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Researcher of a DFG-funded project

Current Field Research:

The ecology and economy of urban water supply: the history of Hangzhou and the West Lake from the Song to the Ming dynasties as seen from micro and macro historical perspectives.

Recent Areas of Teaching and Research:

- Chinese economic and social history with a focus on the Tang, Song, Yuan, and Ming dynasties.
- Chinese environmental history.
- History of Chinese agriculture, Chinese water control, and Chinese spatial economics.
- Chinese regional history and Chinese local history with a focus on southern and southeastern China.
- Chinese cultural history and Chinese cultural anthropology.
- History of Chinese Buddhism.

Biography:

- *Magister artium* (1982) and doctorate (1985) in Chinese, Indian, and Mongolian Studies at Munich University (LMU).
- Diploma in Geography and National Economy (1986) at Munich Technical University (TUM).
- Habilitation and *venia legendi* in Chinese Studies (1994) at Wuerzburg University.
- Extraordinary professorship (2000) at Wuerzburg University.

Doctoral thesis: *Die Entwicklung der Wasserwirtschaft im Südosten Chinas in der südlichen Sung-Zeit anhand einer Fallstudie: Das 'Ssu-ming T'o-shan shui-li pei-lan des Wei Hsien'* [The development of water control in southeast China during the Southern Song Dynasty taking the 'Siming Tuoshan shuili beilan 四明它山水利備覽' by Wei Xian 魏峴 as case study].

Diploma thesis: *Raumstruktur der chinesischen Provinz Yün-nan im Spiegel ch'ing-zeitlicher Quellen unter besonderer Berücksichtigung agrar- und ethnogeographischer Aspekte* [Spatial structure of the Chinese province of Yunnan as mirrored in Qing sources with special regard to agrarian and ethno-geographical aspects].

Habilitation thesis: *Die Sorge der Lebenden um die Toten: Thanatopraxis und Thanatologie in der Song-Zeit (960-1279)* [The care of the living for the dead: Thanatopraxis and thanatology during the Song (960–1279)].

- DAAD scholarship for research at Taipei (1986–1987).
- Academic assistant to the Chair for Chinese Studies of Wuerzburg University Prof. Dr. Dieter Kuhn (1988-1994).
- Research grant from Wuerzburg University (1995).
- Research grant from the Goerres Gesellschaft zur Pflege der Wissenschaft (1996–1997).
- Deputy professorship of Chinese Studies at Köln University (1997–1998).
- Currently project researcher at Munich University (LMU).

Memberships: European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS), Deutsche Vereinigung für Chinastudien (DVCS), Association Française d'Études Chinoises (AFEC), Goerres Gesellschaft zur Pflege der Wissenschaft, Münchner Geographische Gesellschaft.