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II. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

From September 2008 until April 2009, Michael Hainz is staying in Poland. Till February 2009 he was studying Polish culture and language at the Catholic University Lublin. Afterwards, he is working as temporary lecturer of general sociology and sociology of religion at the Jesuit University of Philosophy and Education, *Ignatianum*, in Cracow. In his absence Michael Reder replaces him as executive manager of the IGP.

Staff News

From the end of October 2007 until the beginning of June 2008 Andreas Gösele was in Mexico for his tertianship, the final educational stage of Jesuit training. He participated at the annual worldwide meeting of assistant coordinators for the Social Apostolate of the Society of Jesus in Rome at the beginning of June, and at the meeting of social coordinators of the East European Assistency at the beginning of November. Apart from his work at the institute, he gave lectures in social ethics, logic and social sciences at the School of Philosophy. He is also its webmaster and network administrator.

Das INSTITUT FÜR GESELLSCHAFTSPOLITIK
trauert um seinen langjährigen Institutsleiter

Pater Prof. Dr. rer. pol.
HANS ZWIEFELHOFER SJ

Geboren am 29. April 1932 in Aussig/Sudetenland –
heimgegangen am 03. Juli 2008 in Unterhaching

Pater Zwiefelhofer trat 1951 in die Gesellschaft Jesu ein. Er studierte Philosophie und Theologie in Pullach und in Frankfurt St. Georgen. 1963 erhielt er die Priesterweihe. 1970 wurde er in Nationalökonomie an der Universität Freiburg/Br. promoviert.

1967-1971 war er Direktor des Heinrich-Pesch-Hauses in Mannheim, 1971-1976 des Instituts für Gesellschaftspolitik an der Hochschule für Philosophie in München. 1971 wurde er Professor für Sozialwissenschaften, Gesellschafts- und Entwicklungspolitik an der Hochschule. 1976-1982 leitete er als Rektor die Hochschule. Seiner Initiative ist die Einrichtung des „Forschungs- und Studienprojekt der Rottendorf-Stiftung“ an der Hochschule im Jahr 1983 zu verdanken.

Er übte vielfältige Tätigkeiten im Bereich der Lehre, Forschung und Beratung auch außerhalb der Hochschule aus. Er war Mitglied im Wissenschaftlichen Beirat beim Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ) und im „Katholischen Arbeitskreis Entwicklung und Frieden“ (KAEF), seit 1982 umbenannt in „Deutsche Kommission Justitia et Pax“. Zudem war er Berater zahlreicher kirchlicher Hilfsorganisationen.

1984 musste er seine wissenschaftliche Tätigkeit weitgehend aufgeben, um bis 1987 als Provinzial die Oberdeutsche Provinz zu leiten. Dann erteilte ihn der Ruf an die Generalskurie nach Rom, wo er 1987-1995 Regionalassistent der Zentraleuropäischen Assistenz war und 1992-2001 Sekretär der Gesellschaft Jesu.

Hans Zwiefelhofer war ein analytischer Geist und vielfältig interessiert. Im Kontext seines Grundanliegens „Glaube und Gerechtigkeit“ galt sein vorrangiges Interesse den Fragen der Entwicklungspolitik und Weltwirtschaft. Er hat sich in diesem Feld sowohl innerhalb des Ordens wie im Raum der Öffentlichkeit sehr verdient gemacht.

Aus seinen Veröffentlichungen seien nur genannt: Integration von Bildungs- und Wirtschaftsplanung in Venezuela, Berlin 1972; Handel und Hilfe, München 1976; Neue Weltwirtschaftsordnung und katholische Soziallehre, München/Mainz 1980; Entwicklung heißt: Befreiung und Gerechtigkeit, München/Mainz 1983.

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Climate Project

Work on the project „Climate Change and Justice: Climate policy as a component of fair globalisation and sustainable poverty reduction“ has continued in 2008. Since the summer of 2007 the institute has been working on this scientific project with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), due to last for three years. The sponsors are the Episcopal development agency Misereor and the Munich Re Foundation „From Knowledge to Action“. A. Gösele, M. Kowarsch, J. Müller, M. Reder and J. Wallacher are working on this project for the institute. M. Reder is also manager of the entire project.

