: „Promoting social rights in the era of privatization” (conference postponed to online event due to Corona Crisis)

20 May 2021, University of the Arctic, international webinar "Where do we go from here?", keynote address: "Political and cultural challenges and social work teaching 2021".

31 May 2021. Free University of Bozen, National conference "current challenges for social work". Keynote address: Sozialarbeit und Corona-Pandemie

24 June 2021, International ICSWAC conference Portugal (online) "The social world after Covid-19", Keynote address: The contribution of social work to the re-construction of post-Covid societies..

28 June 2021. Glasgow Caledonian University, International virtual conference "What 'social work' does the world need now? Keynote address: Raising the 'social question' in the pandemic – the way forward for social work

07. May 2022. University of Ghent, International ERASMUS conference: "Between scientific progress, betrayed trust and re-claiming rights and dignity: - the voice of the survivors of services in historical perspective"

28. March 2023 University Ca' Foscari, Venice, World Social Work Day online conference, invited talk: Practicing social work in the tension between diversity and equality.

01. June 2023. University of Wuppertal, Social Work & Society Jubilee Conference: "Pathways Towards a Global Public Sphere", keynote address: Global Crises and the Erosion of 'the Social': Social Work and

Social Policy for a Global Public Sphere and a Global Welfare Policy.

05. June .2023, Free University of Bozen / Bolzano, 3rd ASTRA Summer School 2023, keynote address: Social Policy and Social Work in a Post Growth Society.

14. June 2023, Nordic University Bodö, FORSA 2023 conference: “Social Work in Changing Times- Challenges and new Opportunities.” Keynote address: Re-positioning the social mandate of social work.

19. June 2023, ISSSP Porto, Erasmus+ INORP Project dissemination seminar, “Strengthening the education and professionalization of social work at the boundaries of other professions”, workshop address: A social work curriculum promoting service user participation.

22. June 2023, European Social Work Education Conference, Seminar presentation: Innovation by supporting reflexivity and participation (INORP)

13. September 2023, Midsweden University, Östersund, national conference „Glocal Day”, keynote address: Private and public sphere - social work competencies in the face of global crises.

13. October 2023, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, International conference: “Solidarity for an Inclusive Society and Social Professions - Practices, Education, Research” , keynote address: Trends in social work in the 21st century.

19. October 2023, Charles University Prague, CEKAS / Velux Foundation international conference: Future and Perspectives of Education in Social Work, keynote address: Current and Possible Future European Approaches to Social Work Education.

23. February 2024, United Nations University, Bruges, Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies,, International Conference: “Taking stock and looking ahead: Research on the EU as actor in social policy”, invited paper: EU social policies as indicative of the multiplicity of “welfare components”– crises and paradigm shifts.

20 March 2024, Midsweden University, Östersund, NaPSa National Social Work Conference, Keynote address: Beyond compromises – affirming social work’s transformative social mandate in a divided world.

25. April 2024, Belgium Government EU Presidency, European Social Work Conference, Bruges, Opening address: “Social work’s potential in facing current European challenges – lessons from the profession’s history”.

29. November 2024, Bozen, Italy: conference “Sozialpolitik in Südtirol: Geschichte, Gegenwart und Zukunft interdisziplinär betrachtet”, Referat: „Soziale Grundsicherung als Symbol der Solidarität und Autonomie“.

13. December 2024, University of Verona, conference: “Il Servizio Sociale – Fra Professione, Istituzioni e Territori”., relazione: “Lo svuotamento ‘del social’. La sfida critica alla professione dell’assistente sociale”

17. March 2025, Budapest, National Association of Social Workers Conference, World Social Work Day, opening address: “Challenges, opportunities and resilience in social work”

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