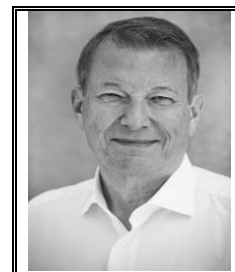


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1974-1989: Advisor to the Social Democratic Group in the Austrian Parliament (National Council). Emphasis on constitutional affairs, human rights, science and research, education and internal affairs. Member of the Commission for the Reform of Federal Constitution in the Federal Chancellery, Member of the Commission on Fundamental and Human Rights in the Federal Chancellery et al.

1985-1989: Secretary General of the Social Democratic Group in the Austrian Parliament (National Council)

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1990-1994: Secretary of State at the Federal Chancellery

1994-2001: Chairman of the Social Democratic Group in the

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- 2001-2013: Member of the Austrian Ombudsman Board. Elected by Parliament, responsible for monitoring public administration and protecting and promoting compliance with human rights, legal constitutional mandate for protecting human rights as a National Prevention Mechanism (NPM)
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