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Academic Training

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| 1990-96 | Study of Biochemistry at the University of Hannover, the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover and the Hannover Medical School |
| 1995-96 | Center for Molecular Biology Heidelberg (ZMBH), University of Heidelberg, Germany (Diploma Thesis) |
| 1998-00 | German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, Germany (PhD Thesis) |

Academic Degrees

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| 2000 | PhD thesis (Dr. rer. nat., Summa cum laude) "Das Zwei-Signalwege-Modell des Todesrezeptors CD95: Implikationen für das Verständnis der Immunantwort" at the German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg (Prof. Peter H. Kramer); graduation via University of Hannover |
| 2006 | Habilitation and <i>venia legendi</i> for Molecular Medicine, Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf, Germany |

Academic Appointments

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| 2001-03 | Postdoctoral researcher in the Laboratory of Immunobiology, Dana-Farber Cancer Research Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA |
| 2003-08 | Group leader at the Institute of Molecular Medicine, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany |
| 2008-09 | Group leader at the Institute for Medical Microbiology and Hospital Hygiene, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany |
| 2009-20 | Professor (W2) at the Institute of Molecular and Clinical Immunology at the Medical Faculty, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg; Co-Appointment as head of the Research Group Systems-oriented Immunology and Inflammation Research (SIME) at the HZI, Braunschweig |
| Since 2020 | Chair (W3 Professor) of the Dept. of Molecular Immunology, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany |

Activities in Research Societies

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| 2013-23 | Spokesman of the Research Focus Group „Signaltransduction“ of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI) |
| 2013-16 | Member of the scientific council of the Signal Transduction Society |
| 2017-19 | Vice President of the Signal Transduction Society |
| 2014-22 | Coordinator of the MGK854 within CRC854, Magdeburg (together with Prof. Dunja Bruder) |
| 2017-20 | Member of the supervisory board of the Helmholtz Center for Infection Research |
| 2018-25 | Member of the selection committee of the Georges-Köhler-Award of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI) |
| 2020-21 | President of the Signal Transduction Society |
| Since 2025 | Secretary General of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI) |

Awards & Honors

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| 2001-02 | Emmy-Noether stipend by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) |
| 2011 | STS/CCS Science Award by the Signal Transduction Society |