

Brief biographical statement

I was born in Leipzig in 1970, on the Soviet side of the iron curtain, grown up for 20 years in a closed society, experienced a revolution and a transitional society, made my way in that enlarged West-Germany, studied Religious and Indian Studies, Philosophy, History, and Educational Sciences, living with my family since almost 20 years in Germany's far West, and working since almost 7 years in Switzerland – internationality, cultural bridging and self-critical reflection on history-based identities is my natural habitat.

I'm a professor for modern history and history education at the School of Education FHNW (Department for Social Sciences Education) and a member of the Institute for Educational Sciences at the University of Basel.

Previously I worked as assistant professor for History Education at the University of Bochum (07-12) and as visiting professor at Jena University (07-08) and Siegen University (06/07). My main research interests focus on digital change, particularly in public history, informal learning and history related beliefs, and theory and history of history education in a very broad sense. Since 2012 I have built up multilingual infrastructures in the field of digital public history: [The Index Didacticorum](#) (a general collaborative biographical resource of history education and public history), [Public History Weekly](#) (the international and multilingual BlogJournal), and [#GTS7000](#) (the first regular German-speaking public history talk show). My next book on public history will be published December 2018 by De Gruyter. It focuses on the interrelation of public history and school-system and contains contributions by authors from 10 countries, as well as a detailed keynote about what public history "really" is.

Statement of interest in the position and in the IFPH

The research and teaching field of historical culture – respective of Public History – has been occupying me for the last 20 years, many of my publications are dedicated to this topic. Navigating this field is my academic passion. There are many other ideas, some projects are ongoing (among them PhD projects). I have been following the activities of the IFPH for years with great interest and sympathy. That is why I have been a member of this association for quite some time. To my great delight, the IFPH already has an excellent institutional collaboration with the journal "Public History Weekly". I hope this co-operation will intensify in the future. Beyond that I would like to invest more effort in a network for all German-speaking public historians in accordance with the IFPH. Together with other colleagues we are going to start this project next year. Moreover I would like to share my rich experiences, contacts and know-how in terms of digital science communication with the IFPH network. Last but not least I am very interested in connecting my research projects in international relations even more, especially with Eastern Europe. I would be very proud if the members of the association would place their trust in me as a temporary member of the steering committee.

Thank you very much, yours sincerely
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