

## Curriculum Vitae

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Date and place of birth: June 15, 1929, Freiburg/Germany

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### Education:

1949 University Entrance Examination (Students Examination), Reykjavik Gymnasium

1949-1950 Studies of French language, literature and philosophy, University of Grenoble, France

1950-1953 Studies of linguistics, Latin and English literature, Sorbonne University Paris, France

1953 Licence ès-lettres (Sorbonne)

1953-1954 Studies of linguistics and philosophy, Collège de France, Paris

1959-1962 Studies of classical and medieval Latin literature, and education, University of Heidelberg

1962 Dr. phil. (Ph.D.), University of Heidelberg

### Employment/activities:

- 1954-1963 Odenwaldschule (experimental comprehensive laboratory school comprising grades K through 13).
- 1961-1963 Director of Studies, Odenwaldschule.
- 1963- Senior Researcher at Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education. Associated Member of the Board of Directors.
- 1964-1969 Adjunct lecturer, Free University Berlin, Department of Education.
- 1966-1973 Project "Determinants of School Achievement" at the Max Planck Institute. (Main research focus: teacher strategies in mother tongue and foreign language.)
- 1966-1969 Member of the German Education Council's Subcommittee on Experimental Programs (Development of proposals for the organization and establishment of experimental comprehensive schools.)
- 1966-1970 Consultant to OECD and the Government of Iceland for the development of a national education planning system for Iceland.
- 1966-1984 Scientific advisor to the Icelandic Ministry of Education, Department of Educational Research and Development.
- 1968-1970 Consultant to the Center for Educational Research and Innovation, OECD, Paris.
- 1971 Member of Planning Committee and instructor, International Seminar on Learning and the Educational Process (Leoni, Germany).
- 1973- Promotion to Senior Fellow (Member) of the Max Planck Society and full member of Board of Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education.
- 1974 Visiting member of Icelandic Ministry of Education in charge of the coordination of the curriculum reform effort, innovation and educational research.
- 1974-1984 Coordinator and scientific advisor of a task force of teachers and administrators in charge of the construction of a social cognitive and developmental social science curriculum for grades 1 through 9 and of its introduction to the Icelandic school system.
- 1976-1997 Director and principal investigator of Project "Individual Development and Social Structure" (initially a cooperative project of the Max Planck Institute in Berlin and the University of Iceland).
- 1980 Visiting Research Associate (spring term), Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

- 1981-1997 Member of Board of Directors and Co-Director of Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education; Director of the Center for Development and Socialization.
- 1981 Organizer of International Ringberg Conference I on Structural Approaches to the Study of Social Interaction and Social Understanding.
- 1983- Adjunct Professor of Education, Free University of Berlin.
- 1983/84 Associate in Education, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.
- 1984 Organizer of International Ringberg Conference II on Moral Judgment - Developmental, Sociological and Philosophical Perspectives (with M. Keller and G. Nunner-Winkler).
- 1990 Organizer of International Ringberg Conference III (with Gil Noam and Gertrud Nunner-Winkler) on Morality and the Self.
- 1991 Visiting professor, Department of Social Science, University of Iceland.  
(Fall term)
- 1991-1993 Member of the Board of Senators (Council) (charged with designing and implementing the new University of Potsdam in the East German State of Brandenburg).
- 1994- Adjunct Professor (Education and Psychology) at the University of Potsdam.
- 1992-1995 Member of Board of Directors of the Jean Piaget Society.
- 1995 Honorary Degree (Doctor of Social Science) at the University of Iceland.
- 1995-1999 Member of Steering Committee and of the Board of Scientific Advisers of Experimental school program "Coalition of Self Effective Schools" (Modellversuch Selbstwirksame Schulen).
- 1996-2001 Member of Board of Scientific Advisers of the Centre Marc Bloch (Centre Franco-Allemand de Recherches en Sciences Sociales).
- 1996-2000 Chair (with Achim Leschinsky) of the Board of Scientific Advisers of the program of curriculum development for value education (Lebensgestaltung-Ethik-Religionskunde) in the State of Brandenburg.
- 1997 Organizer of International Ringberg Conference IV (with Gertrud Nunner-Winkler) on Morality in Context.
- 1997 Retirement.
- 1998 Organizer of International conference (with David Hopkins) "The Challenge of School Transformation: What Works".
- 1998-2005 Member of Board of Scientific Advisers for Education of the Foundation "Brandenburger Tor" of the Bankgesellschaft Berlin.
- Since 1998 Member of Editorial Board of the journal "Social Justice Research", New York.
- 1998-2000 Co-Chair of Commission on "Responsible Conduct in Science" of the Max Planck Society.
- 1999-2004 Member of Board of Scientific Advisers of the program "Improving Quality of Schools and School Systems" supported by the Joint Commission of the Federal Government and the State Ministries of Education (BLK).

- 2002-2007 Member of the Coordinating Committee of the model program “Learning Democracy in School” supported by the Joint Commission of the Federal Government and the State Ministries of Education (BLK).
- 2002 Lisa Kuhmerker and Gifts of Time Foundation Award of the Association for Moral Education (AME).
- Since 2002 Member of the Boards of various civic, cultural, and educational agencies and initiatives
- 2006-2008 President of the German Association for Democratic Education
- 2009 Hildegard Hamm-Brücher Award for Democracy Education

### **Professional Affiliations**

German Educational Research Association  
German Psychological Association, Division of Developmental Psychology  
(Member of Board 1987 - 1989)  
German Association for Democratic Education  
International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development  
Jean Piaget Society (Member of Board 1992-1997)  
Society for Research in Child Development