



Youth & Education

- 30.05.1963 **Born in Hofheim am Taunus** (Hesse)
1982 – 1986 **Officer candidate** and **Naval officer (lieutenant)**: ship security officer and technical diver (frigate Augsburg)
1986 -1993 **Studied economics** in Heidelberg and Cologne

Professional career

- since 2015 Spokesman for Foreign Policy of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group
2014 – 2018 Federal Foreign Office: Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation
since 2009 Member of the German Bundestag
2001 – 2009 Head of Corporate Communications and SVP at Vorwerk & Co. KG
1999 – 2001 CDU/CSU parliamentary group in Bundestag, European policy advisor
1992 – 1998 CDU party headquarters: Head of the social policy department: Chief of staff Secretary-General Peter Hintze
1987 – 1989 Federal Chairman of the Association of Christian Democratic Students

Memberships

- Member of the **Committee on Foreign Affairs**
Substitute member of the **Committee on the Affairs of the European Union**
Member and Deputy Head of the Delegation of the **NATO Parliamentary Assembly**
Representative of the **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**
Substitute Member of the **French-German Parliamentary Assembly**
Substitute member of the **OSCE Parliamentary Assembly**
Member of the Political Assembly (Board) of **European People's Party (EPP)**
Member of the German-Indian Parliamentary Friendship Group
Member of the **German-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship Group**
Member of the **Parliamentary Friendship Group for Relations with the USA**
Vice president of the **German-Israeli Association**
Member of the Presidium of the **German Council on Foreign Relations**
Member of the SWP Council of the **German Institute for International and Security Affairs**