

## Europass Curriculum Vitae



### Personal information

First name / Surname

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Nationality

German

Date of birth

27 June 1962

Gender

Male

### Work experience

Dates

since 2005

Occupation or position held

professor (tenured), Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig

Main activities and responsibilities

director of studies, Master African Studies (2006–2012 & 2016), European Master Global Studies (2006–2020), director Institute of African Studies (2023–2024)  
director, DFG Graduate Research Training Group 1261 "Critical Junctures of Globalization" (2006–2016)  
co-director, DFG Priority Programme 1448 "Adaptation and Creativity in Africa" (2011–2018)  
board member, DFG Collaborative Research Group 1199 (2016–2024)  
co-spokesperson, SFB 1199 Integrated PhD Research Training Programme (2016–2024)  
director, Graduate Centre Humanities and Social Sciences, Research Academy Leipzig (2017–2021)  
board member ReCentGlobe, Leipzig University (since 2020)  
fellow, Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Studies (STIAS), South Africa (since 2004)  
visiting professor: Dept. of Political Science, Stellenbosch University (since 2010); Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa U (since 2012); Dept. of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde U (since 2025)  
director of studies, PhD programme "Global and Area Studies" (2012–2022)

Name and address of employer

University of Leipzig, PO Box 100 920, 04009 Leipzig, Germany

Type of business or sector

Higher Education

Dates

1998–2005

Occupation or position held

associate professor (*C2 Hochschuldozent*)

Main activities and responsibilities

teaching in the Magister "Afrikanistik" and launching international MA and PhD programmes; carrying out various DFG-supported research projects; board member of the International PhD Programme "Transnationalization and Regionalization" (2001–2011)

Name and address of employer

Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig, PO Box 100 920, 04009 Leipzig, Germany

Type of business or sector

Higher education

Dates 1994–1997  
 Occupation or position held research associate  
 Name and address of employer Department of Political Science, University of Hamburg & Department of History, University of Hannover, Germany  
 Main activities and responsibilities Research project (Volkswagen Foundation)  
 Type of business or sector Social science research

Dates 1989–1992  
 Occupation or position held research associate  
 Name and address of employer Department of Political Science, University of Hamburg, Germany  
 Main activities and responsibilities Research project (DFG, German Research Foundation)  
 Type of business or sector Social science research

### Education and training

Dates 25 August 1999  
 Title of qualification awarded Habilitation Dr. phil. habil.  
 Principal subjects Venia legendi: political science (“Germany’s Africa policy 1949–1999”)  
 Institution Department of Political Science, University of Hamburg, Germany

Dates 5 January 1994  
 Title of qualification awarded Dr. phil.  
 Principal subjects Political science (“The Foreign Policy of Zimbabwe”)  
 Institution Department of Political Science, University of Hamburg, Germany

Dates 31 January 1987  
 Title of qualification awarded Dipl.-Pol.  
 Principal subjects Political science  
 Institution Department of Political Science, University of Hamburg, Germany

### Personal skills and competences

German  
 Self-assessment  
*European level*

English

French

| Understanding |                 |         |                 | Speaking           |                 |                   |                 | Writing |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Listening     |                 | Reading |                 | Spoken interaction |                 | Spoken production |                 |         |                 |
| C2            | Proficient user | C2      | Proficient user | C2                 | Proficient user | C1                | Proficient user | C1      | Proficient user |
| A2            | Basic User      | A2      | Basic user      | A2                 | Basic user      | A1                | Basic user      | A1      | Basic user      |

Social skills and competences So far, I have canvassed and administered some €54 million plus of external research funding as well as the related HR (research associates, admin staff, programme coordinators, etc.).

Organisational skills and competences Design of study programmes; outsourcing of study programmes to non-European contexts; curriculum reviews; quality assurance; monitoring and evaluation; organisational development; evaluation of projects and programmes; results-based management; toolbox design; back-stopping; ...

Technical skills and competences Workflow processes, scenario-building, horizon-scanning, results-based management, etc.

Computer skills and competences Some.

Artistic skills and competences More.

