

Curriculum vitae

Dietrich Thränhardt



Born 31 May 1941 in Breslau, Silesia. German citizen, 1946 resettled to Franconia,

1961-66 studied history, German literature, philosophy and social sciences in München, Tübingen, Zürich and Erlangen.

1965 Philosophikum, 1966 Bavarian state exam for Gymnasium teachers in history, literature, and social science (Sozialkunde) in Erlangen.

1996-69 dissertation studies at the newly founded University of Konstanz (adviser Waldemar Besson), member of student parliament.

1969-75 wissenschaftlicher Assistent at the Pädagogische Hochschule Westfalen-Lippe in Münster, interest in education problems and in the mounting problems of immigrant children in German schools, speaker of the group of academic assistants

1975 Habilitation in political science, 1976-80 vice dean.

1972/1979 organized two six-week working visits with student groups in two Israeli kibbutzim.

1975-84 local councillor

1980-2008 Professor of Political Science, University of Münster. 1988-90 Dean of the Social Sciences Fachbereich, 2000-2002 Dean of the Philosophical Faculty, 2001-2002 Director of the Institute of Political Science, 2004-2006 speaker of the professors in the Academic Senate, 1993-1995 Director of the Institute of Communications (to stabilize the institute).

1984-2003 organizer of about fifteen conferences on comparative immigration policies and policies in comparative perspectives (Dutch-German conferences, comparative European conferences with Dutch, Italian, French, Belgian, British, Swiss, Austrian and Polish participants, German-American conferences, with the Landeszentrale für politische Bildung, the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), and the German-American Academic Council.

1994-2003 Chair of the Migration Section of the German Political Science Association.

1990/91 Guest Professor of Political Science, International Christian University, Tokyo.

2002/03 Fellow, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study of the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar.

2008-2009 Senior fellow at the Transatlantic Academy, Washington D.C.

1994-1997 member of DFG-Graduiertenkolleg „Conflicts in cultural and social diversity“

1998-2005 member of DFG-Graduiertenkolleg European migration”, University of Osnabrück.

2007-2009 member of the Graduiertenkolleg “Civil Society Compared. Germany and the Netherlands”, from 2009 on senior member.

Lectures, short visits and conferences at the universities of Birmingham, Glasgow, Bradford, Warwick, Limerick, Paris, Strasbourg, Amsterdam, Leiden, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Brussels, Liège, Vienna, Tel Aviv, Dallas, Harvard, Auburn, Victoria/Canada, Hanoi, with the Agnelli foundation, the German-Israeli Foundation, the Council of Europe, the Prince Hassan Institute for Inter-Faith studies in Amman, lectures at seminars of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Karl-Renner-Stiftung, Wiardi-Beckmann-Stichting, the Goethe institute, the Steirischer Herbst and several Japanese and Dutch institutions.

2005- Honorary research fellow of the University of Wolverhampton.

Editor of the Series “Studien zu Migration und Minderheiten/ Studies in Migration and Minorities”, Lit-Verlag, Münster/ Vienna/ London

Former member of the advisory board of the Journal Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice.

Reviewer for Stiftung Volkswagenwerk, Austrian Ministry of Education, Swiss Fund for the Sciences, German Ministry of Education, the Belgian Francophone and the Dutch Science Organizations, Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies, West European Studies, International Migration Review, German-Israeli Foundation (GIF)

Member of dissertation juries in Paris, Nijmegen and Amsterdam

Research projects with Volkswagen Foundation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Ministries of Social Affairs and of the Environment in North Rhine Westphalia, Deutscher Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband, German American Academic Council

40 written and edited books and 170 articles, authored in German and in English. translated into French, Japanese, Dutch, Italian and Catalan.

Three daughters (*1972, 1975, 1980).

Lectures and Seminars

From 1969/ to 2008, I have been teaching regularly. Since Habilitation in 1975, this always included a lecture (sometimes two), two or three seminars and a research colloquium. During my years at the Pädagogische Hochschule, my teaching focused mostly on German politics, local government, educational policies, but also included seminars on Israeli-Arab relations, Turkey, and migration. Since 1980, my focus is on comparative politics. Regularly I gave a basic lecture on comparative politics, with special emphasis on institutions, parties, elections, and civil society. Other regular lecture themes include comparative migration, and German post-war history. In have also given lectures on Turkey, the Kurdish problem, the Israeli-Arab conflict, and – during my year in Tokyo – on European modern history (1870-1945), European political culture, and European integration.

Seminars included regular the political systems of Italy and Turkey, the consociational democracies Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands, institutions like Second Chambers and the federal president. I also offered a series of seminars about the European party families, the Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, and Liberals, about European party systems, and German policy issues like the reform of social welfare. About a third of my seminars were directly related to migration issues, my main research interest in the last years.