

CURRICULUM VITAE (2026)

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Main areas of expertise

Food and nutrition security, natural resources, climate, sustainability, poverty reduction, agricultural economics, bioeconomy, science policy.

Employment

Since Feb 2019	Distinguished Professor “Economics and Technical Change” at ZEF, Bonn University, Emeritus since 2024
July 2019 – Feb 2023	Co-Chair of the Transdisciplinary Research Area on “Innovation and Technology for a Sustainable Future” in the Excellence Initiative of Bonn University
Dec. 2009 – Oct 2021	Director, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany; Chair of Department and Professor of Economics and Technical Change; Since 2019 also Co-Coordinator of the Transdisciplinary Research Area “Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Futures” of Bonn University
Sept. 2002 – Dec. 2009	Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
Sept. 1997 – Sept. 2002	Founding Director, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany; and Chair of Department and Professor of Economics and Technical Change
Apr. 1993 – Sept. 1997	Professor, Food Economics, Food Policy, and World Food Issues; and Director, Institute for Food Economics and Consumer Analyses, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Kiel, Germany

Apr. 1990 – Mar. 1993	Director, Food Consumption and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC, U.S.A.
1984 – 1990	Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
1982 – 1983	Assistant Professor, Institute of Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany
1981 – 1982	Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (based in Egypt)
1979 – 1980	Visiting Fellow, Institute of National Planning, Cairo, Egypt (led a research project of Volkswagen Foundation on food and agricultural policy reform and trade)
1975 – 1980	Research Associate, Faculty of Agriculture, Institute of Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany

Education and academic titles

1975	Dipl. Ing. Agriculture, University of Bonn, Germany (equivalent to M.Sc. Agricultural Economics)
1978	Doctoral Degree (Agricultural Economics), University of Göttingen, Germany (Doctoral Dissertation on <i>Analysis and Projections of Labour in German Agriculture</i>)
1983	Professorial Title (Habilitation) in Agricultural Economics at University of Göttingen, Germany (Theme of the related publication: <i>Food Security Policy in Developing Countries - Economic Analyses for Egypt</i>)

Honors and Awards

- German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina - [elected 2018]
- German Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech) – [elected 2011]
- African Academy of Sciences - Associate Fellow [elected 2014]
- Academy of Arts and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia [elected 1999]
- The World Academy (TWAS) [elected 2021]
- Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for contributions to agricultural development and food policy for developing countries [elected 2006]
- IZA – Research Fellow (Institute for the Study of Labor), Bonn [elected 2010]
- European Development Research Network – EUDN [elected 2003]
- Elected Fellow of the German Economics Association's (Verein für Socialpolitik) Development Economics Branch [elected 1996]
- Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini. International academy with the mission to advance knowledge of occupational and environmental health, prevent disease and save lives. [elected 2025]
- Fellow of International Science Council (ISC) [elected 2023]
- “Marsilius Medal” from University of Heidelberg, Germany, for interdisciplinary research [2016]
- Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry's Prize “for outstanding work in development economics and as effective head of several development research institutions focusing on food, agriculture, and rural poverty” (The Bertebos Prize) [Stockholm, 2009]
- Goodwill Ambassador” by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), “in recognition of his global efforts to create more sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems and to build bridges between Latin America and the rest of the world” [2024]
- “One World Medal in Gold”, donated by the Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development “for research and service to end hunger and improve food security” [2019]
- Prize of the Theodor Brinkmann Foundation for food and agricultural research and policy achievements [2017]
- City of Bonn International Ambassador [2014]
- “Justus von Liebig Prize for World Nutrition”, Foundation Fiat Panis, Germany [2011]
- “Lifetime Fellow” of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) [elected 2009]; President [2000–2003]; Vice-President for Program [1994–1997]; Executive Committee Member of IAAE [1994–2006]
- “Lifetime Fellow” of African Association of Agricultural Economists [elected 2010]
- Honorary Member of the German Association of Agricultural Economists [2025]

- Honorary Doctoral Degree (Dr. hc) in Agricultural Economics from the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Germany [2005]
- Honorary Professorial Title of the International Research Center for Food and Agriculture Economics of Nanjing Agricultural University, China [2004]
- Josef G. Knoll Science Prize from Eiselen Foundation (Germany) for distinguished research for the improvement of food security and nutrition [1987]

Boards and International and National Policy Advisory Functions (current ones in bold)

