

Brief profile

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President of the Institut für Mittelstandsforschung (IfM) Bonn
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2008 - 2013	Jönköping International Business School/Schweden, Professor of Entrepreneurship; Vice Dean for Research
2005 - 2008	University of Siegen, Professor for SME Management & Entrepreneurship
1993 - 2006	Rhenish-Westphalian Institute for Economic Research Essen (RWI), former deputy head of the competence area "Business Start-ups and Business Development, Crafts, New Technologies"

Committees and publishing activities

since 2023	Member of the Ludwig Erhard Foundation
since 2022	Member of the Expert Commission for Research and Innovation (EFI) Member of the Advisory Board of the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin)
since 2021	Member of the North Rhine-Westphalia SME Advisory Board of MWIKE
since 2016	Chairwoman of the EXIST Expert Advisory Board at the BMWK
2015 - 2022	Chairwoman of the expert group "Validation of the technological and social innovation potential of scientific research - VIP+" at the BMBF
since 2015	Member of the Executive Editorial Board of the journal "Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice", Associate Editor from 2009-2014
2007 - 2009	President, European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB)

Awards and honours

2025	Foundational Paper Award der Entrepreneurship Division der Academy of Management
2023	Honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow
2021	Invitation to become a Member of the Academia Europaea (MAE)
2020	Elected to the prestigious circle of 21st Century Entrepreneurship Research Fellows
2017	Greif Research Impact Award from the Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, University of Southern California
2015	Legacy Award, honoured by the Diana International Research Project
2014	Honoured as Wilford L. White Fellow of the International Council for Small Business (ICSB)
2011	Fellow of the European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB)
2005	TeliaSonera Endowed Professorship "Entrepreneurship", Stockholm School of Economics in Riga
2002	Habilitation Prize of the IHK Wolfsburg-Lüneburg