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Date of Birth: December 17, 1968

Fields of Expertise:

Energy & Climate Policy, Environmental & Energy Economics

Professional Experience

2009 – present	Professor for Energy Economics and Sustainability, private University Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
2004 - present	Head of Department of Energy, Transportation and Environment, German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin
2004 – 2009	Professor for Environmental Economics, Humboldt University, Berlin
2000 – 2004	Assistant Professor and Head of PhD Research Group, University of Oldenburg
1998	PhD in Economics, University of Oldenburg

Special Assignments

2016	Appointed by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) as member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment
2011	Appointed Member of the Club of Rome

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- Industrial Economics
- Public Finances and Living Conditions

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