

Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Aachen on 20 May 1936.

As a result of the war my school years were very eventful; I obtained my school leaving certificate in 1953.

Following vocational training as a retail salesman and a year abroad in Paris in 1958 (start of the 5th Republic) I was hired by 'Modehaus Helg' in Aachen in 1963, which I managed up to its closure in 1999.

From 1983 to 2000 I took a medieval studies course at the Historical Institute of the RWTH Aachen. From 1998 to 2004 I gave lectures at the Russian State University of Tyumen/Western Siberia.

I joined the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 1961, which I represented on Aachen City Council from 1989 to 1994. I have chaired the FDP group in the Aachen District Assembly since 2009.

As a representative of the FDP, I have been a member of the Board of the Charlemagne Prize Society since 1999.

From 1987 to 1997 I was President of the Aachen Carnival Association (Orden wider den tierischen Ernst).

In 2002 I was one of the founders of Aachen City Hall Preservation Society, of which I am Vice-Chair.

In 2005 I was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit.

Selected publications

1999 'Charlemagne in der *mythistoire* Frankreichs' in Max Kerner Hg.: 'Der verschleierte Karl'

2004 'Das Aachener Liuthar-Evangeliar' in Max Kerner Hg.: 'Der Aachener Dom als Ort geschichtlicher Erinnerung'

2006 Helg/Linden: 'Vom Kaiserglanz zur Bürgerfreiheit – Das Aachener Rathaus – ein Ort geschichtlicher Erinnerung' Part 1, pp. 1 – 395

2009 'Die Bilder im Aachener Rathaus'

2016 'Das Aachener Rathaus – ein Bauwerk als Zeugnis europäischer Geschichte, Volume 2: Die repräsentative Umgestaltung im Barock und Rokoko'