Several internal workshops were held to establish and discuss common points of view. Furthermore, the results of the first phase of research were published. In the May 2008 edition of the journal „welt-sichten“ an extensive dossier on the topic „Climate Change and Poverty“ was published. It contains articles from all four organisations cooperating on the venture and can be downloaded free of charge from the project homepage (<http://www.climate-and-justice.de/>). Furthermore, initial results of the project were presented at various conferences and meetings.

One of the highlights was this year's symposium on the research and study project „Global Solidarity: Steps to a new Global Culture“ of the Rottendorf Foundation at the School of Philosophy on the topic of climate change. It was entitled „Climate Change and Global Poverty“. The institute was represented by J. Wallacher as chair and J. Müller as one of the speakers at this symposium. The television program BR-alpha broadcast the entire final panel discussion of the symposium including all the speakers in its programme „Denkzeit“. Press releases on this event are to be found on the homepage of the institute.

In 2007, as during the past years, the institute has continued to be involved in issues of the universal Church. J. Müller was advisor to the German Bishops' Conference's Commission X „Universal Church“ as well as chairman of its „Research Group on the Universal Tasks of the Church“. Together with J. Wallacher he was a member of the group of experts on „World Economy and Social Ethics“, attached to the above mentioned research group. In autumn 2008 J. Wallacher was appointed the chairman of this group. Additionally, J. Müller was on the advisory board of the Episcopal overseas development agency Misereor. As part of the German commission

Service to the universal Church

„Justitia et Pax“, J. Wallacher was chairman of the working group „Development“; J. Müller was a member of the working group „Religions and religious freedom“. A. Gösele worked with the committee „Mission, development and peace“, belonging to the Council of the Catholics of Bavaria as well as the committee „Justice, peace and development“ of the Diocesan Council of Catholics of the Archdiocese Munich and Freising. M. Reder was a member of the group of experts on „Good Governance – Democracy, Human Rights and Development“, attached to the Common Conference on Church and Development (GKKE).

School of Philosophy

The year 2007 saw a continuation of the regularly held „social ethics colloquium“ under the direction of J. Müller, J. Wallacher and M. Reder, where selected issues from social sciences and social ethics were discussed with special attention given to international problems. On June 26, Dr. Lukas Kaelin (Ateneo de Manila University) gave a lecture on the relation between public and private in the Philippine context. On July 3, Prof. Dr. Gerd Mutz (University of Applied Sciences – Munich) gave a lecture on civil society in Vietnam.

The classes offered by members of the institute were an essential component of the postgraduate course „Ethics of Globalization: Basics in Social Sciences“. Furthermore, important steps for integrating these studies into a future bachelor course were done. J. Wallacher, free from teaching in the winter semester 2008/2009, will use this time mainly to prepare various publications.

Cooperation with the Heinrich Pesch Haus in Ludwigshafen

As in the past few years, the institute took part in preparing the „Ludwigshafen Talks“. Within the framework of the climate project the topic this year was planned to be „Climate politics compatible to development“. Due to rescheduling, the talks took place from January 22-23, 2009. Representatives from the South as well as high-ranking politicians participated. The discussions were organised as part of the project „Climate Change and Justice“ in cooperation with Misereor, the Munich Re Foundation and PIK.

In September 2006 the IGP organised the international conference „Africa and Europe: Cooperation in a Globalised World“ in collaboration with the Scribani Network, the European Jesuit Network (Antwerp). In the wake of this conference the institute is endeavouring to prioritise Africa, i.e. to establish long term cooperation with Africa.

A. Gösele visited several SJ social institutes in Africa in July 2008. He also had the opportunity to participate in an advocacy workshop organised by the African coordinators of the Social Apostolate. The purpose of this trip was to establish contacts in Africa and to gain insight into possible forms of cooperation. Among others, he visited the Jesuit Hakimani Centre, the Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, the Jesuit's office of the African AIDS network in Nairobi, the Centre d'études pour l'action sociale in Kinshasa, the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection in Lusaka; the Centre de recherche et d'action pour la paix in Abidjan. To complete the picture of the Jesuit's social scientific, social ethical and social practical commitment in Africa, A. Gösele met with several Provincials, with the moderator for the Jesuit's Africa Assistancy, with collaborators of the Jesuit Refugee Service and the Silveira House in Harare and the Centre d'études et de formation pour le développement in N'Djaména.