- **President, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Vatican – [appointed by Pope Francis 2017]**
- **Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust), Member of the Executive Board, [since 2020]**
- **“Deutsche Welthungerhilfe” (the German international NGO in food, nutrition and agriculture activities, operating in more than 30 countries) Vice President of the Board [since 2012]**
- **Member of the Advisory Board chaired by UN Deputy Secretary General, for the UN Food Systems Summits (since 2024)**
- **Scientific Advisory Committee to the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, [since 2023]**
- **Co-Chair of the International Advisory Council on Bioeconomy (IACGB), (2015-2021) and member since 2022**
- **Co-Chair of “Malabo Montpellier” Panel on Food, Nutrition, Agriculture in Africa [since 2017]**
- **High-Level Working Group on Nutrition & Health of the UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub (UGIH) of UNFCCC [member since 2022]**
- **Advisory Committee of the Youth Entrepreneurship for the Future of Food and Agriculture (YEFFA) Program of AGRA & Master Card Foundation Member [since 2024]**
- **Chinese Center for Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Science, Member of Advisory Board [since 2009]**
- **Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy (AGFEP), China Agricultural University, Member of Academic Advisory Committee [since 2020].**
- **Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board for Strategy of "MIDORI" (Asia Agriculture) International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), Japan [2021-2026]**

- AGRA, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Board member [since 2015 until 2024], and co-chair of Program Committee and Chair of the Grants Review Committee
- Robert Bosch Foundation, member of Board of Trustees [2017-2024]
- Member of International Advisory Board of the Leibniz-Center for Marine Tropical Research (ZMT) Bremen [2019-2024]
- Chair of the Scientific Group for the Food Systems Summit 2021 of the UN Secretary General [April 2020 – Dec 2021]
- Germany - China Dialog Forum, Member [appointed by German Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2019 - 2023]
- Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Board member [from 2012], Vice Chair [2012 – 2019]
- Co-Chair of the 'Bio-Economy Council' of the Federal German Government [appointed by Ministers of Science and of Agriculture, 2012-2019]
- "COP28 Food Systems Reference Group" preparing food and agriculture action themes for COP28. UAE
- Science Platform for Sustainable Development 2030, Member of leadership group, and chair of sustainable consumption [appointed by German Government 2017-2020]
- Non-resident Honorary Distinguished Fellow of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, India [2018-2022]
- President, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) — President [2000–2003]; Vice-President for Program [1994–1997]; Executive Committee Member [1994–2006]
- Elected member of the Academic Advisory Board of the European Union for the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change Research [2010 to 2013], Germany
- Academic Board for Program Evaluations of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, member [2011-2017]
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation selection committee [Forster program: Chair and Member 1998–2002], Germany
- Scientific Advisory Board of the Courant Research Centre of the University of Göttingen for Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing Countries, Chair [2010-2019]
- Board of Research Institute for Agricultural Development in Middle and Eastern Europe, IAMO, Halle, Germany — Vice Chair [1995–2002];
- CGIAR Platform on Agriculture and Health — Chair [2006 - 2009]

- Senate Committee on Food and Agriculture and Related Substances of the German Science Foundation (DFG) — Vice-Chair [2000–2003]
- Das Deutsche Komitee Katastrophenvorsorge e. V. (DKKV/ IDNDR) [member 1999-2001]
- Board (Program Advisory Committee) of the Global Challenge Program on Biofortification “HarvestPlus” — Member [2004 - 2009]
- Berlin Charter Conference, Creating Chances with the young generation in the rural world. BMZ, Berlin, 2017. Co-Chairing the outcome statement of the conference
- Indo-German Advisory Council [appointed by German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2010-2016]
- Strategic Advisory Group on Water Supply and Sanitation of United Nations, WHO/UNICEF, member [2009-2014]
- Member of “High Tech Forum” of German Government, Ministry of Education and Science [selected 2016 - 2017]
- EXPO Milan 2015, member Steering Committee of the EU Scientific Programme for Expo Milano 2015, <https://europa.eu/expo2015/scientific-programme.html>
https://europa.eu/expo2015/sites/default/files/files/Expo-Document_1115_BD.pdf
- World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Food Security — Member [from 2008 to 2011] and participant in the Davos World Economic Forum [various years 2001-2010]
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Advisory Group for Global Agricultural Development Initiative, USA [2010 to 2013]
- Advisory Council of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa – Member [2004-2009]
- “Hunger Task Force” of the Millennium Development Project of the United Nations — Member [2003–2005]
- Board of the Analytical Center on Agri-Food Economics, Moscow, Russia — Member [2001–2007]
- Scientific Advisory Board of the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development — Vice-Chair [1999–2002]; Member [1995-2009]
- G8-Digital Opportunity Task Force (DOT Force) of the G8 countries for preparation of G8 action plan to bridge the digital divide — Appointed by German Government [2000–2001]
- International Advisory Committee to the President of Inter-American Development Bank on Women in Development — Member [1996–2000]

