

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born on 09. 04. 1942 in Böhmisch Leipa, Germany

### Academic Preparation

- 1961-63 Study of philosophy and theology, University Urbaniana, Rome (Italy)  
1963 BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY, University Urbaniana, Rome (Italy)  
1964-68 Study of theology, College for Philosophy and Theology, Königstein/  
Taunus (Germany)  
1968-73 Study of theology, philosophy, history, comparative literature,  
psychology, Oriental studies, Slavonic studies; University of Innsbruck  
(Austria)  
1973 MASTER OF THEOLOGY, University of Innsbruck: „The Oedipus  
Complex and Sigmund Freud’s Concept of Morality in Psychoanalysis  
with a Special Focus on Jewish Mysticism“  
1975 DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY, University of Innsbruck; Dissertation:  
„The Dialectics of Good and Evil in Jakob Böhme’s *Aurora*“  
1986 Three-month study sojourn in South Korea  
Feb. 1993 HABILITATION IN THEOLOGY, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

### Professional Experience

- 1980-83 Scientific lecturer, Friedrich Frommann Publishing Comp., Stuttgart  
(Germany): publication of an Arabic edition of the Holy Koran in  
cooperation with Al-Azhar University, Kairo (Egypt) and Islamic  
Text Society, Cambridge, (UK)  
Since 1980 Teaching appointments at University of Innsbruck (Austria) -  
Department of Architecture, Department of Art History, Institute of  
Entrepreneurial Management - and University of Stuttgart (Germany) -  
Department of Philosophy  
1985-90 Participant in a research project at the Universities of Stuttgart and  
Tübingen (Germany): „The Interaction between Architecture and  
Philosophy;“ „„Different Concepts of Nature: A Typology““  
Since 1986 Studies on the North-South conflict in Italy, Institute of Social  
Research, University of Trient (Italy)  
1986-89 Lectures at the Academy of Fine Arts, Stuttgart (Germany):  
„Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art“  
1989-94 Lectures at the University of Ulm (Germany):  
„Introduction to Russian and Ukrainian Philosophy“

- Since 1990 Lectures at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich (Germany):  
„History of Ukrainian Philosophy“
- 1991-92 State Archives, Stuttgart (Germany): completion of a chronicle for  
the Ministry of Art and Science
- 1992-93 Ministry of Science, Baden Württemberg (Germany):  
Assistance to the Research Report 1993
- Sept. 1994 Appointment as Professor for Philosophy and Religious Studies at the  
University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev (1995: Professor  
Honorarius)
- Feb. 1997 Appointment as a proof-reader to the National Examination for  
Translators and Interpreters of the Ukrainian Language (Bavarian State  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, and Art, Munich, Germany)
- Dec. 1997 Appointment as regular Professor for Philosophy at the Ukrainian Free  
University, Munich (Germany)
- 1998-2000 Vice-Dean at the Department of Philosophy, Ukrainian Free  
University, Munich (Germany)
- Since 1999 Lectures at the Department of Philosophy, West Bohemian University,  
Pilsen (Czech Republic)
- 2000-01 Dean to the Department of Philosophy at the Ukrainian Free University,  
Munich (Germany)
- 2000-2007 Lectures at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University (Department of  
Religious Studies), Munich (Germany)

#### Guest Lectures; Papers Presented at Conferences

- Nov. 1983 Guest lecturer at Harvard University, Cambridge/Mass. (USA):  
„Life and Work of the Ukrainian Philosopher Hryhoryj Skovoroda“
- Since 1985 Lectures within the Ukrainian Research Program, University of  
Illinois (USA): „History of Ukrainian Philosophy from the beginning  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> century up to the Present“
- 1992 At an invitation of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine in  
Kiev lectures on Ukrainian Philosophy
- June 1993 At an invitation of the German Embassy in Kiev and Goethe-Institute,  
Moscow: series of lectures on philosophy in the Ukraine
- Oct. 1993 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures on „The Religious and Philosophical School in Kiev in the  
19<sup>th</sup> century and Western European Culture“ at the University of Kyiv-  
Mohyla Academy, Kiev; Lectures at the Navy College and at the  
National Institute of Foreign Languages, Kiev
- Mar. 1994 Lectures at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) on the metaphysical  
and epistemological background of Thomas Aquinas and Meister Eckhart
- Sept. 1994 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„Pamphilus D. Yurkevych’s Philosophy of Law“
- Sept. 1995 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„The Religious and Philosophical School in Kiev in the 19<sup>th</sup> century –  
Reflections on the Existence of God“

