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### Professional Experience

*2009* Visiting Professor of Entrepreneurial Finance, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland  
*Since 2003* Scientific Co-Director of the Center for Entrepreneurial and Financial Studies (CEFS), Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany  
*Since 2001* Chair of Entrepreneurial Finance (former DtA-Chair in Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Finance, thereafter KfW-Chair in Entrepreneurial Finance till 2011/09 and Chair in Entrepreneurial Finance, supported by KfW Bankengruppe till 2014/12), Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany,  
50% part time since 2007/10, 20% family-related part time since 2013/10  
*1995 – 2001* Endowed Chair for Banking and Finance (former Chair for Investment and Finance) and chairwoman of the board INSTITUT FÜR FINANZMANAGEMENT, EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL (ebs), International University Schloss Reichartshausen, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany  
*1994 – 1995* Consultant, McKinsey & Company, Inc., Frankfurt on the Main, Germany  
*Since 1994* Private Lecturer of business administration, esp. finance and accounting, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland  
*1992 – 1994* University Lecturer of Finance and External Auditing, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland  
*1991 – 1992* Consultant, MS Management Service AG, St. Gallen, Switzerland

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### Education

#### *University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland*

*1992 – 1994* Habilitation  
*1990 – 1992* Doctorate in law  
*1988 – 1991* Doctorate in business administration  
*1988 – 1990* Law Degree (lic. iur. HSG)  
*1984 – 1988* Degree in business administration (lic. oec. HSG)

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### Awards, Honors, et al.

*2019* • Order of Merit of the Free State of Bavaria  
*2017* • Honorary doctorate Dr. rer. pol. (h.c.) from Leuphana University of Lüneburg  
*2016* • Highly commended paper 2015, Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence  
*2015* • Appointment as a member of AcademiaNet, an initiative of Robert Bosch Stiftung in cooperation with Spektrum der Wissenschaft and nature  
*2015* • Highly commended paper 2015, Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence  
*2014* • Appointment as a member of acatech (National Academy of Science and Engineering)  
• Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany  
• EFM 2013 Top Download Award, awarded by the European Financial Management  
*2011* • Science Award of Bundesverband Alternative Investments (BAI) in the category "Sonstige wissenschaftliche Arbeiten" ("Other scientific publications")  
*2010* • CEFS selected as "Ausgewählter Ort 2010" ("Selected Landmark 2010") as part of the initiative "Deutschland – Land der Ideen" ("Germany – Land of Ideas")  
*2009* • Best Paper Prize, 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corporate Governance, Birmingham Business School, United Kingdom  
• Mentor Award, Student Body of University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland

- 2007
  - Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
  - Unesco Chair Entrepreneurship Award for Entrepreneurial Thinking and Acting, awarded by UNESCO and Fachhochschule Gelsenkirchen
- 2006
  - Professor of the year 2006 (Award granted to professors successfully promoting student careers by the magazine UNICUM with support by KPMG)
- 2005
  - “Initiativpreis 2005“, Stiftung Industrieforschung (awarded for the development of the German Entrepreneurial Index (GEX) with C. Kaserer)
  - “Preis für gute Lehre 2004“ (Teaching Award 2004) of the Bavarian State Minister of Sciences, Research and Arts
- 2004
  - Pro meritis scientiae et litterarum (Award of the Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences, Research and Arts for outstanding contributions to science in Bavaria)
  - Paul Julius Reuter Innovation Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the category ‘best dissertations’ (“Analysts’ coverage of high-growth companies – An analysis of the determinants with a special focus on investor relations”)
- 2003
  - Best Teaching Award, TUM School of Management, Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany
- 2002
  - Paul Julius Reuter Innovation Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the category ‘best dissertations’ (“Investor relations with financial analysts – An empirical analysis of the information needs of financial analysts in the automotive industry”)
- 2002 – 2013
  - Honorary Professor for Entrepreneurial Finance at the EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL (ebs), International University Schloss Reichartshausen, Oestrich-Winkel
- 1998
  - Global Leaders of Tomorrow (GLT), awarded by the World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 1992 – 1994
  - Swiss Federation for the Promotion of the Rising Generation of Academics
- 1992
  - Professor Dr. Walter Hug-Award Switzerland for one of the best dissertations in law in Switzerland
  - Professor Dr. Walter Hug-Award St. Gallen for the best dissertation in law at the Hochschule St. Gallen, Switzerland

### **Boards/Committees (selection)**

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#### ***Current Boards/Committees***

- Since 2018*
  - Board of Directors of Linde plc
  - International Advisory Board of Investcorp
  - Executive Committee of the German National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech)
  - Advisory Board of ifo Institute
  - Global Future Council on Europe, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Since 2013*
  - Supervisory Board of Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG
  - Trilateral Commission
- Since 2006*
  - Board of Trustees of Johannes B. Ortner-Stiftung

