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## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Details

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| Date and place of birth | *1959, Esslingen am Neckar |
| Family Status           | Married, 1 child           |
| Nationality             | German                     |

### Current Positions

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| 2004–2027 | Professor of International Relations, Free University of Berlin             |
| 2004–2027 | Director, Research unit Global Governance, WZB Berlin Social Science Center |

### Academic Qualifications

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| 1991 | Doctoral thesis entitled “Spieltheorie, Funktionalismus und internationale Politik” ( <i>Game theory, functionalism and international politics</i> ) submitted to the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Tübingen ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ) |
| 1987 | Certificate, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1987 | State Examination, Political Science/German Literature/Linguistics, University of Tübingen                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1984 | MA International Studies, University of Denver                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Professional Career

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| 2024–     | Principle Investigator (PI) of the DFG-funded Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2019–2023 | Spokesperson and Principle Investigator (PI) of the Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)”                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2016–2020 | Speaker of the DFG–Research Group “Overlapping Spheres of Authority and Interface Conflicts in the Global Order”                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2008–2018 | Founder and Board Member, Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS), since 2015 Director                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2004–2009 | Founding Dean, Hertie School of Governance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2002–2004 | Director, Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) 597 “Transformations of the State” (TranState), University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2001–2003 | Director, Institute of Political Science, University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2001–2003 | Co-founder and Board Member, Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1997–2000 | Director, Centre for European Law and Policy (ZERP), University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1995–2004 | Director, Institute for Intercultural and International Studies (InIIS), University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1993–1996 | Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1993–2004 | Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Bremen                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1992–1993 | Thyssen Research Fellow, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1991–1993 | Assistant Professor, Institute for Political Science, University of Tübingen                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1991      | Visiting Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1989–1991 | Research Associate, Institute for Political Science, University of Tübingen                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1986–1989 | Assistant Professor for DFG funded project “Die Bedeutung von Internationalen Regimen als Institut der gewaltfreien Behandlung des Ost-West Konflikts” ( <i>The significance of international regimes as an institution for the non-violent resolution of the East-West conflict</i> ) |

## **Participation in Externally Funded Research Projects**

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| 2021      | Thomas Mann Fellowship, Los Angeles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2019–2025 | Cluster of Excellence: “Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)”<br>Directors: Michael Zürn, Tanja Börzel<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                          |
| 2016–2020 | „Overlapping Spheres of Authority and Interface Conflicts in the Global Order”<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                                                           |
| 2012–2015 | “Contested World Orders” at the Social Science Research Center Berlin, GIGA/Hamburg and HSFK/Frankfurt<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Dr. Detlef Nolte, Prof. Dr. Klaus-Dieter Wolf<br>Funding: Leibniz Gemeinschaft, Senate Competition Committee (SAW) |
| 2010–2014 | International organizations and the protection of fundamental rights of the individual<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Dr. Monika Heupel<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                           |
| 2009–2013 | The Internationalization of the Rule of Law<br>Funding: Hague Institute for International Law                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2003–2004 | Initiator and Director of the CRC 597 “Transformations of the State” at the University of Bremen<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                                         |
| 2003–2006 | Project A2 of the CRC 597 “The Juridification of Dispute Settlement in International Law”<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Dr. Bernhard Zangl                                                                                                                    |
| 2003–2006 | Project B4 of the CRC 597 “Regulation and Legitimation in the Internet”<br>Director: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2001–2003 | Co-initiator and founding member of the Graduate School of Social Sciences at the University of Bremen<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Dr. Walter Heinz, Prof. Dr. Stephan Leibfried, Prof. Dr. Ansgar Weymann<br>Funding: Volkswagen Foundation          |
| 2001–2004 | Project Partner for the establishment of PolitikON – an online project for political science education<br>Director: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Leidhold<br>Funding: Ministry of Education and Research                                                                        |

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| 1997–2001 | Compliance in Modern Political Systems<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Dr. Christian Joerges<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                                                        |
| 1997–2001 | Managing Editor of the Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen (German Journal of International Relations)<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                                                   |
| 1995–2004 | The Role of Culture in International Relations;<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Dr. Dieter Senghaas<br>Funding: State of Bremen                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1995–1996 | Summer Institute on the Political Economy of European Integration<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Barry Eichengreen<br>Funding: German-American Academic Council Foundation                                                                                                      |
| 1994–2001 | Societal Responses to Globalization<br>Director: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn<br>Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1993–2002 | International Regimes Database;<br>Directors: Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Prof. Marc Levy, Prof. Oran Young<br>Funding: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Vienna;<br>National Science Foundation; German Research Council (DFG); German-American Academic Council Foundation |

### **Professorship Offers**

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| 2003 | Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (Academic Director)                     |
| 2003 | Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Bonn (Director) (declined) |
| 2003 | Free University of Berlin / WZB Berlin Social Science Center (Director)     |
| 2002 | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (declined)                                     |
| 1997 | University of Constance (declined)                                          |
| 1993 | University of Bremen                                                        |

### **Honors and Awards**

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| 2021 | Science Award of the Governing Mayor of Berlin |
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| 2020      | Book symposium on Michael Zürn, 2018, <i>A Theory of Global Governance. Authority, Legitimacy, and Contestation. International Theory</i> (2021).                                        |
| 2020      | Special issue on the works of Michael Zürn. <i>Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen</i> , 27:1.                                                                                    |
| 2020      | Thomas Mann Fellowship                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2014      | Member of the Academia Europaea                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2012–2017 | Visiting Professor of Central European University, Budapest                                                                                                                              |
| 2010–2018 | Permanent Visiting Senior Fellow London School of Economics                                                                                                                              |
| 2010      | First Honorary Fellow as Faculty Dean, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin                                                                                                               |
| 2008      | Member of Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences                                                                                                                                         |
| 2007      | Honorary Member of the CRC 597, University of Bremen                                                                                                                                     |
| 2003      | Sparkasse Bremen Award for Innovative Cooperation Projects among the Bremen Universities                                                                                                 |
| 1999      | Fellow at the Centre for Advanced Studies, Norwegian Academy of Social Sciences, Oslo                                                                                                    |
| 1995–1996 | Summer Institute on the Political Economy of European Integration<br>Co-Directorship (together with Prof. Barry Eichengreen), awarded by the German-American Academic Council Foundation |

