

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

- 20 years experience in the field of media with focus on development cooperation
- Qualification in design studies with a major in photography, education in TV journalism
- Academic and professional experience abroad (Africa, Asia, Australia, South America)
- Experience in project management and development aid
- Wide understanding of cross-cultural issues
- Working languages: German, English, French

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – current **FREELANCE JOURNALIST and TRAINER**

Caritas International

Haiti, India, Colombia, Ukraine, Brazil, Greece:

project documentation (photography, text, audio) on following issues:

- refugees
- child rights/child labor
- sexual abuse
- support of indigenous people
- handicapped people

Deutsche Welle Academy,

Togo, Afghanistan, Ukraine:

Training of local radio-and TV-journalists in production of community centered and participatory radio shows, news- and children-TV. Further training ("train the trainer") for academic staff at Herat University/Afghanistan (TV-journalism)

Allianza Arkana (NRO), Peru:

Documentation of environmental projects in the Amazon (video, photography).

2007- 2011 **FREELANCE TV-JOURNALIST**

public and private TV

04/06 – 06/07 **EDITOR FOR TV, Cologne/Germany**

West German Broadcasting Corporation (WDR):

Responsible for a weekly program focused on integration and migration issues.
Field of activity: Researching, acquisition, organization, conception, directing.

09/03 – 01/06 **CONSULTANT IN MEDIA AND PR, Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso**

German Development Service (DED):

Consulting journalists in TV- and radio production and publishing; improving and managing a network of journalists; organization and carry out of trainings in co-operation with »Deutsche Welle«. PR-consulting for local counterparts, Photography/Layout; exhibitions and press-conferences.

- 03/02 - 09/03 FREELANCE JOURNALIST TV/RADIO**
WDR, Cologne/Germany:
 Production of TV and radio documentaries focused on health issues.
DED, Kabul/Afghanistan (July 2003):
 documentation of projects in Kabul (photography, text).
- 03/02 - 07/02 RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP, Nepal (Heinz-Kühn Foundation)**
 Journalistic research about development of tourism in Nepal, its economic and ecological effects and current decline due to civil war.
- 03/01 - 03/02 EDITOR FOR TV, WDR, Cologne/Germany and abroad**
 Editorial responsibility of weekly program focused on gender issues.
 Research of topics; realization/organization of studio production.
Nairobi/Kenya (ARD, First German Public Channel)
 Replacement of correspondent.
- 07/99 - 12/00 VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN TV & RADIO JOURNALISM,**
 (See "Internships and further trainings")
- 08/97 - 06/99 FREELANCE JOURNALIST (TV), Cologne/Germany (WDR)**
 Production of reports for children's educational program
 Field of activity: Research, acquisition, organization, conception, directing.
- 11/96 - 06/97 MULTIMEDIA DESIGNER AND EDITOR**
Digivision, Multimedia, Cologne/Germany:
 Development of interactive educational projects for high school English courses. Visual conception and journalistic content of website.
- 01/96 - 06/96 INTERNSHIP TV JOURNALISM, Nairobi/Kenya**
 (See "Internships and further trainings")

INTERNSHIPS AND FURTHER TRAININGS

- 06/15 TEACHER TRAINING, Berlin/Germany**
 Deutsche Welle Corporation, Trainers seminar for TV- and Radio Journalism
- 02/14 SECURITY TRAINING, Germany**
 Protection and behavior in crisis centers for journalists.
- 09/04 - 10/04 TEACHER TRAINING, Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso**
 Deutsche Welle Corporation, Trainers seminar for Radio Journalism.
- 09/03 - 11/03 FURTHER SEMINAR, InWent/DED, Germany**
 Training as expert in project work for NGO/GO partnerships
 Cross-cultural communication; consulting; project management.
- 07/99 - 12/00 VOCAT. TRAINING TV & RADIO JOURNALISM, Cologne/Germany**
 Qualification: Editor for TV & Radio
 Training in all techniques of broadcast and TV-journalism. In-company experience in various editor offices, e.g. EU-correspondent office Brussels.
- 01/96 - 04/96 INTERNSHIP TV JOURNALISM, Cologne/Germany, Nairobi/Kenya**
06/97 - 07/97
 Work experience and training in journalism and technical skills, Assistance in Production of reports on African issues for German Television.

- 10/94 - 12/94** **VOLUNTEER IN PROJECT-EVALUATION, GTZ Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
 photographic documentation and evaluation of projects aimed at the reintegration of ex-soldiers in Ethiopia.
- 2009 – 2014** **HOLISTIC TRAINING: (India, Peru, Germany)**
 Yoga Instructor; Massage-and breath-therapy, Reiki, non-violent communication

EDUCATION

- 10/90 - 12/95** **SCHOOL OF DESIGN, Fachhochschule Würzburg/Germany**
 Graduation as DIPLOM-DESIGNER (Degree in Design)
 Specialist area of study: Photomedia and Graphic Design
 Graduation work: Illustrated book with photo-documentaries on Ethiopian culture, mainly based on social, historical, and economical issues.
- My course included a period of study abroad:
- 02/93 - 06/93** **SCHOOL OF ARTS, Australian National University, Canberra/Australia**
 Major: Photomedia, submajor: Sculpture, Life Drawing, Art History
 Set Project: Production of narrative work, using photographs and text, based on Aboriginal legends.
- 09/85 - 06/89** **SECONDARY EDUCATION - ABITUR (A-Level), Tübingen/Germany**
 Geschwister-Scholl-Schule. Main subjects: languages, arts

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Languages** German: native speaker
 English: excellent knowledge (spoken and written)
 French: good knowledge (spoken and written)
- Software and Technical skills** Photoshop, InDesign, QuarkXPress, MS Word, (Mac/Windows),
 Basics in audio- and video editing programs (Final Cut Pro, Audacity, Adobe Audition. Basics in camera operating and editing
- Other** Non-violent communication (Rosenberg), Yoga, Body work, Breathing therapy work, Reiki (3rd grade)