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Born July 9, 1955 • married, three children

POSITION

Since 2001 • University of Basel

Chair / head, Institute of Social Anthropology

Speaker / director, Centre for African Studies Basel

EDUCATION

School, High School

abitur 1975, Nicolaus Cusanus Gymnasium, Bonn

Studies in Social Anthropology and Art History

Master of Arts, University of Bonn, 1981

Doctorate, Free University, Berlin, 1985

Divination among the Kafibele-Senufo: On the negotiation and mitigation of everyday conflicts. (in German, Berlin: D. Reimer Verlag, 1985)

Habilitation, University of Bayreuth, 1994

Zerrissene Entfaltung: Alltag, Ritual und künstlerische Ausdrucksformen im Norden der Côte d'Ivoire. (Köln: R. Köppe Verlag, 1997)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

academic positions | 1985 – 2001

director of Iwalewa-House, Africa Centre of the University of Bayreuth • 1996–2001

Associate Professor for Anthropology • University of Cologne • 1995–1996

Senior Lecturer for Social Anthropology, University of Bayreuth • 1994–1995

Assistant Professor in Social Anthropology (Prof Gerd Spittler), University of Bayreuth • 1988–1994

Research associate at the Institute of Social Anthropology (Prof Georg Elwert) Free University Berlin • 1986–1988

Development Cooperation | 1984 – 1989

Ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung • 1987–89

Development expert for integrated rural development, Niger
Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit / Kreditanstalt für
Wiederaufbau • 1984–85

Development expert in irrigated rice cultivation and land right conflicts,
Côte d'Ivoire

Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit / Société pour le
Développement de la Production Animale, 1984

Development expert for the social use of biogas plants, Côte d'Ivoire,
Burkina Faso

Museum | 1985 – 1986

Trainee, research associate, Museum of Ethnology, Staatliche Museen
Preußischer Kulturbesitz

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FIELDS

Thematic:

1. Art and visual culture of Africa
2. Political transformations, social trust, state and statehood

Regional:

Africa south of the Sahara

1. West Africa: Côte d'Ivoire and neighbouring countries
2. Central Africa: Cameroon and neighbouring countries

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

- 2010 « Maintenant, on sait qui est qui ! » Statehood and Political Re-
configuration in northern Côte d'Ivoire, in: *Development and Change*
- 2009 zus. mit Anne Peters, Lucy Koechlin, Gretta Fenner Zinkernagel (eds.),
Non-State Actors as Standard Setters. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Pr.
- 2009 zus. mit Sidney Kasfir (eds.), *Rethinking the Workshop: Work and Agency
in African Art*. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana Univ. Pr.
- 1997 *Zerrissene Entfaltung. Alltag, Ritual und künstlerische Ausdrucksformen
im Norden der Côte d'Ivoire*. Köln, Frankfurt a.M.: Köppe Verlag.