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Study of Philosophy, Romance and Germanic Studies. 1973: PhD., 1983: Habilitation for German Philology, with particular consideration of the Romance Literatures of the Middle Ages. 1983: Professor at the University of Hamburg. 1986/87: substitute Professor at the Universities of Heidelberg and Göttingen. 1987: Professor and Chair of Medieval German Literature and Language at the Free University Berlin. 1991-1997: Member of the Board of Directors of the Deutscher Germanistenverband (from 1994-1997 as Vice-President). 1995-1997: Dean of the Department of Germanic Studies at the Free University Berlin. Member of the Berlin Zentrum für Historische Anthropologie (since 1996). Member of the Graduate School Körper-Inszenierungen (since 1997). Leader of the research project Emotionalität in der Literatur des Mittelalters within the framework of the Special Research Area Kulturen des Performativen at the Free University Berlin (since 1999). 2000 Election as a DFG Assessor. 2003: Distinguished Visiting Professorship at the Washington University in St. Louis, MO

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