In February and March 2008, S. Eibl was in Kenya again on a study trip (following her participation at the World Social Forum 2007 in Nairobi). Her main objective was to meet dedicated villagers, especially the elders, in different regions of Central Province and also in the neighbouring Rift Valley Province. The inhabitants are trying to uphold their traditional customs which also contribute to maintaining the ecological balance (e.g. protection of forests). Despite many difficulties some success has been achieved: some previously dried up wells have water again in years of drought. Some communities whose relationship was strained by current political unrest have been brought closer together by common needs. Projects for environmental protection often lead to inter-generational cooperation if the younger as well as the older generations support the endeavour.

In the framework of the cycle of guest lecturers at Rottendorf Foundation's research and study project „Global Solidarity – Steps towards a new Global Culture“ at the Munich school of philosophy, courses on Africa were offered again in 2008. In the summer semester of 2008 Prof. Dr. János Riesz from Bayreuth University held a lecture called „Looking into the black

mirror – cultural conflict and critical examination of Europe in African literature of the 20th century“. In the winter semester 2008/2009 he offered another course on „The first generation of African politicians after independence as seen in their autobiographies“.

IGP's homepage contains a section called „Africa“. Among other things you can find a detailed report by A. Gösele on his travels. It is also possible to download an essay by William Chislett called „Changing Africa. A socio-political analysis“ free of charge. This text, 40 pages long, provides a concise overview of the discussions at the above-mentioned Scribani conference.

Jesuit Networks

The „Munich-Frankfurt Meeting“, organized by both the Nell-Breuning Institute and the Institute for Social and Development Studies took place from January 18-19 2008, this time in Frankfurt. Among other things, discussion was on climate change and justice and ethical aspects of Hartz IV.

M. Hainz and J. Müller contributed a course on social analysis during the three month practical social training for German-speaking Jesuit novices. Since 2008, novices have to participate in practical social training from May to July in their second year. This includes working in diverse social facilities in Munich with homeless people and refugees. The aim of the reflections which accompany this training is to impart social scientific approaches and methods for these kinds of missions.

The annual conference of the working group on social justice (Social Apostolate SJ) took place at the CPH (Caritas Pirckheimer Haus) in Nuremberg on September 2-3. It was organised in cooperation with A. Gösele and M. Hainz. The consequences of the General Congregation for the Social Apostolate in German speaking provinces were discussed and questions of international solidarity were addressed, in collaboration with the mission procurators. A. Gösele is also actively involved in preparing the upcoming EUROJESS congress with the topic „Muslims in Europe“ which will take place in Granada at the end of August 2009.

On September 11-12, 2007, M. Hainz and two young scholars, which were selected by the IGP, took part in a conference on „Religion: Problem or Promise? The Role of Religion for the Integration of Europe“ (Kosice, Slovakia) of the European

Scribani Network. M. Hainz gave a presentation about the different religious situations in the Western and Eastern part of Germany.

On October 9, 2007, the institute (J. Wallacher and M. Reeder, responsible) carried out the third „Round Table Bavaria. Social and Environmental Standards in Companies“ on the premises of the Munich School for Philosophy, along with the „One World Network Bavaria e.V.“, the consortium of Bavarian non-governmental organizations. Additionally, Prof. Gerd Mutz (University of Applied Sciences – Munich) was integrated in the preparation. Numerous representatives from companies, business associations, ministries, the scientific establishment, NGOs and church initiatives discussed with persons as Franz Marget (Social Democrats), Hermann Unterländer (Christian Social Union) and Prof. Küpper (LMU). Main aspect of the discussion was the contribution of politics and scientific community to the discussion about social and environmental standards in companies. As every year, in the framework of an ‘information exchange’, successful projects of implementing social and ecological standards were presented. The results will be published in 2009. Further details can be obtained at:
<<http://www.eineweltnetzbayern.de>>.

Further Fields of Cooperation

III. RESPONSIBLE BODY

The Institute for Social and Development Studies is an apostolic work of the Society of Jesus dedicated to the mission for justice as an integral part of its service to faith. It follows the Order’s long tradition of social ministry (especially going back to the former Heinrich Pesch Haus in Mannheim).

The responsible body is the German Province of Jesuits KdÖR, Munich. The Institute, founded in 1956 in Mannheim has been affiliated with the Munich School of Philosophy, Jesuit Philosophy faculty as an independent body since 1971.

