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Born April 15, 1963 in Wolfsberg/Carinthia (Austria).
Married, two children
1969 – 1973: Primary school.
1973 – 1981: Benedictine High School Academy of St. Paul's Abbey/Carinthia (Austria).
1981 – 1982: Austrian Army (Officer Training, currently rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the Higher Military Specialist Service)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND DEGREES

December 2000: *Habilitation (Dr. habil.)* (University of Graz) for Patrology, History of Dogma and Ecumenical Theology.
September 1998: *Certificate in Syriac* (Mahatma Ghandi University Kottayam/India).
June 1995: *Doctor Theologiae (Dr. theol., summa cum laude*, University of Innsbruck).
January 1991: *Magister Theologiae (Mag. theol., summa cum laude*, University of Graz).
1989 – 1990: *Certificate in Ecumenical Studies* (University of Geneva, Switzerland), Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Bossey.
June 1989: *Magister Philosophiae (Mag. phil., University of Graz/Austria)*.
Studies in Theology, Philology, Ancient History and Religious Pedagogics

CURRENT POSITIONS

Since 2023: *Dean of the Theological Faculty*, University of Salzburg
Since 2018: Associate Director, Center for the Study of the Christian East (ZECO/CSCE), University of Salzburg
Since 2005: Professor of Patristic Studies and Ecclesiastical History, University of Salzburg

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018: Visiting Scholar at the “Centre Paul-Albert-Février – Textes et Documents de la Méditerranée antique et médiévale”, CNRS and Université Aix-Marseille (F)
2006-09/13-15/19-23: Head of *Department of Biblical Studies and Ecclesiastical History*
2015-2017: *Dean of the Theological Faculty of Salzburg University*
2013-2018: Founding Director of *ZECO-Zentrum zur Erforschung des Christlichen Ostens/CSCE-Center for the Study of the Christian East* (Salzburg University)
2012: Visiting Scholar at the “Center for the Study of World Religions”, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)
2006-2013: Director of the Mayr-Melnhof Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (which became the CSCE)
2004-2005: Associate Director of the Division of Religious and Theological Studies Boston University (Massachusetts, USA). Guest Lectures at: Harvard University, Catholic University of America, Boston College, Boston Theological Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Brookline, Massachusetts).
2003-2005: *Visiting Professor of Religion*, Boston University (Massachusetts, USA).
2002-2003: *Associate Professor of Patristics and Ecumenical Theology* (University of Graz/Austria).
Visiting Professor School of Theology of the University of Salzburg/Austria.
2001: *Visiting Fulbright Scholar Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research*, Collegeville (Minnesota/USA)
1999-2000: *University Lecturer*, School of Theology (University of Graz).
1998: *Visiting Scholar*, St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute (Mahatma Ghandi University Kottayam/India).
1991-2000: *Research Fellow*, Catholic School of Theology (University of Graz).

AWARDS

- 2015: Award for Excellence in Teaching 2015, University of Salzburg (best lecture course: "Christian Antiquity")
- 2009/10: Salzburg Research Fellowship awarded by the Government of the Province of Salzburg
- 2005: WER-Prize – Award for distinguished research in Dialogue between Economics, Ethics and Religion awarded by the Federation of Austrian Industry.
- 2004: Josef Krainer Honorary Prize 2004 (Josef-Krainer-Würdigungspreis 2004) for outstanding scientific achievements

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2001: William J. Fulbright Scholarship.
- 1997 - 2000: APART-Scholarship (Austrian Program for Advanced Research and Technology) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences for highly qualified scholars and scientists.
- 1994: Scholarship from the Styrian Government (Austria) for language studies in Paris (Institute Catholique de Paris).
- 1989 - 1990: Scholarship from the Austrian Government and from Rotary International for studies in Geneva.
- 1989 – 1992: Scholarship holder of Pro Scientia, the interdisciplinary institution of the Austrian Bishops Conference to support gifted students.
- 1989: Award of the Catholic Theological School of the University of Graz for academic excellence.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMS (FUNDRAISED; SELECTION)