### **Memberships in Academic and Professional Associations**

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| 2026–     | COST-Expert (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)                                                 |
| 2026–2029 | Member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (Frankfurt a. Main) |
| 2026–2028 | Member of the Leibnitz Research Network “China”                                                              |
| 2025–     | Member of the ALLEA Science-Policy Standing Committee                                                        |
| 2025–     | Member of Academic Advisory Board at Queen's University Belfast                                              |
| 2023–     | Board Member, Political Research Exchange Journal, Essex (UK)                                                |
| 2021–     | Member of the Dahrendorf program “Europe in a Changing World”, University of Oxford, UK                      |
| 2019–2021 | Member of the IAG Digital Democracy, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina                          |

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| 2018–     | Member of the University Council of the University of Konstanz                                                                                                             |
| 2017–2021 | Member of the Supervisory Board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation                                                                                                            |
| 2017–2023 | Member of the Berlin Board, Einstein Foundation Berlin (ESB)                                                                                                               |
| 2016–2024 | Member of the Foundation Board German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)                                                                                                  |
| 2014–2016 | Chair of the Advisory Board of the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)                                                                                      |
| 2014–2016 | Member of the European Research Council (ERC), Panel SH 2, Consolidator Grant                                                                                              |
| 2014–2017 | Chair of the Advisory Board of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Center for Global Cooperation Research                                                                          |
| 2012–2016 | Member of the Foundation Board of the Institute of Advanced Studies (Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg)                                                                            |
| 2012–2022 | Membership Board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation                                                                                                                           |
| 2012–2016 | Chair of the Advisory Board of the Excellence Cluster “Normative Orders”, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main (Member of the Advisory Board since 2009) |
| 2012–     | Deputy Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (SEF) (Member of the Executive Committee since 2005)                                 |
| 2009–2015 | Member of Executive Committee of the German Protestant Church Congress                                                                                                     |
| 2005–2006 | Member of the DFG Commission and Research Council of the Excellence Initiative                                                                                             |
| 2005–     | Member of the International Academic Council (IAC) of Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI)                                                                 |
| 2005–2018 | Member of the Scientific Board of Directors of the German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP)                                                                              |
| 2004–2010 | Member of the Senate and the Executive Committee and of the Grants Committee on General Research Support of the German Research Foundation (DFG)                           |
| 2003–2016 | Advisory Board Member of the Center for Global Change and Governance, Rutgers The State University of New Jersey, Newark                                                   |
| 2000–     | Board Member of the Institute for European Politics (IEP)                                                                                                                  |
| 1999–2002 | Board Member of Copenhagen Peace Research Institute                                                                                                                        |

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| 1998–2003 | Board Member of ECPR Standing Group on International Relations                                                |
| 1997–2000 | Board Member of the Working Committee on European Integration,<br>German Political Science Association (DVPW) |

### **Regular Editorial Activities**

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| 2023–     | Board Member, Political Research Exchange Journal                                                                |
| 2018–     | Co-Editor, <i>Politics and Governance</i>                                                                        |
| 2013–     | Member of the Advisory Board, <i>Regulation &amp; Governance</i>                                                 |
| 2010–     | Co-Editor, <i>Leviathan</i>                                                                                      |
| 2009–     | Co-Editor, <i>Global Policy</i>                                                                                  |
| 2005–2010 | Member of Advisory Board, <i>Leviathan</i>                                                                       |
| 2004–2008 | Co-Editor, <i>European Journal of International Relations</i>                                                    |
| 2003–     | Member of the Advisory Board, <i>Journal of International Relations and Development</i>                          |
| 2003–2010 | Member of Advisory Board, <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>                                          |
| 2002–     | Co-Editor, <i>Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen</i>                                                     |
| 2001–2007 | Member of Advisory Board, <i>International Organization</i>                                                      |
| 1999–2004 | Member of Advisory Board, <i>European Journal of International Relations</i>                                     |
| 1999–2014 | Member of Advisory Board, <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i>                                                  |
| 1999–2004 | Co-Editor (representing the German Political Science Association), <i>Nomos, Weltpolitik im 21. Jahrhundert</i>  |
| 1998–2008 | Member of Advisory Board, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Series: New Millennium Books in International Studies |

## **Advisory activities**

### **Expertise Work for (among others)**

European Science Foundation • German Foundation for Peace Research • Duke University • German Research Foundation (DFG) • European Science Foundation • European University Institute • Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung • Harvard University • Hans Böckler Foundation • Heinrich Böll Foundation • National Science Foundation • Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research • Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ) • Swiss National Foundation • Volkswagen Foundation • ZEIT Foundation

### **Reviews for (among others)**

*British Journal of Political Science • Cambridge University Press • Cornell University Press • Cooperation and Conflict • Government and Opposition • European Journal of International Relations • European Journal of Political Research • European Journal of International Relations • Journal of European Public Policy • International Studies Quarterly • International Organization • International Studies Quarterly • Journal of Common Market • European Political Science Review • International Studies Review • Oxford University Press • Politische Vierteljahresschrift • Swiss Political Science Review • West European Politics • World of Human Rights • World Politics • Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen • Zeitschrift für Politik • Democracy and the Rule of Law, etc.*