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Date of Birth: May 13, 1965

Fields of Expertise:

German, European and International Decarbonisation Strategies, Energy System Modelling, Energy and Climate Policy Mix, Energy Market Design, Energy Technology Assessments

Professional Experience

2009 – present	Research Coordinator Energy & Climate Policy, Oeko-Institut
2007 – 2008	Visiting Scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA
2003 – 2004	Deputy Director, Oeko-Institut
1997-2008	Coordinator of the Energy & Climate Division, Oeko-Institut
1999	PhD in Political Science, Free University of Berlin
1991-1997	Senior Researcher, Energy Division, Oeko-Institut

Special Assignments

2022 - present	Member of the Expert Commission on Monitoring the Energy Transition
2018	Member of the Special Commission on “growth, structural economic change and employment” of the German Government
2011	Advisory Group of the European Commission for the EU Energy Roadmap 2050

2000 – 2002	Study Commission of the German Federal Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) on Sustainable Energy
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