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Education

1996 - 2001 Ph.D. program at the University of Vienna in Tibetan and Buddhist Studies
1991 - 1996 M.A. program at the University of Vienna, majoring in Tibetan and Buddhist Studies (minors include Indology, Linguistics and Anthropology)
1981 - 1987 Studies at the University of Heidelberg, majoring in Latin and Physical Education; first state examination for the teaching profession at secondary schools

Career history

Since 2019 Director of the Austrian Science Fund project “The Jātaka Inscriptions at Zha lu Monastery (Panels 9-35)”
2013 - 2018 Director of the Austrian Science Fund project “Historical and religious inscriptions in mNga’ ris (Western Tibet, PR China)”
2017 - 2018 Advanced training in modern and classical Chinese (University of Vienna)
2010 - 2013 Director of the Austrian Science Fund project “Tibetan Inscriptions”, part of the National Research Network “The Cultural History of the Western Himalayas From the 8th Century”
2007 - 2009 Research fellow: Austrian Science Fund project “Tibetan Inscriptions” (director: Prof. Dr. Ernst Steinkellner), part of the National Research Network “The Cultural History of the Western Himalaya From the 8th Century”
2004 - 2006 Research fellow: Austrian Science Fund project “The Cultural History of the Western Himalaya, 10th - 14th centuries”, subproject on West-Tibetan Inscriptions (director: Prof. Dr. Ernst Steinkellner)
1998 - 2004 Contractual Assistant Professor (Vertragsassistent) at the Dept. of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna

Career-related activities

Since 1993 ca. 15 field trips to Ladakh/Zaskar, Spiti, Lahaul, Kinnaur (North-India), Humla (Northwest Nepal), Central and Western Tibet (TAR, P.R. China)
Since 2001 Lecturer for classical Tibetan (introductory and reading courses) at the University of Vienna
April 2006 Visiting lecturer at the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (Hungary), Department of Indo-European Studies; intensive Sanskrit reading course: “Highlights of Sanskrit Buddhist Literature”

1996 - 1998 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for a research project on inscriptions in Central Tibet; enrolled at Sichuan Union University in Chengdu (Aug. 1996 - July 1998)

Memberships

- Arbeitskreis für tibetische und buddhistische Studien, Universität Wien
- International Association for Tibetan Studies
- International Association of Ladakh Studies