
CURRICULUM VITAE

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Married

Professional career

Since July 2026	Impartial Chair of the Joint Federal Committee (G-BA) and Chair of the Innovation Committee at the G-BA
2024–2026	State Secretary at the Hessian Ministry for Family, the Elderly, Sport, Health and Care, Wiesbaden
2022–2024	Head of the ‘Target Group-Specific Prevention, Non-Communicable Diseases’ Sub-Department, Federal Ministry of Health, Berlin
2020–2022	Head of the ‘Healthcare, Health Insurance’ Department, Federal Ministry of Health, Berlin
2018–2020	Head of the Executive Department, Federal Ministry of Health, Berlin
2015 – 2018	Head of the ‘Infrastructure Policy, Sustainability’ Unit, Federal Chancellery, Berlin
2010 – 2015	Head of the ‘Health Policy’ Unit, Federal Chancellery, Berlin
2006–2009	Whilst working Completion of doctoral thesis: ‘Reforms in the Pharmacy Market: A Regulatory and Political-Economic Analysis’, Dr. rer. pol., University of Trier
2005 – 2009	Officer in the ‘Health Policy’ Division, Federal Chancellery, Berlin
2002 – 2005	Adviser in the ‘Medicines Supply in the Statutory Health Insurance Scheme’ Unit, Federal Ministry of Health, Berlin
2002	Research assistant to the Commission of Inquiry on ‘The Future of Care in North Rhine-Westphalia’, Düsseldorf
2000 – 2002	Government traineeship (preparatory service for the higher general administrative service), State of Berlin
1998 – 1999	Health Policy Officer, Association of Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Verband forschender Arzneimittelhersteller e.V.), Bonn (2/5 position)
1997 – 2000	Research assistant at the Chair of ‘Economics, in particular the Economics of Services’, University of Trier (half-time post)
1991 – 1996	Studied Economics (Dipl.-Volkswirtin), University of Trier

All other secondary professional activities were discontinued on 30 June 2026.