

## Curriculum Vitae

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Date / Place of Birth: ~~March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1947 in Bethel, Bielefeld, Germany~~

Family Status: ~~married to Jan Assmann since 1968; 5 children (Vincent 1976, David 1978, Marlene and Valerie 1981, Corinna 1983)~~

### **1. Academic Background**

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| 1966-1972 | Studies of English Literature and Egyptology at the Universities of Heidelberg and Tübingen                                                                                              |
| 1972      | M. A. (with honours) in English Literature and Egyptology                                                                                                                                |
| 1968-1975 | Participation in archaeological excavations in Upper Egypt (Gurna, Luxor) together with Jan Assmann, working on minor findings, reconstruction of the decoration of floral tomb ceilings |
| 1973-1978 | Teaching Assignment at the English Department at the University of Heidelberg                                                                                                            |
| 1977      | PhD in English Literature (Heidelberg) and Egyptology (Tübingen), (summa cum laude)                                                                                                      |
| 1978-1981 | Teaching Assignment at the English Department at the University of Mannheim                                                                                                              |
| 1992      | Habilitation at the New Philological Department at the University of Heidelberg                                                                                                          |
| 1993      | Appointment to the Chair for English Literature at the University of Konstanz                                                                                                            |
| 2007      | Appointment to Chair at the German Department at Yale University (declined)                                                                                                              |

## 2. Fellowships and Guest Lectures

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| 1992-1993       | Fellow at the Institute for Cultural Studies ('Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut') in Essen                                                                                       |
| 1995 March      | Visiting scholar at the 'Getty Center' in Santa Monica, California                                                                                                                |
| 1995 April-July | Fellow at the 'Center for Interdisciplinary Research' (ZIF) at the University of Bielefeld; cooperation with Prof. Dr. Jörn Rüsen in the research group 'Historische Sinnbildung' |
| 1998-1999       | Fellow at the 'Institute for Advanced Study' in Berlin ('Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin')                                                                                          |
| 2000 October    | Visiting scholar at Rice University, Texas                                                                                                                                        |
| 2001 Feb.-May   | Visiting professor at Princeton University, New Jersey                                                                                                                            |
| 2002 Jan.-April | Visiting professor at Yale University, Connecticut                                                                                                                                |
| 2003 Jan.-April | Visiting professor at Yale University, Connecticut                                                                                                                                |
| 2005 Jan.-April | Visiting professor at Yale University, Connecticut                                                                                                                                |
| 2005 May-July   | Fellow at the 'Aby-Warburg-Haus' in Hamburg                                                                                                                                       |
| 2005 June       | 'Sir Peter Ustinov Visiting Professorship' at the University of Vienna                                                                                                            |
| 2007 April-May  | Visiting professor at the University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought                                                                                                      |
| 2007 June       | Fellow at the 'International Research Center for Cultural Studies' (IFK) in Vienna                                                                                                |

## 3. Honours, Awards and Memberships in Scientific Academies

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| since 1998 | Member of the 'Geisteswissenschaftliche Klasse der Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften' |
| since 1999 | Corresponding member of the 'Philologisch-Historische Klasse der Göttinger Akademie der Wissenschaften'  |
| 1999       | 'Philip-Morris-Foundation' Research Award for the Humanities                                             |
| since 2001 | Corresponding member of the 'Philosophisch-Historische Klasse' at the Austrian Academy of Sciences       |
| since 2004 | Member of the Section for the Humanities at the 'German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina' in Halle         |
| 2008       | Honorary Doctor of the Theological Faculty at the University of Oslo                                     |
| 2009       | 'Max-Planck' Research Award                                                                              |
|            | 'Paul-Watzlawick' Ring of Honour, awarded by the Medical Association ('Ärzttekammer') of Vienna          |

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| 2011 | 'Ernst-Robert-Curtius' Award for Essayism, submitted by the University Society of Bonn |
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#### 4. Honorary Commitments