The Institute is a member of EUROJESS (European Jesuits in Social Sciences) and the „Working Group on Social Justice“ (Social Apostolate SJ) of the central European region of the Society of Jesus. It cooperates closely with the Heinrich Pesch Haus (HPH) in Ludwigshafen, the Caritas Pirckheimer Haus (CPH) in Nuremberg, the German Jesuits' Mission Procurate in Nuremberg and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). Staff members are publishing regularly in STIMMEN DER ZEIT.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The Institute for Social and Development Studies – based on a philosophical-theological anthropology and a preferential option for the poor – engages in advocacy for justice, peace and the integrity of God's creation. It works actively towards the realisation of human rights, global solidarity, and development policies based on human dignity. In accordance with these aims, the Institute for Social and Development Studies strives for a way of acting that:

- critically examines and scientifically analyses social problems and concepts in social policy in an interdisciplinary manner (including ethical and theological reflection);
- focuses on structural and socio-cultural aspects;
- develops a universal way of thinking (East-West and North-South relations);
- raises public awareness and stimulates political engagement and response, and
- has an impact especially on thought and action within the Church.

V. TASKS

The main tasks of the Institute for Social and Development Studies include:

- academic teaching, mainly as part of the curricula of the Munich School of Philosophy;
- offering courses, seminars and presentations and facilitating workshops, especially in collaboration with other service providers in the field of education;
- collaborating with academic, political and religious organisations as well as with social movements;
- promoting research and publications in the social sciences;
- contributing to and participating in collaboration with members of the German Province of the Society of Jesus who have specialised in or are studying social sciences;
- actively supporting the European and worldwide collaboration of Jesuits in social sciences.

VI. LIBRARY

The Institute for Social and Development Studies has its own library and documentation centre specialising in **social sciences and development politics**. The library at this point contains approximately 37.000 volumes, plus about 100 periodicals, and an additional collection of reports and documents published by international organisations. The collection specialises in the following areas:

Social Sciences:

- social ethics and business ethics
- Catholic social teaching; religions and society

- sociology; social issues; social policy; labour market issues
- political science
- economics

Globalisation:

- international relations; EU issues
- global economy
- (international) environmental politics (global sustainability)
- migration, refugee and asylum issues
- publications from international organisations (e.g. UN; World Bank, WTO)
- dialogue of cultures and religions

Development Politics:

- churches and development; third world theologies
- development theory; development policy; development aid
- regional and country studies from Latin America, Africa, and Asia with a particular focus on Southeast Asia (Indonesia and the Philippines)

All titles that were published in 1996 or later can be found through an electronic catalogue database (OPAC – online public access catalogue) which is jointly operated with the Munich School of Philosophy's library.

Books and articles published up to 1995 are indexed in a card catalogue, most books acquired since 1991 can also be searched for through the digital catalogue.

The digital catalog can be accessed both from the library itself and online (www.hfph.mwn.de/igp/opac.htm). There is an additional possibility to search for all online digital catalogues and databases worldwide via the library's internet access.

The library of the Institute for Social and Development Studies is open both to the students of the Munich School of Philosophy and to anyone with a special interest in the subjects of its collection. Books and periodicals (except the permanent collection) can be loaned.

Opening Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am – 1 pm
Thursday: 12:30 am – 5:30 pm

VII. SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY COURSES

SUMMER TERM 2008

Vorlesung: Staatsphilosophie (Neuzeit und Moderne)
(*Brieskorn*)

Vorlesung: Grundlagen der Entwicklungspolitik. Sozialwissenschaftliche und sozialetische Theorien und Ansätze
(*Müller*)

Seminar: Eine Philosophie der Verantwortung. Alfred Delp (ermordet 02.02.1945) in Auseinandersetzung mit seiner Zeit: Analysen und Entwürfe (*Brieskorn*)

Seminar: Kosmopolitismus – eine stoische Idee für das 21. Jahrhundert? (*Brieskorn*)

Seminar: Dialog der Kulturen versus „Kampf der Kulturen“. Ansätze zur sozio-kulturellen Dimension der Globalisierung
(*Müller*)

Seminar: Religion in und nach der Postmoderne. Philosophische Deutungen und Religion bei J. Derrida, G. Vattimo, M. Walzer, J. Habermas und N. Luhmann (*Reder*)

