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Curriculum vitae

- Born in 1956, Stuttgart, Germany

- Studied *History and German Literature* in Stuttgart and Freiburg im Breisgau;
  S*tate examination in History and German Literature,* University of Freiburg im Breisgau (1982);
  MA in History, University of Freiburg im Breisgau (1982);
  Postgraduate program of Information Science in Berlin and Constance;
  Diploma in Information Science, University of Constance (1986);
  PhD in Information Science, University of Constance (1992):
  Thesis: "Electronic Document Delivery in the Age of Electronic Publishing"

- Sales employee for LIS-software at Siemens AG (1986 – 1988);

- Lecturer and executive director at the *Institute of Documentation* in Frankfurt (1988 – 1991)

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[1] German version "Oßwald"; the German letter "ß" is transliterated to "ss" (international version).

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- Freelance consultant in the field of Library and Information Science, specially in library automation and workflow management (1990 – 1994)

- Assistant Professor at Universities of Applied Sciences in Cologne, Stuttgart, Marburg (Germany) and Chur (Switzerland) (1992 – 1994)

- Professor at Technische Hochschule Köln (Cologne University of Applied Sciences), Institute of Information Science (1994 – 2019 - retired)
  Teaching domain: "Applications of IT in Information Science"

Focus of professional and teaching activities

- IT-based workflows in library and information science institutions, focusing on library automation, discovery services, and cloud-based services

- Value-added features of IT-based information services

- Electronic publishing and electronic document delivery

- Curation and preservation of digital objects

- Personal Digital Archiving

Selected Functions within Institute of Information Science and University

- Dean (1997 – 2001)

- Deputy Dean (2001 – 2002)

- Director of [Zentrum für Bibliotheks- und Informationswissenschaftliche Weiterbildung (ZBIW),](#) an Institute for Continuing Education at Technische Hochschule Köln serving the LIS community (9/2007 – 8/2011)

- Director of the part-time Master program [Library and Information Science (MALIS)](#) (2002 – 2019)

- Head of the IT-Lab (1995 – 2012)

- Member of the executive committee of the Institute of Information Science, Cologne University of Applied Sciences (1997 – 2011; 2013 – 2017)

- Head and member of up to 20 appointment committees of the department and at sister institutions in Germany and Switzerland

Editorial board memberships

- [Zeitschrift für Bibliothekswesen und Bibliographie](#) (1994 – 2018)

- Hochschulverband für Informationswissenschaft e.V. [Schriften zur Informationswissenschaft (since 1992)](#)

- [LIBER Quarterly,](#) The Journal of the Association of European Research Libraries (since 2010)

Extra curricular work as committee member and advisor

- Advisor for the EU funded progams "Telematics for Libraries", part of "Telematics Applications Programme (1994 – 1998)

- Coordinator and reviewer to the "Programme supporting application-oriented research and development at Universities of Applied Sciences (aFuE)" (Angewandte Forschung und Entwicklung an Fachhochschulen) of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany (1998 – 2003)

- Member of the steering board of "bibweb / Internettraining für Bibliotheken", a project set up and funded by Bertelsmann Foundation and ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH (1999 – 2002)

- Member of the LIS "Think Tank" supporting the British Council in Germany (2001 – 2007)

- Member of the board of several research projects in Germany and German LIS institutions (since 1994)

- Advisory expert to GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), formerly *inwent* (Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung gGmbH) (1999 – 2009)

- Academic counselor ("Hochschulrat") of Hochschule Worms (former FH Worms), (2004 – 2013)

- Member of the advisory board of the Swiss University of Applied Sciences HTW Chur, Institute of Information Science (2010 – 2019)

- Member of the advisory board of the Austrian "Interuniversitärer Universitätslehrgang: Library and Information Studies (MSc)", a cooperative program of the Austrian National Library, Vienna University Library, Graz University Library and Innsbruck University Library (since 2009)

- Advisory expert to ACQUIN (Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute) and OAQ (Organ für Akkreditierung und Qualitätssicherung der Schweizer Hochschulen)

- Advisory expert to the University of Madras, Chennai, Department of Library and Information Science, India, and other Indian Universities (since 2003 about 20 PhDs)

- Member of program committees of national and international conferences in the field of information science including
  - International Symposia on Information Science (ISI) (since 1994),
  - European Conference on Research and Advanced Technologies for Digital Libraries (ECDL; 2003 – 2004)
  - International Conference on Semantic Web & Digital Libraries (ICSD; Bangalore 2007)
  - International Conference on Trends in Knowledge and Information Dynamics (Bangalore, 2012)
  - International Conferences on Preservation of Digital Objects (iPRES) (2007 – 2012)
  - 11th International Conference on Knowledge, Economy and Management

(Istanbul, 2012)
- [WissKom2019](#) – Research Data (Jülich 2019)

Member of the following professional organizations

- [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Infomationswissenschaft und Informationspraxis (DGI)](#) (1985 – 2017)

- [American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST)](#) (1986 – 2018)

- Arbeitskreis Information Rheinland; Member of the board (1995 – 2004)

- [Hochschulverband Informationswissenschaft e.V.](#); Member of the board since 2004; deputy president (since 2009)

- Erfahrungsaustausch Langzeitarchivierung Köln (since 2014)

- [nestor AG Personal Digital Archiving](#); Co-Chair (since 2016)

Selected research projects and activities

- ELEKTRA: Project setting up a repository for research results and publications generated within the Fachhochschule Köln (Cologne University of Applied Sciences); funded by the FH Köln; 1998 – 1999

- [2MN](#) Module für die multimediale netzbasierte Hochschullehre (Modules for multimedia-based teaching in academic teaching)

- Project "Social and economic inclusiveness: the role of cultural and memory organisations" in cooperation with ECOTEC Research & Consulting; (Funded by European Social Fund, 2002 – 2004; [see](#))

- [Evit@](#) Evaluation elektronischer Informationsmittel (Evaluation of electronic information resources)

- [HyPR](#) Hypermedia- Informationsmittel (Hypermedia-based information resources)

- Research term during winter term 2006/07: Visiting scientist at [Documentation Research and Training Centre](#), Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, India, working on open access repositories in India

- [nestor](#) : [Qualification activities](#) for long-term preservation of digital objects; speaker of the nestor HE institutions qualifying in the field of digital preservation (since 2006)

- Project partner of the European Research Project [DigCurV](#) (Digital Curator Vocational Education Europe Project), representing the nestor HE institutions

- Research term during winter term 2011/12 working on digital preservation activities of information science institutions in Europe

Publications

- More than 170 publications in the field of library automation, electronic publishing, document delivery, digital preservation, education and training in the LIS field; see https://www.iws.th-koeln.de/personen/osswald/osswald_publ.php

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