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Curriculum Vitae

12. 1. 1946 Born in Grabs (Switzerland)
Citizen of Liechtenstein
Married to Ineke Phaf-Rheinberger, one child

Education, Academic Degrees

1953 - 1958 Primary School in Vaduz (Liechtenstein)
1958 - 1966 Secondary School in Vaduz
1966 Final Examination (Abitur)
1966 - 1968 Eberhard-Karls-University, Tübingen:
Biochemistry, Philosophy
1968 - 1973 Free University and Technical University,
Berlin:
Philosophy, Linguistics, Sociology
1973 Magister Artium (Philosophy)
1973 - 1978 Free University, Berlin:
Biology, Chemistry
1978 - 1979 Diploma Thesis at the Max-Planck-Institute for
Molecular Genetics, Dept. Wittmann, Berlin-
Dahlem
1979 Diploma (Biology)
1979 - 1982 Doctoral Thesis at the Max-Planck-Institute
for Molecular Genetics, Dept. Wittmann,
Berlin-Dahlem
1982 PhD (Dr. rer. nat., Biology)
1987 Habilitation (Molecular Biology) at the Free
University of Berlin

Academic Employment

1982 - 1990 Scientific Coworker at the Max-Planck-
Institute for Molecular Genetics, Dept.
Wittmann, Berlin-Dahlem
1990 - 1994 Assistant Professor at the Institute for the
History of Medicine and Science at the Medical
University of Lübeck

1994 - 1996 Associate Professor, Faculty of Science,
University of Salzburg
1997 - 2014 Director, Max Planck Institute for the
History of Science, Berlin
Since 2014 Director emeritus, Max Planck Institute for
the History of Science, Berlin

Fellowships, Visiting Professorships etc.

1987 - 1990 Visiting Professor (History of Science) at the
University of Innsbruck, Austria
1989 Honorary Professor for the History of Science
at the University of Salzburg, Austria
1989 - 1990 Sabbatical at Stanford University, Program
in the History of Science
1992 & 1993 Research Associate, Committee on the History
and Philosophy of Science, University of
Maryland, College Park
1992 - 1993 Visiting Full Professor for the History of
Science, University of Göttingen, Germany
1993 - 1994 Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg/Institute
for Advanced Study Berlin
4-6/2000 Scientific Guest at the Collegium Helveticum,
Zurich
4-5/2002 Guest at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme &
Université Paris 7, Paris
3-4/2007 Visiting Professor, German Department, Johns
Hopkins University, Baltimore
4-9/2010 Fellow at the IKKM Weimar (Internationales
Kolleg für Kulturtechnikforschung und Medien-
Philosophie)
4-5/2011 Visiting Professor at the Ecole des Hautes
Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
6-7/2011 Fellow at Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg,
University of Konstanz
9/2011 Visiting Professor at the Department of
History of Science and Ideas, University of
Uppsala
11/2011 Visiting Professor at the Department of
Anthropology, University of Chicago
4-7/2012 Fellow at FRIAS (Freiburg Institute for
Advanced Study), University of Freiburg
10/2012 - Guest Professor, Catholic University of
3/2013 Eichstätt
4/2013 Guest Professor, Competence Center History of
Knowledge, ETH and University of Zurich
5/2013 Guest Professor, PhD Program „The Sciences in
Historical, Philosophical and Cultural

Contexts, University of Vienna
 11/2013 - Guest Professor, Catholic University of
 3/2014 Eichstätt
 4-5/2014 Visiting Professor, The Graduate University
 for Advanced Studies (Sokendai), Hayama, Japan
 10/2014 - Fellow, Research Group „Media Cultures of
 3/2015 Computer Simulation, University of Lüneburg
 3-6/2015 Senior Fellow, Insitute for Cultural Research
 (IKF) Vienna
 9/2015 Visiting Professor at the Department of
 History of Science and Ideas, University of
 Uppsala
 4-6/2016 Distinguished Visiting Max Kade Professor,
 Northwestern University, Chicago, Department
 of German
 10/2016 Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico,
 Institute for Philosophical Research, Mexico
 City
 3/2017 Vossius Center, Univerity of Amsterdam
 4-6/2017 Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies (SCAS)
 Uppsala, Guest of the Principal
 10/2017 Whitney J. Oates Visiting Fellow, Humanities
 Council, Princeton University
 9-10/2018 Fellow, Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution
 and Cognition Research, Klosterneuburg,
 Austria

Memberships etc.

Since 1994 Member of the PEN Club Liechtenstein
 Since 1996 Scientific Member of the Max Planck Society,
 Germany
 Since 1998 Ordinary Member of the Berlin Brandenburg
 Academy of Science, Berlin
 Since 1998 Honorary Professor for History of Science at
 the Technical University of Berlin
 Since 2002 Ordinary Member of the National Academy of
 Sciences Leopoldina, Halle
 Since 2004 Ordinary Member of the Académie Internationale
 de Philosophie des Sciences, Brussels
 Since 2019. Founding Member of the Academy of Sciences in
 Liechtenstein

Prizes and Distinctions

1993 Binding Foundation Prize
 1997 Karl-Sudhoff Memorial Lecture, German Society
 for the History of Science, Medicine, and

Technology
2006 Dr. h. c. Federal Institute of Technology
Zurich (ETH)
2006 Cogito Foundation Prize, University of Zurich
2010 Vaduzer Predigt
2011 Kulturpreis Vaduz
2012 Distinguished Lecture, History of Science
Society, USA
2014 Marsilius Lecture and Medal, University of
Heidelberg
2017 Zeeman Lecture, Vossius Center,
University of Amsterdam
2017 First Cassirer Lecture, German Department,
Yale University
2019 Featured Thinker Lecture, Center for Theory
and Methods in the Cultural Sciences,
University of Göttingen