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| 1993-2002  | Member of the International Advisory Board at the 'International Research Center for Cultural Studies' (IFK), Vienna                                                                         |
| 1996-2001  | Member of the Senate of the 'German Research Foundation' (DFG), Bonn                                                                                                                         |
| 1996-2001  | Member of the Senate Commission on Cultural Studies at the 'German Research Foundation' (DFG), Bonn                                                                                          |
| 1996-2006  | Member of the Scientific Advisory Board at the 'Fritz Bauer Institute', Frankfurt                                                                                                            |
| 1996-2005  | Member of the International Jury for the awarding of Research Prizes ('Wittgenstein-Preis') at the 'Austrian Research Fund Organization' (FWF), Vienna                                       |
| 1997-2000  | Member of the 'Future Commission Society' ('Zukunftskommission Gesellschaft 2000') of the Ministry of State of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Stuttgart                                                 |
| since 1999 | Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Culture Studies and the History of Theater, ÖAW Vienna                                                                                      |
| 2000-2005  | Member of the Board of Trustees of the 'German National Academic Foundation' ('Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes')                                                                        |
| since 2000 | Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Franz Rosenzweig Research Center for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History', Jerusalem                                                          |
| 2001-2006  | Member of the Advisory Council for Education; part of the Ministry for Cultural Affairs, Youth and Sport ('Bildungsrat des Ministeriums für Kultus, Jugend und Sport') in Baden-Wuerttemberg |
| 2002-2006  | Member of the Foundation Board ('Stiftungsrat') of the University of Hildesheim                                                                                                              |
| 2003-2008  | Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Goethe Institute', Department of Science, Culture and Contemporary History                                                                              |
| 2005-2009  | Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Simon-Dubnov-Institute', Leipzig                                                                                                                        |
| 2006-2009  | Member of the Advisory Board of the 'Ludwig Boltzmann Institute' for European History and Society                                                                                            |
| 2006-2009  | Member of the Jury for the awarding of the 'Raimar-Lüst-Award' of the 'Humboldt Foundation'                                                                                                  |

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| since 2008 | Member of the Award Commission of the 'Goethe Institute'                                                                               |
| since 2009 | Member of the Advisory Board 'Jahrbuch für Politik und Geschichte' (JPG), Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart                                    |
| since 2009 | Member of the DFG-Research Training Groups 'Schriftbildlichkeit', FU Berlin                                                            |
| since 2010 | Member of the Advisory Board of the Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen                                                                |
| since 2010 | Member of the international Advisory Board of the Research Project 'Time, Memory and Representation' of Södertörn University, Huddinge |

## 5. Selected Publications

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| 1980 | <i>Die Legitimität der Fiktion. Ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der literarischen Kommunikation</i> (Theorie und Geschichte der Literatur und der schönen Künste, Vol. 55), München: Fink, 1980.                                                                                            |
| 1993 | <i>Arbeit am nationalen Gedächtnis. Eine kurze Geschichte der deutschen Bildungsidee</i> , Frankfurt a. M. et al.: Campus, 1993.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1999 | <i>Zeit und Tradition. Kulturelle Strategien der Dauer</i> (Beiträge zur Geschichtskultur, Vol. 15), Köln/Weimar/Wien: Böhlau, 1999.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1999 | <i>Erinnerungsräume. Formen und Wandlungen des kulturellen Gedächtnisses</i> , München: Beck, 1999, <sup>2</sup> 2003, <sup>3</sup> 2006, <sup>4</sup> 2009.                                                                                                                           |
| 1999 | (with Ute Frevert) <i>Geschichtsvergessenheit – Geschichtsversessenheit. Vom Umgang mit deutschen Vergangenheiten nach 1945</i> , Stuttgart: Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, 1999.                                                                                                           |
| 2006 | <i>Der lange Schatten der Vergangenheit. Erinnerungskultur und Geschichtspolitik</i> , München: C. H. Beck, 2006.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2006 | <i>Einführung in die Kulturwissenschaft. Grundbegriffe, Themen, Fragestellungen</i> (Grundlagen der Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Vol. 27), Rüdiger Ahrens, Wolf-Dietrich Bald and Edgar W. Schneider (eds.), Berlin: Erich Schmidt Verlag, 2006, <sup>2</sup> 2008, <sup>3</sup> 2011. |
| 2007 | <i>Geschichte im Gedächtnis. Von der individuellen Erfahrung zur öffentlichen Inszenierung</i> , München: C. H. Beck, 2007.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2010 | (ed. with Sebastian Conrad) <i>Memory in Global Age. Discourses, Practices and Trajectories</i> , Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.                                                                                                                                               |

- 2012      *Introduction to Cultural Studies. Topics, Concepts, Issues*  
(Grundlagen der Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Vol. 36), Rüdiger Ahrens  
and Edgar W. Schneider (eds.), Berlin Erich Schmidt Verlag 2012.
- 2012      *Memory and Political Change*. Aleida Assmann and Linda Short (eds.),  
Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

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