## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Currently

## Freelance for culture, the media and the environment

- Presentations
- Preparation of conferences and workshops
- Examples (i.a.):
- Coordinator of Cradle to Cradle festival, Berlin, 2011
- Lecturer at Hochschule Ansbach, Environmental policy and sustainability (course of studies: specialist journalism), 2010/2011
- Part of the symposium "Towards the Big Environmental City", speech about "What do societal actors expect from each other?", 2011
- Speeches about architecture and sustainability, Canada and USA, 2010
- Co-organization of 30th anniversary of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, Bonn, 2010

## 1998 -Oct. 2009

### **Member of the German Parliament**

- Member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Culture and the Media
- Member of the Sub-Committees on Cultural Policy Abroad and New Media
- Spokesperson of the parliamentary group of the SPD for the Committee on Cultural and the Media (1998-2000, 2005-2009) and for the Sub-Committee on Cultural Policy Abroad (2005-2009)
- Spokesperson for the Sub-Committee United Nations (1998-2000)
- Head of the Commission for Culture and the Media (2000-2005)
- Deputy Chair of the of the German-French Parliamentarian's Group and Chair of the working group "Cultural Variety" of the German Parliament and the Assemblé Nationale
- Vice Chair of the German delegation to the Interparliamentary Union
- Member of the OSCE-delegation (1998-2005)

## 1990 - 1998

# Minister of Environmental Affairs in the State of Lower Saxony, Germany

- additionally (1994-1998): Member of the state parliament of Lower Saxony

## 1984 - 1990 **Greenpeace International**

Member of the International Board of Directors
Responsible for developing training programs and new
offices in Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Latin America
and the former Soviet Union

### 1980 -1983 Greenpeace Germany

- Co-founder and Executive Director
- Responsible for campaigns against chemical pollution and for the protection of the North Sea as well as other environmental issues

## 1980 - 1982 YMCA Hamburg, Germany

Executive Director

## 1973 - 1990 **German-French Youth Organisation**

 Seminars in France and Germany ,Adult education for trade unions, church organizations, NGOs

#### **EDUCATION**

## 1973 -1979 Universities of Göttingen and Hamburg

- Sociology and Mathematics
- Diploma in Sociology

### 1961 - 1973 **School**

- elementary school (evangelic school Hölterstraße, Mülheim-Ruhr)
- municipal grammar school for girls stressing modern languages; degree: "Abitur" (university entrance diploma)

## **LANGUAGES**

- German: native speaker

English: fluentlyFrench: fluently

Spanish: basic knowledge

## **Honors**

- Knight of the french Legion of Honors (2002)

### **VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT**

# Right Livelihood Award Foundation ("Alternative Nobel Prize") (since 1986)

- Co-Chair
- Jury Member
- Co-Organization of the 30th anniversary convention in Bonn, September 2010

## **German Evangelic Kirchentag (since 2008)**

- Member of the Executive Committee

## F.C. Flick Foundation against xenophobia, racism and intolerance (since 2001)

- Vice-Chair

# Initiative "Gesicht zeigen!" against right-wing extremism (since 2001)

- Initiator and chair person; local initiative in the subdistrict of Harburg, Lower Saxony

# Ökofilmtour (competition of movies about ecologic and social topics) (since 2008)

- Chair of the jury

## **MEMBERSHIP IN NGOs (SELECTION)**

- Greenpeace
- Amnesty International
- Unicef
- Arbeiterwohlfahrt (= workers welfare association)
- Various local organizations in the fields of culture, welfare and environment

#### **PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)**

Books Monika Griefahn: "Greenpeace. Wir kämpfen für eine

Welt, in der wir leben können"

Rowohlt, Hamburg, 1983

Monika Griefahn: "Weil ich ein Lied hab. Die Politik

einer Umweltministerin"

Piper, München, 1994

Articles and speeches

"Computerspiele als Kulturgut?"

In: S. Ganguin, B. Hoffmann (Hrsg.): Digitale Spielkultur.

Kopaed Verlag, München 2010

"The Cultural Dimension of Environmentalism" Speech at Harvard Universität, Mass., USA, 10/2007

"Global warming ten years after Kyoto"

IPU-Conference in Bali, 04/2007

"Rapper haften für ihre Texte"

*In: die tageszeitung taz, 07/2007* 

"Kreativität - ein Wirtschaftsfaktor?"

In: Kulturnotizen, 11/2006

"Europas Medien und kulturelle Vielfalt"

In: Liberation, 06/2004

"Nachhaltigkeitspolitik und Kulturpolitik"

In: Kulturpolitische Mitteilungen, II/2002