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Curriculum Vitae

Name: Thomas Oppermann
Date of birth: 27 April 1954
Place of birth: Freckenhorst, Warendorf county
Family status: Three daughters, one son
Citizenship: German

Career

since Sep 2005 Member of the German Bundestag

- First Parliamentary Secretary of the SPD parliamentary group (since Nov 2007)

Membership of Bundestag bodies (since Nov 2007)

- Council of Elders
- Commission of the Council of Elders on the Legal Status of Members of the Bundestag
- Joint Committee under Article 53a of the Basic Law
- Parliamentary Control Panel (Chairman since Dec 2007)
- Mediation Committee
- Substitute member of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure

1990 – 2005 Member of the *Land* Parliament of Lower Saxony

- 2003 – 2005 Economic-policy spokesman for the SPD parliamentary group
- 1998 – 2003 Minister of Science and Cultural Affairs
- 1990 – 1998 Legal-policy spokesman for the SPD parliamentary group

since 1989 Chairman of the Göttingen subdistrict branch of the SPD; member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) since 1980; held various positions in the Young Socialists and on academic and student governance bodies

1986 – 1990 Judge at Hanover and Brunswick Administrative Courts (1988-1989 Head of the Legal Affairs Department of the town of Münden)

Education

Studied law in Göttingen/Germany; passed second state examination in law in 1986; passed first state examination in law in 1983; worked as an academic assistant and tenant advisor

Worked in the UFW/AFL-CIO boycott office; worked as a volunteer in the U.S. (Washington D.C. and New York) from 1976 -1978, as part of a program organized by the Action Reconciliation Service For Peace

Studied German and English language and literature in Tübingen/Germany

Memberships

- Board of Trustees of the Ernst Reuter Foundation for Advanced Study, Berlin
 - Board of Trustees of the University of Technology, Dresden
 - Board of Trustees of the Fagus Factory, Alfeld
 - Advisory board of the German Goethe Institutes
 - Boards of Trustees of the Max Planck Institutes for Biophysical Chemistry and Experimental Medicine in Göttingen
 - Board of Trustees of the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research in Lindau
 - Board of Trustees of Göttingen palliative care foundation
 - Member of the board of Göttingen community foundation
 - Association for the Promotion of the German Theatre in Göttingen
 - Executive committee of Göttingen Händel Society
 - Committee of the XLAB Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Education
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