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CURRICULUM VITAE
Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan
President of the Europe University Viadrina

I. Personal Details

Born on 22nd May 1943 in Berlin

In second marriage with Prof. Dr. Peter Eigen, 2 children, Catholic

1953 - 1962 French Grammar School in Berlin (A-levels in 1962)

1962 - 1970 Studies of Roman Languages, History, Philosophy and Political Science in Berlin and Freiburg/Breisgau. Research stays in Poland (Warsaw and Krakow) for preparing the dissertation on the Polish Philosopher Leszek Kolakowski

1970 Ph.D. in Philosophy: Leszek Kolakowski. A Political Philosophy of Liberty after Marx. Stuttgart/Berlin/Köln et al. 1971

Scholarship Holder of the German Scholarship Foundation

II. Academic Stages

1971 Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the Free University Berlin

1975 Cumulative postdoctoral lecture qualification with 2 book scripts: The Social Critique of Karl Marx. Philosophical and Economical Bases, Stuttgart/Berlin/Köln et al. 1974 as well as Social Democracy and Marxism [together with Alexander Schwan], Hamburg 1974

Since 1977 Professor of Political Science, particularly of Political Theory and Philosophy (Domains: Political Philosophy, Theories of Democracy and Socialism; Political Psychology und Political Culture) in the Department of Political Science at the Free University Berlin

1985 - 1987 President of the German Association of Political Science (DVPW);
1994 - 2000 Member of the Board of Governors

1993 - 1995 Dean of the Department of Political Science, Free University Berlin

Since October 1999 President of the Europe University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder),
Re-election in July 2005

Tutor of the German Scholarship Foundation

Research Stays

1980/81	Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars in Washington D.C.
1984	Visiting Fellow at the Robinson College in Cambridge (GB)
1998	Visiting Professor at the New School for Social Research in New York

III. Political Positions

1977 - 1984	Member of the „Commission for Fundamental Values“ of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD); since 1996 again member of the “Commission for Fundamental Values“
Since 2002	President of the German-Polish Forum (together with Janusz Reiter)
Since 2004	Member of the Commission of SPD
2004	Candidate for the Federal President (nominated by SPD and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen)
Since January 2005	Co-ordinator of the Federal Government for Civil Social Cooperation near to the Republic of Poland

IV. Domains/Publications

Scientific publications on normative and philosophical problems of democracy and socialism, on the history of political ideas and on political psychology. Articles on current political issues (policy of the two Germanys, détente policy, European unification).

Selection of the most important publications::

- Die Gesellschaftskritik von Karl Marx. Philosophische und politökonomische Voraussetzungen, Stuttgart/Berlin/Köln u.a. 1974
(The Social Critique of Karl Marx. Philosophical and Economical Bases)
- (Together with Alexander Schwan:) Marxismus und Sozialdemokratie, Hamburg 1974
(Marxism and Social Democracy)
- Sozialismus in der Demokratie? Theorie einer konsequent sozialdemokratischen Politik, Stuttgart u.a. 1982
(Socialism in the Democracy? Theory of a consequent social democratic policy)
- Politik und Schuld. Die zerstörerische Macht des Schweigens, Berlin 1997
(Politics and Guilts. The destructive potential of silence)
- Antikommunismus und Antiamerikanismus in Deutschland. Kontinuität und Wandel nach 1945, Baden-Baden 1999
(Anti-Communism and Anti-Americanism in Germany, Continuity and Change since 1945)

Since 1996 Co-editor of the journal for Political Science (ZPol)

V. Honors and Awards

1993	Federal Cross of Merits
1999	Urania-Medal Award for „Particular Activities in the Scientific National Education“
2002	1st Class Cross of Merits Award of the Medal of Merits of the Federal Republic of Germany
2004	Marion Dönhoff Award for International Agreement and Conciliation of the ZEIT Foundation Ebellin and Gerd Bucerius
2004	Annual Award of the Association of Berlin’s Foreign Press
2004	Pauline Staegemann Award of the Committee of Social Democratic Women in Brandenburg
2005	Award „Women in Europe – Germany 2005“ of the Network European Movement Germany
2005	Award for Fundamental Work of the Polish Daily Glos Wielkopolski
2005	„Tolerance Award of the Ecumenical Foundation “Toleranz” in Warsaw