Seminar: „Beyond Utilitarianism“. Zur Bedeutung des Fähigkeiten-Ansatzes von Amartya Sen für die Entwicklungs- und Wirtschaftsethik (*Wallacher*)

Seminar: Interdisziplinäre Zugänge zum Problemfeld „Klimawandel und Gerechtigkeit“ (*Wallacher/Vogt*)

Proseminar: Pierre Bourdieu als Denker der Gegenwartsgesellschaft (*Hainz*)

Kolloquium für Doktoranden (*Brieskorn*)

Sozialetisches Kolloquium (*Müller/Wallacher*)

WINTER TERM 2008/09

Vorlesung: Klassische soziologische Theorien. Ihre Interessen, Forschungen und Wirkungen (*Brieskorn*)

Vorlesung: Sozialethik: Eine problemorientierte Einführung (*Gösele*)

Vorlesung: Weltwirtschaft im Kontext der Globalisierung. Chancen und Risiken der Integration in das Welthandels- und Weltfinanzsystem (*Müller*)

Seminar: Platon: Politeia. Philosophie und Politik (*Brieskorn*)

Seminar: Die Gerechtigkeitsfrage im Diskurs über Gesundheit. Eine ethische und anthropologische Verhältnisbestimmung (*Frick/Reder*)

Seminar: Religionen als globale Akteure. Sozialwissenschaftliche Zugänge zu einem ambivalenten Phänomen (*Müller*)

Proseminar: Grundtexte zur Sozialethik. Lektüreseminar (*Gösele*)

Kolloquium für Doktoranden (*Brieskorn*)

Sozialethisches Kolloquium (*Müller/Reder*)

VIII. STAFF MEMBERS' INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Prof. Dr. Norbert Brieskorn had been appointed director of the special research study „Spanische Rechtslehre – from F. de Vitoria to F. Suárez (1525 - 1640)“, which is part of the general research program „Pluralisierung und Autorität in der Frühen Neuzeit“ („Pluralizing processes and authority in the Early modern Times“) (Nr. 573). This research program contains 18 research studies and is financed by the „Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft“. The term is four years long (01.01.2008 – 31.12.2011).

**BRIESKORN
NORBERT SJ**

Current Research Interests:

1. History, causes and problems in human rights and international law.
2. Spanish Scholasticism's political philosophy and philosophy of law.
3. Political Ethics.

Publications:

Annexus animarum. Erinnerung, Zukunftsplanung und Solidarität, in: R. Fornet-Betancourt/H. Sing/Institut für vergleichende Sozialarbeitswissenschaft und interkulturelle und internationale Sozialarbeit (ISIS) e.V. Eichstätt (Hrsg.): Humanisierung und Gesellschaft in Kuba heute. Herausforderung für das Christentum, Mainz/Aachen 2008, 137-148.

Vom Versuch, eine Beziehung wieder bewusst zu machen, in: M. Reder/J. Schmidt (Hrsg.): Ein Bewusstsein von dem, was fehlt. Eine Diskussion mit Jürgen Habermas, Frankfurt/M. 2008, 37-50.

Spanische Spätscholastik: Francisco de Vitoria, in: C. Horn/A. Neschke-Hentschke (Hrsg.): Politischer Aristotelismus. Die Rezeption der aristotelischen Politik von der Antike bis zum 19. Jahrhundert, Stuttgart/Weimar 2008, 134-172.

Systematisieren und Öffnen von Rechtspositionen in Francisco Suárez: *De legibus ad Deo legislatore* (1612) und Johannes Azor: *Institutiones morales* (1602), in: Sonderforschungsbereich 573 „Pluralisierung und Autorität in der Frühen Neuzeit, 15.-17. Jahrhundert“, *Mitteilungen* 1 (2008) 35-42.

Vorwort zu: Eric Voegelin „Francisco de Vitoria: Interpolity Relations“, in: *Voegeliana – Occasional Papers* (hrsg. von P. J. Opitz, übersetzt von F. Sattler), No. 66, München 2008, 7-11.

Ach, Deutschland!, in: *Stimmen der Zeit* 226 (2008) 577 f.

Menschenrechte, mit Rücksicht auf den Menschen, in: G. Nooke/G. Lohmann/G. Wahlers (Hrsg.): *Gelten Menschenrechte universal? Begründungen und Infragestellungen*, Freiburg 2008, 183-194.