Leadership in significant international Conferencing initiatives (selected)

- Co-Chair: Pan-European Conference on Climate Resilience by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in cooperation with EASAC and OEAW, Vienna, August 29-30, 2025 and on Africa with CIFOR-ICRAF, Nairobi, June 30-July 1, 2025 <https://www.cifor-icraf.org/event/vatican-african-conference-on-climate-resilience/>
- Co-Chair: Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children: A Common Commitment for Safeguarding Children. High level meeting co-organized by Pontifical Academy of Sciences, World Childhood Foundation and Institute of Anthropology (IADC) of the Pontifical Gregorian University 21-22, of March 2025 https://www.pas.va/en/events/2025/ai_children.html
- Chair: Science for Sustainability and Wellbeing in the Anthropocene: Opportunities, Challenges, and AI, Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences 23-25 September 2024 https://www.pas.va/en/events/2024/2024_plenary_session.html
- Co-Chair of conference, "Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge and the Sciences." by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. March 2024, https://www.pas.va/en/events/2024/indigenous_peoples.html
- Chair of conference. "Food and Humanitarian Crises: Science and Policies for Prevention and Mitigation" May 2023. Pontifical Academy of Sciences. https://www.pas.va/en/events/2023/food_humanitarian_crises.html
- Chair of conference, "Basic science for human development, peace, and planetary health". Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Sept. 2022. https://www.pas.va/en/events/2022/2022_plenary_session.html
- Chair of Conference "Science Days for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021", hosted by FAO on 08-09 July 2021 (virtual, ca. 3000 participants) in my function as chair of Scientific Group for the UN Secretary General's Food Systems Summit <https://www.fao.org/innovation/science-days/en/>
- Co-Chair of the 3rd Global Bioeconomy Summit, Berlin 2020 (virtual; about 3000 participants from 85 countries) <https://gbs2020.net/>
- Co-Chair of the 2nd Global Bioeconomy Summit. Berlin 2018 (about 800 participants from 80 countries) https://gbs2020.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/GBS_2018_Report_web.pdf
- Co-Chair of the 1st Global Bioeconomy Summit, Berlin 2015 (about 700 participants from 70 countries) https://gbs2020.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/GBS2015_Conference-Brochure.pdf
- Chair of Conference: Food and Nutrition Security for all in Africa, 2005. IFPRI Conference with heads of states from Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal and other African leaders in Kampala, Uganda (about 500 participants) [file:///C:/Users/Joachim%20von%20Braun/Dropbox/Mein%20PC%20\(MW-ZEFB-5GC0XT2\)/Downloads/p15738coll2_86817.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Joachim%20von%20Braun/Dropbox/Mein%20PC%20(MW-ZEFB-5GC0XT2)/Downloads/p15738coll2_86817.pdf)
- Chair of Conference: Taking Action for the World's Poor and Hungry – 2007, Beijing,

in cooperation with China government and Academy of Agricultural Sciences (about 800 participants) <https://www.ifpri.org/publication/taking-action-worlds-poor-and-hungry-people>

- EXPO 2000, Hannover, Chair “Global Dialogue on The future of the village and rural areas in the 21st century” (ca. 5000 participants; results published in <https://www.springer.com/series/4468/books>)
- Chair of Conference: Food Security conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, 1997, Sacramento, Cal. USA (1200 participants)

Public service like parliamentary hearings, program reviews and advisory services for various organizations at various occasions, including:

- Federal German Parliament
- Federal German Government (various ministries)
- EU-Commission
- The World Bank
- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)
- WFP (World Food Programme)
- UN (United Nations) & ECOSOC
- UNFCC
- US Senate Committees (Foreign Relations, Energy)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Volkswagen Foundation
- German Science Foundation
- Federal Science Council

Membership in academic associations, including:

- IAAE (International Association of Agricultural Economists)
- AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)
- AAAE (American Association of Agricultural Economists)
- EAAE (European Association of Agricultural Economists)
- GeWiSoLa (German Agricultural Economics Association)
- Verein fuer Socialpolitik (German Economics Association)
- EUDN (European Development Network, elected full member)

Boards of journals, including:

- *SCIENCE Advances* (the online journal of *SCIENCE*), Associate Editor [since 2014]
- *Food Security* journal [since 2009]
- Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics [since 2019]

Coaching of Doctoral Students

Supervised 120 doctoral students, guiding their multi- and inter-disciplinary dissertation research and facilitating the related research partnerships in many countries.

Publications:

Updated list of publications available upon request – more than 250 peer reviewed publications. See:

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7h3WpjoAAAAJ&hl=de>