- Since 2006 (ongoing): East-Syriac Christianity in the Middle East; Salzburg International Conferences on Syriac Christianity in Central Asia and China (Collaborator: Dr. Li Tang)
- Since 2006 (ongoing): Pro Oriente Studies in the Syriac Tradition: Syriac Churches encountering Islam in Past and Present (director of an international team of scholars).
- 2014-2016: Jubiläumsfonds Austrian National Bank (ÖNB): Narratives of Diaspora: Oriental Christianity in Austria (Collaborator: Dr. Andreas Schmoller)
- 2008-2013: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) P20700: Trade, Mission and Inter-Religious Encounters: East Syriac Christianity along the Silk Road before 1500 in Tibet, Western China, Ceylon and Southeast Asia (Collaborator: Dr. Li Tang)
- 2007-2010: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) P20143-G02: „Der Gottesdienst des Schenute-Klosters anhand der koptischen (sahidischen) Typika. Edition. Kommentar. Untersuchung (collaborator: Dr. Diliانا Atanassova).
- 2005-2008: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) P17869-G10: „Nestorian Christianity in China under the Mongol Empire (collaborator: Dr. Li Tang).
- 2002-2003: Science Fund Styria: „Economy and Ecumenism: Global Market Society, EU-Enlargement and Christian Responsibility."
- 2001: Fulbright: „The Ecumenical Dialogue with the Oriental-Orthodox Churches."
- 1997-2000: Austrian Academy of Sciences, APART 445: „East Syriac Theology of the 7th century and the ecumenical relations of the Assyrian Church of the East."
- 1994-1996: FWF P09627-HIS: „The 'Nestorianism' of the Assyrian Church of the East in the ecclesiastical political context of the 4th to the 7th centuries" (director: Prof. Erich Renhart).
- 1991-1993: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) P07835-HIS: „Comparative Christology and Ecclesiology of the ancient Oriental Churches and the Roman Catholic Church" (director: Prof. Philipp Harnoncourt).

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editor of three peer reviewed scientific publication series:

- *Pro Oriente Studies in Syriac Tradition*. Piscataway/NJ: Gorgias (until now 4 vols.)
- *orientalia – patristica – oecumenica*. Berlin/Münster/Vienna: LIT (until now 21 vols.)
- *Wissenschaft und Religion*. Berlin, Bern, Bruxelles et al.: Peter Lang (until now 30 vols.)

Since 2021	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Crosscultural Studies of Religion and Theology</i> , peer reviewed open access journal (Salzburg)
Since 2011	Member of the Editorial Board of “ <i>Texts and Studies in Eastern Christianity</i> ” (series) Leiden/Tokyo/New York: Brill Publishers.
2007–18	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of <i>INTER. Romanian Review for Theological and Religious Studies</i> (Cluj Napoca/Romania)
Since 1997	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of <i>The Harp. A Review of Syriac and Oriental Studies</i> (Kottayam/India)

PRO ORIENTE

Since 2005:	Member of the board of Pro Oriente (Vienna) and director of studies for the dialogue with the oriental churches Scholarly director of “Pro Oriente Studies in the Syriac Tradition”. Director of the board of the Salzburg Section of Pro Oriente
Since 2000:	Consultant of the Foundation Pro Oriente.
Since 1999:	Member of the “Pro Oriente Commission for Dialogue within the Syriac Tradition”.
2002-2003:	Member of the board of trustees of the Graz Section of Pro Oriente.
1998-2003:	Member of the board of the Graz Section of Pro Oriente.
Since 1991:	Collaborator of the Foundation Pro Oriente (founded by Franz Kardinal König to promote the dialogue with Eastern Christianity).

VATICAN

Since 2008:	Consultant of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican)
Since 2003:	Member of the Roman Catholic Delegation (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) in the official “International Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches”.
2003-2019:	Collaborator of the Papal Congregation for the Oriental Churches (revision of “Oriente Cattolico”).

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Since 2020:	Member of the Curatorium of the “Erzbischof-Rohracher-Studienfonds”
Since 2018:	Member of the board of the “Gesellschaft für Salzburger Landeskunde”
Since 2010:	European Academy of Sciences and Arts (class: World Religions), Member
Since 2006	Society for the Study of the Christian East (GSCO), Member Working Group of Church Historians in the German Speaking World (AK Kirchengeschichte), Member
Since 2004:	North American Patristics Society (NAPS), Member
Since 2002:	Association of Austrian Church Historians (AKKÖ); Vice-Chair 2002-2015, chair 2016-2021.