Victor Cathrein S.J.: „Naturrechtliche Strömungen in der Rechtsphilosophie der Gegenwart“, in: *Rechtsphilosophie im 20. Jahrhundert – 100 Jahre Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie* (hrsg. von Annette Brockmöller und Eric Hilgen-dorf) 2009, 167-185.

Der Kampf um die Religionsfreiheit in der Geschichte, in: *Jahrbuch Menschenrechte 2009* (hrsg. von H. Bielefeldt/V. Deile/B. Hamm u. a.), Wien u.a. 2009, 15-28.

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Current Research Interests:

1. African Philosophy.
2. Medieval philosophy, with a focus on Islamic philosophers.
3. African political and cultural history (esp. Senegal, Ghana and Kenya).

Member of fact-finding committees „Justice, Development, Peace“ of the Catholic Diocesan Council in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising and „Mission, Development, Peace“ of the Catholic Bavarian Council. Chairman of the „Working Group Social Justice“ (Social Apostolate SJ) and coordinator of the Jesuits' central European region's social apostolate. President of EUROJESS (European Jesuits in Social Sciences).

Current Research Interests:

1. Social ethics.
2. Intellectual property rights.
3. Basic principles of rational choice theory in economics.

Scientific contacts with Central East Europe, predominantly Poland. Within this framework seminar on „Sociology of Religion“ at the Philosophical-Pedagogical university „Ignatianum“ in Cracow in spring 2007. Lecture at the conference „Religion, Problem or Promise? The Role of Religion in the Integration of Europe“ of the Scribani-Network in Kosice/Slovakia. Participation of an intensive course of Polish language and culture at the Catholic University Lublin in winter term 2008/2009.

Current Research Interests:

1. Sociology of religion.
2. Theories on how to interpret the present society.
3. Problems of refugees and detainees pending deportation.
4. Link between faith and justice; Ignatius of Loyola and the poor.
5. Catholic social teaching.

Publications:

Fremde Milieus und Neue Armut als Herausforderung für die Jugendpastoral, in: <http://www.eja-muenchen.de/?id=2391>

Die religiöse Landschaft in Deutschland. Zwischen schrumpfender Kirchlichkeit und spirituellen Neuaufbrüchen, in: Stimmen der Zeit 226 (2008) 377-390.

Il panorama religioso della Germania, in: La Civiltà Cattolica 159 (2008) 113-126.

„Wir sind keine Engel, wir machen nur ihren Job“. Atheistische und jesuitische Engeldeutungen, in: M. N. Ebertz/R. Faber (Hrsg.): Engel unter uns. Soziologische und theologische Miniaturen, Würzburg 2008, 47-51.

**KOWARSCH
MARTIN**

Preparing doctoral thesis on „Economic Advice for Climate Policy – Philosophical Aspects“ at Munich School of Philosophy, Prof. Wallacher. Doctoral scholarship from Prof. Franz Furger Foundation (Swiss). Freelancer in the project „Climate Change and Justice“. Together with Prof. Wallacher seminar given on Amartya Sen in summer term 2008.

Current Research Interests:

1. Economic ethics.
2. Philosophical aspects of integrated assessment of climate change (IAMs).
3. General ethics and concepts of justice.
4. Climate policy.

Publications:

Politik braucht Denker. Albert Schweitzers Ethik, in: Ökologie-Politik Nr. 137 (2008) 10-15.

Mitschuld an weltweiter Armut. Zusammenhänge der Einen Welt, in: Gemeinde creativ Nr. 4 (2008) 18.

Adviser to the German Bishops' Conference's Commission X, „Universal Church“, and its subcommittee for research issues. Chairman of the „Research Group on the Universal Tasks of the Church“ of the German Bishops' Conference. Member of the Group of Experts on „World Economy and Social Ethics“ attached to the mentioned Research Group. Member of the working group „Religions and Freedom of Religion“ of the German Commission for Justice and Peace. Member of the advisory board of Misereor. Editor of the series „Global Solidarity – Steps to a New Global Culture“ by the publisher Kohlhammer, Stuttgart et al. and editor of the series „Contexts. Sciences in Philosophical Perspective“ by the same publisher.

Current Research Interests:

1. Climate change and global poverty.
2. Ethical and socio-cultural dimensions of global governance, development politics and development cooperation.
3. Diversity of cultures and religions between conflict and encounter.

Publications:

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