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INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

Head, Department of International Relations, Austrian Geographical Society (ÖGG)
 Head, Austrian National IGU Committee
 ICA Chair, Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy
 Vice-President, International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cultural and Political geography of eastern Europe (especially Southeast Europe), tourism geography, atlas cartography, cartographic methodology, toponomastics.

ACADEMIC CAREER

He studied geography and ethnology at the University of Vienna, promotion on a cartographic topic ("The Problem of International Symbol Standardization in Cartography", supervised by Erik Arnberger) in 1979; habilitation (venia docendi) at the University of Klagenfurt for the entire discipline of geography with special regard to regional geography and cartography; 2007 honorary professor of the Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca; since 2017 Research Fellow, University of the Free State (South Africa).

Started in 1977 at the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies (AIESES) in Vienna as map editor with the Atlas of the Danubian Countries under Josef Breu as editor-in-chief; 1989-2014 editor-in-chief of the map series Atlas of Eastern and Southeastern Europe, for which he developed the concept; geographical editor of "Oesterreichische Osthefte" (1989-2002); 1994-1998 project manager and cartographic editor, "Resources and Environment, World Atlas"; 1989-2001, head, geographical department, AIESES; 1997-2001, deputy director, AIESES; 2001-2005 director, AIESES; since 2007 at the Institute of Urban and Regional Research (ISR), Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW); since 1 January 2015 retired civil officer.

Teaching geographical courses at the universities of Klagenfurt (since 1996), Vienna (since 2001), Rijeka (1998-2010), Cluj-Napoca (since 2003) and Koper/Capodistria (2005-2009); supervision of 107 graduation works (master theses, diploma theses, PhD theses) at the universities of Vienna, Klagenfurt, Cluj-Napoca, Berlin (FU), Berne, Tübingen, Barcelona, Bucharest, Potsdam, Vienna University of Agronomics. 1997-2007 Vice-Chair, 2007-2017 Chair, Austrian Board on Geographical Names; 2006-2017 Convenor, UNGEGN Working Group on Exonyms; 2007-2015 Chair, ICA Commission on Atlases; 2012-2017 Common Vice-chair, Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy; 2017- ICA Chair, Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy; 2009-2017 Managing Editor, "Annals of the Austrian Geographical Society" (Mitteilungen der Österreichischen Geographischen Gesellschaft); co-editor (together with Paul Woodman) of the toponymic book series "Name & Place" (so far 9 volumes published). Up to 31 May 2022 416 scientific publications (not including reviews, prefaces, forewords, reports, working papers etc.) and 381 scientific papers presented.

Research projects conducted

- “Atlas of Eastern and Southeastern Europe” on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research
- “The Europe of the Regions: Strategies and Perspectives in the View of the Forthcoming Enlargement of the European Union (Part II on Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey)”, on behalf of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union (COR)
- “Settlement history and the danger of floods in the Vistula catchment” on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research
- “Transcarpathia – Bridgehead or Periphery?” supported by the Austrian National Bank
- Project manager and cartographic editor of the Russian-Austrian atlas project “Resources and Environment. World Atlas”
- Austrian place-name data base, supported by the Austrian National Bank
- “Examples of successful regional development in the rural space of Romania and Austria”, funded by the Romanian National Council of Scientific Research in Higher Education (CNCS – UEFISCDI) and the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research
- “The politics and poetics of toponymy, identity and place in multilingual areas. A comparative study of Carinthia (Austria) and the Těšín area (Czechia)”, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Czech Grant Agency.

Current scientific functions

- Vice-President, International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)
- ICA chair, Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy
- Non-Permanent Member, Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (StAGN)
- Chair, Austrian national committee for the International Geographical Union (IGU)
- Member, Executive Board, Austrian Geographical Society (ÖGG)
- Editor (together with Paul Woodman) of the toponymic book series „Name & Place. Contributions to Toponymic Literature and Research“, Publisher Dr. Kovač, Hamburg, so far 8 volumes published.
- Editorial board member with the periodicals
 - „Bulletin of Geography” (Toruń),
 - „Romanian Review of Regional Studies“ (Cluj-Napoca),
 - „Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics“ (Timișoara),
 - „Acta Universitatis Palackianae Olomucensis, Geographica“ (Olomouc),
 - “Földrajzi Értesítő – Hungarian Geographical Bulletin“ (Budapest),
 - „Journal of Urban and Regional Analysis“ (Bucharest [București]),
 - “Zbornik radova” (Belgrade [Beograd]),
 - “Acta Geographica Croatica” (Zagreb),
 - „Acta geographica Slovenica – Geografski zbornik“ (Ljubljana),
 - „Geographia Napocensis“ (Cluj-Napoca)
 - “Bulletin of the National Museum” (Chișinău)
 - „Geography – Policy – Society” (Gdańsk)
 - “Regional Statistics” [Területi Statisztika] (Budapest)
 - “Czasopismo Geograficzne/Geographical Journal” (Warsaw [Warszawa])
 - “Geografický časopis” (Bratislava)
 - “Collana Studi i Ricerche” (Rome [Roma])
 - “Overland, Geo. Journal of Geography, Geopolitics, Geoeconomics” (Rome)
 - “Onomástica” (Barcelona)
 - “Europäisches Journal für Minderheitenfragen” (Bozen/Bolzano)
 - J-Reading. Journal of Research and Didactics in Geography (Rome)

Distinctions

1978: Dr. Adolf Schärf Award

1995: Honorary Member, Croatian Geographical Society

2006: Honorary Member, Hungarian Geographical Society

2007: Honorary Professor, Babes Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania

- 2014: Honorary Member, Czech Geographical Society;
Honorary Member, Moldavian Society for Geography and Ethnology
Great Distinction for Merits for the Republic of Austria
- 2015: Honorary Member, Austrian Geographical Society
Honorary Member, Romanian Geographical Society
- 2017: Honorary Member, Association of Slovenian Geographical Societies
Research Fellow, University of the Free State, South Africa
United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Certificate of
Commendation
- 2018: Honorary Member, Polish Geographical Society
- 2019: Einspieler Award for special merits for the Slovenian ethnic group in Carinthia
- 2020: Great Distinction for Merits for the Federal State of Carinthia