- Sept. 1996 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„The German Sources of P. D. Yurkevych’s Philosophical System“;  
Lectures at the Potebnja-Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of  
the Ukraine and at the Academy of the Military Forces of the Ukraine,  
Kiev
- Sept. 1997 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„European and non-European Thinking in Ukrainian Philosophy in the  
19<sup>th</sup> century – Orest M. Novytsky’s Interpretation of Chinese and  
Indian Philosophy“; „History of Medieval Philosophy“;  
Lectures at the Shevchenko University and at the Academy of the  
Military Forces of the Ukraine, Kiev
- Sept./Oct. 98 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„The Influence of Immanuel Kant on Ukrainian Philosophy in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
century“; „History of Medieval Philosophy“,  
Lectures at the Shevchenko University, Kiev
- Sept./Oct. 99 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„The Influence of G. W. F. Hegel on Ukrainian Philosophy in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
century“; „History of Medieval Philosophy“,  
Lectures at the Shevchenko University, Kiev
- July 2000 Lecture at the VI. World Congress for Central and East European  
Studies, Tampere (Finland)
- Sept./Oct.02 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lectures at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev:  
„The Influence of German Romantic Philosophy on Ukrainian  
Philosophy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century“; „History of Medieval Philosophy“;  
„Introduction to Indian Philosophy“.  
Lecture at the Shevchenko University, Kiev: „Introduction to  
Sufism“
- Oct. 2000 Lecture within the International Symposium on Jakob Böhme, Görlitz  
(Germany)
- Sept. 2001 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
Lecture at the Islamic University Tashkent and at the  
Uzbek State World Languages University in Tashkent (Uzbekistan).
- Nov. 2001 Lecture at the International Conference „Perspectives for Central Asia –  
Efforts to integrate Tradition and Modernity“, organized by the Konrad  
Adenauer Foundation, Berlin (Germany)
- Feb. 2002 Lecture at the Islamic University Tashkent, organized by the Konrad  
Adenauer Foundation, Tashkent
- Sept. 2002 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):  
lecture at the Islamic University in Tashkent and at the National  
University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbeg, Tashkent
- Oct. 2002 Lecture at the First Central Asian Youth Congress “Youth, Democracy,  
Security” in Bishkek/Kyrgyzstan, organized by the Konrad Adenauer  
Foundation, NATO in association with OSCE

- Nov. 2002 Lecture at the International Conference “Ending Violence: Tolerance among different religions – a new basis for democratic reform in Central Asia with Uzbekistan as an example”, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Fund of Imam al Bukhari, Islamic University Tashkent
- Sept. 2003 Sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Lectures at the Islamic University in Tashkent
- Apr. 2004 Lecture at the “World Conference on Motahari’s Thoughts”, Tehran
- Dec. 2005 Lecture at the “Assembly on Aesthetics of Religion”, Tehran
- Sept. 2006 Sponsored by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Lecture at the Bagher al-Ulum University in Qom, Iran
- Oct. 2007 Sponsored by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Lecture at the Bagher al-Ulum University in Qom, Iran
- Nov. 2008 Lectures at the International Conference “Good Governance in Secular States with Muslim Majorities in Central Asia” in Bishkek, Kirghizia organized of CORE, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at University of Hamburg together with the Institute for Strategic Analysis and Prognosis of the Slavonic University of Kyrgyzstan
- Dec. 2010 Participation in the International Congress of the World Philosophy Day 2010 in Tehran with the paper “Franz von Baader’s criticism of modern rationalism”.
- Dec. 2011 Participation in the Research Program “Intellectuality and Spirituality” of Al-Mustafa International University in Tehran with lectures on “The Epistemological foundation of modernity” and lectures at the Bagher al-Ulum University in Qom.

### Professional Membership

- 1985-87 Member of the editorial staff of the French periodical *Connaissance des Religions*, Nancy (France)
- Since 1986 President of the *International Jakob Böhme Society*
- 1989-94 Member of the *National Guild for the Arts* (Germany)
- Aug. 1992 Appointment as a full member of the *International Advisory Board* of the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kiev
- Nov. 1996 Appointment as a full member of the Humanities Section and as Secretary-General of the *Sudeten German Academy of Sciences and Arts*, Munich (Germany)
- Sept. 1999 Appointment as a full member of the *Shevchenko Scientific Society* (*Department of History and Philosophy*), Lviv and New York
- Jan. 2001 Member of the *Bavarian-Ukrainian Society for the Advancement of Science* in Munich
- Mar. 2001 Appointment as a member of the *Scientific Advisory Board* of the International Jakob Böhme Institute, Görlitz (Germany)
- Jan. 2000 Appointment as a member of the *Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society*, Oxford
- Jan. 2003 Appointment as a member of the *German Oriental Society*, Heidelberg

- Mar. 2003 Appointment as a member of Advisory Board of the Islamic Academy of Germany – Section Munich
- Dec. 2005 Appointment as a member of *the Molla Sadra International Society*, Tehran
- Nov. 2012 Appointment as a member of Advisory Board of the Serbian periodical “Kom” in Belgrad

Current Research Interests: Greek Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, German Philosophy, German Mysticism (Meister Eckhart, Jacob Boehme, Angelus Silesius), Ukrainian Philosophy (Skovoroda, Yurkevych), Islamic Philosophy, Sufism (Ibn ‘Arabî , Persian Sufism), Vedanta (Shankaracharya and Yoga-Vasistha), Chinese Philosophy (Daoism)

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