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He was born in 1973 in Munich. He studied civil engineering and restoration, art technology, and conservation science at the Technical University of Munich. For his diploma thesis, which was awarded the WTA Prize (year, 2006), he focused on the topic of “Wall temperature control and its effects on indoor climate and the preservation of artworks” concentrating on the case of the Renatus Chapel at the Lustheim Palace.

Since 2005, he was was conducting research at at the Fraunhofer Institute for Building Physics IBP in Holzkirchen. Here, he was coordinating research in the field of cultural heritage at the “Fraunhofer Center for Energy-efficient, Retrofitting and Heritage Conservation” at Kloster Benediktbeuern.

In 2013, he earned a doctoral degree from the University of Stuttgart. His dissertation dealt with “Thermal Stability in Historic Buildings - Assessment of Hydrothermal Models in the Context of Preventive Conservation measures.” Since 2018, he has been heading the department of “Preventive Conservation” at the “Scientific and Technical Working Group for Building Preservation and Heritage Conservation WTA e.V.”

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