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| Other skills and competences  | Thinking out of the box. Since 2006 I am advising the African Union and other African ROs in the areas of early warning, conflict prevention, preventive diplomacy, and organisational development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Driving licence               | No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Additional information</b> | <i>References</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| References                    | <p>Fana Gebresenbet, director Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University (e-mail: <a href="mailto:fana.g@ipss-addis.org">fana.g@ipss-addis.org</a>)</p> <p>Cheryl Hendricks, director Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa (e-mail: <a href="mailto:CHendricks@ijr.org.za">CHendricks@ijr.org.za</a>)</p> <p>Gilbert M. Khadiagala, Jan Smuts Professor of International Relations and Head of Department, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa (e-mail: <a href="mailto:gilbert.khadiagala@wits.ac.za">gilbert.khadiagala@wits.ac.za</a>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ongoing research projects     | <p>"African non-military conflict intervention practices" (<a href="https://ancip-project.de">https://ancip-project.de</a>), BMBF, 2022–2026</p> <p>"The politics of social cohesion in Africa: Comparing governmentalities across post-trauma societies (South Africa, Rwanda, and Ethiopia", Research Institute Social Cohesion (<a href="https://www.fgz-risc.de/das-forschungsinstitut/standorte/leipzig">https://www.fgz-risc.de/das-forschungsinstitut/standorte/leipzig</a>), BMBF 2020–2029</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Board functions               | <p>2019–2022 International Advisory Board of the Africa Peace Fellows Initiative of the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, Sacramento State U, CA</p> <p>2018 editor-in-chief of <i>African Security</i> (Taylor &amp; Francis), member of the editorial board since 2017</p> <p>since 2017 editorial board of the <i>Journal of Modern African Studies</i> (Cambridge University Press)</p> <p>2016–2023 research advisory council, Arnold Bergstraesser Institut für kulturwissenschaftliche Forschung e.V. an der Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg i. Br.</p> <p>since 2014 editorial board of <i>African Review. A Journal of African Politics, Development, and International Affairs</i>, Dar es Salaam (since 2020 with Brill Academic Publishers)</p> <p>2004–2021 Advisory Council on North-South Politics, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin</p> <p>2004–2019 Board and Senior Advisory Council, resp., Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS, the network of European African Studies Centres), Leiden</p> <p>2004–2014 Scientific Advisory Council, German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Annexes</b>                | <p><i>Selected publications (last five years)</i></p> <p>2025 (ed.) <i>Yearbook on the African Union</i>. Volume 5 (2024). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill (forthcoming).</p> <p>2025 (eds.) <i>Globalization Projects of Regional Organizations</i>. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck &amp; Ruprecht (with J. Herpolsheimer &amp; F. Mattheis).</p> <p>2025 (eds.) <i>Resisting Radicalization: Exploring the Non-Occurrence of Violent Extremism</i>. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 281 pp. (with M. Bøås, G. Ben-Nun, and K.M. Osland).</p> <p>2024 (ed.) <i>Yearbook on the African Union</i>. Volume 4 (2023). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill.</p> <p>2024. "Secretariats and staff of African international organizations". In B. Reinalda and M. Louis (eds.) <i>The Routledge Handbook of International Organizations</i>. 2nd ed., Abingdon, New York: Routledge, 222–235 (with J. Herpolsheimer).</p> <p>2023 (ed.) <i>Yearbook on the African Union</i>. Volume 3 (2022). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill.</p> <p>2023. "African Union 2.0: Relaunching the Pan-African Project". In J.W. Harbeson and D. Rothchild (eds.) <i>Africa in World Politics. Sustaining Reform in a Turbulent World Order</i>. 7th ed., London, New York NY: Routledge, 259–277.</p> <p>2023. "African Union's non-interventionist and 'soft' diplomatic power". In F. Onditi et al. (eds.) <i>The Palgrave Handbook of Diplomatic Thought and Practice in the Digital Age</i>. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 313–331.</p> <p>2023. "Populism and Social Cohesion in Southern Africa: Insights from Scholars and Practitioners", <i>Comparativ</i> 33 (4): 449–560 (with C. Blum).</p> <p>2022 (ed.) <i>Yearbook on the African Union</i>. Volume 2 (2021). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill.</p> <p>2021 et al. (eds.) <i>Researching the Inner Life of the African Peace and Security Architecture. APSA Inside-Out</i>. Leiden, Boston MA: Brill. (French translation 2023).</p> <p>2021 (ed.) <i>Yearbook on the African Union</i>. Volume 1 (2020). Leiden, Boston, MA: Brill.</p> |