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Masters degree in political science (Gothenburg, 2000). Law studies etc. (1997-2001). Policy expert, Ministry of Education (2001). Political secretary of Social Democratic Party executive (2003-2004).

Co-opted member of Social Democratic Party district executive, Gothenburg (1999-2001), member of the executive (2000-2001) and Chairman of the Social Democratic Students of Sweden (2001-2003), member of the FNSU executive (2001-2003), co-opted member of the Social Democratic Party executive (2001-2003) and member (2003), coordinator for women's network (2002-2003) and member (2000-2003) of the ECOSY executive, co-opted member of the Stockholm County Social Democratic Party district executive (2004-).

Substitute member of health and medical care committee 5, Västra Götaland region (1999-2002). Member of the social welfare board and its labour and social welfare committee, municipality of Haninge (2002-2003). Substitute member of the regional planning and transport committee, and of Stockholm County Council (2002-2004). Member of the Committee on the Swedish Constitution (2004-).

Member of the Gothenburg student committee executive (1998-1999), member (1998-2001) and Vice-Chairwoman (1998-1999) of the council of the students' union of the faculties of arts and sciences, Gothenburg, member of the executive of the National Union of Students (1999-2000).



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Studied medicine at Heidelberg, Mannheim and Freiburg (1976-1982); qualified as doctor (1985); doctorate (1982); general practitioner (1986); sports medicine (1987); occupational medicine (1987); radiological protection (1987); emergency medicine (1988). Clinical practice in Bretten, Mosbach and Hardheim (1986-1987). Own practice (since 1986).

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B.Eng., Electronic Engineering, Liverpool (1988). M.Sc.(Econ.) LSE (1989). PhD, Organisational Change (2004), City. Business systems analyst, NatWest Bank Overseas Department (1989-1991). Management Fellow, University of Bath School of Management (1994-1996). Management Research Fellow, Leeds University Business School (1996-1997). Associate Director/Consultant, Omega Partners (1997-2001). Consultant, SSK Consulting (2001-2005). Visiting Fellow, Leeds University Business School (since 2004).

Between 1991 and 2004: Chairman, Stockwell Ward, Vauxhall Conservative Association; Hon. Secretary, Bath Conservative Association CPC; Chairman, Ecclestone Ward, and Chairman, Ecclestone/Churchill CPC, Cities of London and Westminster Conservative Association; Executive Member, London Eastern Area Committee.



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BA (Hons.) (1983). Studied at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, London, the Department of Political Science, Stuttgart University and the Faculty of Law, University of Clermont-Ferrand. Guest Research Fellow at the Institute for Transatlantic Foreign and Security Policy, Free University of Berlin (1986-1988). Ph.D. studies (University of Manchester). Worked with the Socialist Group in the European Parliament (1989-1992) and with Mr Ford, former Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party (1990-1992). Lecturer in politics, Institute for International Politics and Regional Studies, Free University of Berlin (1991-1992). Principal European Liaison Officer, Kirklees Metropolitan Council (until 1994).

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Author of 'European Regional Development Strategies: Responses of Two Northern Regions', Local Government Policy Making, Vol.20, No 5, May 1994. Joint editor of 'Changing States' (1996) and author of chapter 'A Europe of the Regions: Building Economic and Social Cohesion in Britain and Europe'.



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Curriculum vitae

Farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic (1967-1972). Studied economics in Linz (1972-1978). Doctorate, Linz University Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy (1978-1984). Managing director of the Rübiger Schmied company.

Member, Upper Austria Regional Assembly (1991-1996). Chairman, EU Integration Committee.

Member of the Nationalrat (1996).

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President, SME Circle (1999-2000).

Co-President (2000-2001) and President (2001-2003), Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union.

President, SME Global (since 2003). Board member, Upper Austria Business Promotion Institute (1991-1996).

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Master's degree in law (1971). Graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (1973). Graduate of ENA (National School of Administration) (1978).

Senior administrator, Ministry for Home Affairs (1978). Head of the office of the Prefect of La Rochelle (1978). Sub-Prefect of Vendôme (1979).

President of the Movement for France.

Chairman of the Vendée Departmental Council (since 1988). Member of the National Assembly (1987-1994 and 1997-2004).

State Secretary attached to the Minister for Culture and the Media (1986-1987).

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Curriculum vitae

BA (Hons.) History, London University (1975). MA (Local Government), Kent University (1976). Admitted as solicitor (1984). Solicitor in private practice (1984-1999).

Deputy Leader, East Riding of Yorkshire Unitary Council (1995-1999).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). First Vice-Chairwoman, Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway (1999-2004); ELDR coordinator on the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market (1999-2004); leader of the Liberal Democrat delegation (2000-2004); ALDE/ADLE coordinator on the Committee on Legal Affairs (since 2004).

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Doctor of Laws, University of Malta (1993). MA in European Studies, University of Sussex, UK (1994). Magister Juris in International Law, University of Malta (1995). Partner in a local law firm (1994-). EU adviser to: the Minister of the Environment (1996); the Minister of Education (1998); the Minister of Foreign Affairs (2003-2004). Head, Malta-EU Information Centre (MIC) (1999-2003). Member, Core Negotiating Group, Malta-EU (1999-2003). Member, Malta-EU Steering and Action Committee (1999-2004).

President of the Christian Democrat Students (SDM) (1989-1991); Student Representative on the Senate of the University of Malta (1991-1992). International Secretary of the National Youth Council (Malta, 1992). Secretary-General of the European Movement (Malta, 1997-1999).

Member of the National Order of Merit of Malta (2003).



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Studied agriculture. Graduate of the Institute for Advanced Studies in National Defence (35th session).

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Mayor of Pfettisheim (1989-2002). Deputy mayor of Pfettisheim (since 2002).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (2002-2004). Chairman of the Conference of Committee Chairmen (2002-2004).

Member of the Economic and Social Committee (1980-1982). Chairman of the Meat Group of the Committee of Agricultural Organisations in the European Union (1996-1999).

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Government assistant lawyer at the Baden-Württemberg Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sport, Office of the Minister (2003-2004).

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