

## 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 und Valerie 1981, Corinna 1983)

### **1. Academic Background**

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

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
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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

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

2011 'Ernst-Robert-Curtius' Award for Essayism, submitted by the University Society of Bonn

#### **4. Honorary Commitments**

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'

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

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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