#### ***Former Boards/Committees***

- 2017 – 2018*
  - Europe Policy Group/New Concept for Europe Initiative, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 2016 – 2019*
  - Supervisory Board of Deutsche Börse AG
- 2016*
  - Commissioner Navracsics’ High Level Group on the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)
- 2014 – 2019*
  - Economic Advisory Council of the French Embassy in Berlin, Germany
- 2014 – 2017*
  - Committee Governance Code for Family Businesses
- 2012 – 2019*
  - Board of Directors of ENGIE SA (former: GDF SUEZ SA)
- 2012 – 2016*
  - Member of the Government Commission Regierungskommission Deutscher Corporate Governance Kodex (German Corporate Governance Code)
- 2012 – 2014*
  - Committee “Financing of Social Enterprises“ of KfW Bankengruppe on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Seniors, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)
- 2011 – 2019*
  - Supervisory Board of Linde AG
- 2011 – 2017*
  - Supervisory Board of METRO AG
- 2011 – 2013*
  - Board of the Helmholtz-Validierungsfonds, Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft Deutscher Forschungszentren
- 2011 – 2012*
  - Private Capital Industry Agenda Council, World Economic Forum (WEF)

- 2010 – 2013 • Advisory Board (until 2013) of Social Entrepreneurship Akademie (SEA), previously Founding Member, Member of the Board until 2010
- 2010 – 2012 • Scientific Advisory Board, Knowledge Centre of the European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA)
- 2010 – 2011 • Private Fund Managers Industry Agenda Council, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 2009 – 2013 • Board of Directors of Vontobel Holding AG and Bank Vontobel AG
- 2009 – 2011 • Board of Directors of SpineWelding AG (former WW Technology SA)
- 2009 – 2010 • FLÜGGE Expert Commission, Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences, Research and the Arts
- 2009 • Expert Commission “Future of the Social Market Economy”, Government of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany
- 2008 – 2013 • Senate of Fraunhofer Gesellschaft (FhG)
- 2008 – 2010 • Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Global Education Initiative – Entrepreneurship Education, World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 2007 – 2011 • Expert Commission “Research and Innovation” (EFI), German Federal Government, Vice-Chairwoman since 2009/09
- 2007 – 2010 • Alumni-HSG Advisory Board of University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland
- 2006 – 2010 • Chairwoman of the Advisory Board of Ashoka Germany
- 2006 – 2009 • Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of berufundfamilie gGmbH
- 2006 – 2007 • Expert Commission of the Bavarian Minister President Dr. Edmund Stoiber “Future of Bavaria 2020 – mega-trends and their better application to business and science, prosperity and jobs in Bavaria”
- 2005 – 2008 • Research Advisory Board of Institut für Mittelstandsforschung Bonn (IfM)
- Member of the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) at Technical University of Munich (TUM)
- 2005 – 2007 • Member of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines Board (IPEV)
- Principal Investigator of the International Graduate School of Science and Engineering (IGSSE) at the Technischen Universität München (TUM)
- 2004 – 2007 • Board of Trustees of the Rationalisierungs- und Innovationszentrum der Deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. (RKW)
- Board of Trustees of the Hochschule der Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe
- 2004 – 2005 • Working group on “Consolidation incl. Special Purpose Entities”, German Accounting Standards Committee (DRSC)
- 2003 – 2007 • Expert Advisory Board of “EXIST – University-based start-ups”, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- 2003 – 2004 • Task force on “International Accounting Standards”, European Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (EVCA)
- 2002 – 2009 • Expert commission “Finance” of the Advisory Board on Small- and Medium-Sized Companies of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Berlin (Spokeswoman 2002 – 2006)
- 2002 – 2008 • Co-editor of the journal DIE BETRIEBSWIRTSCHAFT (DBW)
- 2002 – 2007 • Advisory Board to the German Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin), Deputy Chairwoman
- Scientific Advisory Board of Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC)
- 2002 – 2003 • Advisory Board (“Börsenrat”) of the Bavarian Stock Exchange
- 2001 – 2009 • Member of Förderkreis Gründungs-Forschung e.V. (FGF), President (2007 – 2009)
- 2001 – 2002 • European Expert Commission “Financing Small- and Medium-Sized Companies”
- 2000 – 2008 • Expert Advisory Committee of the journal FINANZ BETRIEB
- 2000 – 2007 • Board of GI Ventures AG (Chairwoman until 2005, Co-founder)
- 2000 – 2004 • German-Japanese Forum (DJF)
- 2000 – 2002 • Board of Deutsche Effecten- und Wechsel-Beteiligungsgesellschaft (DEWB)
- 1999 – 2001 • Board of Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V. (DSW)
- 1998 – 2001 • Governing Board of Gesellschaft für Konsumforschung (GfK e.V.)
- 1997 – 2001 • Editorial committee for the German translation of the International Accounting Standards
- 1996 – 2001 • Board of Depfa Bank
- 1995 – 1998 • Expert commission “Revision of Accounting Law” for the Ministry of Justice, Switzerland
- 1993 – 1997 • Project consultant to the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC)

## Current Juries

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- Since 2019* • ACA-Prize in Financial Governance, issued by University of St. Gallen (HSG)
  - Since 2018* • Digital Female Leader Award, issued by Global Digital Women and myself
  - LaMonachia, issued by the city of Munich
  - Since 2017* • The Spark, issued by McKinsey & Company and Handelsblatt
  - Since 2016* • Top 100-Jury, the award for Germany's most innovative SMEs
  - Since 2010* • Prize for the best business book, issued by Handelsblatt
  - Since 2009* • Top 500-Award, issued by Welt-Gruppe
  - Since 2008* • Innovation award of the Ministry for Innovation, Science, Research and Technology of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia
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**Publications** [PublicationsAchleitner.pdf](#)