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CURRICULUM VITAE



Born in Hamburg, Germany on September 13, 1951

Dr. rer. nat. doctorate in natural sciences & integral rural planning

LANGUAGES GERMAN, ENGLISH, SPANISH, FRENCH [ALL FLUENT], LATIN [READING], ARABIC [SOME BASICS]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor for Agro-Forestry and Tropical Silvi-culture, Freiburg University [9 years]

International Training Workshops Eco-logical Agri-Culture Development Trees for People GmbH [4 years]

Commonwealth of Nations forestry leadership training, Oxford School of Forestry [8 years]

Bio-dynamics in the Tropics, Emerson College Visiting Professor, Sussex GB [4 years]

Community Workshops for Policy Making in German, Mexican, Indian communities ... and others

Military History & Politics under the German Navy's Peacemaking Program

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Studium Generale in Medicine, Biology, Bio-Chemistry, Genetics and Economics

Master [Diploma] in Forest Sciences, Freiburg, Black Forest, Germany

German Navy Officer, Lieutenant, Liaison officer [with various Navigation licenses]

Austrian Ski-Instructor and Mountain Guide [*Professional License*]

Organizational Development Coaching, Training, Teaching, Facilitation

Humanistic Psychotherapy, Spiritual Midwifery, ZEN, Mayan Spirituality

LAST ACTIVITIES

Strategy development for hotels and communities affected by Sargassum since 2017 to present

Sustainability Concepts for Sustainable City Development 2016 - 2018

For BIG Architects New York and Thomas Heatherwick Design Studios, London.

Natural Resource based Social Business Development concepts, Vital Village 2010 to 2014

Mayan Educational Farm, Concept & Management, Chan Ká Vergel 2003 to present

Xla' Ká Vergel, Restoration of a pre-hispanic Mayan village 1981, 2005 to date

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BIONADE Resource Assurance Scheme Development, Rohstoffkompagnie, Germany 2007-2011

Natural Cosmetics Development for the German and Japanese Markets, Justpure 2003-2005

Eco-logical Product Development and Marketing, Managing Products for People GmbH 1996-2011

Mexico's first Organic Honey Cooperative and Standards in Oxkutzcab, Yucatán. Founder 1998 -2010

Productos Ecológicos del Vergel SPR Management & Marketing of Eco-Ginger, Honey since 1998

Sabileros Mayas, World's 1st Cooperative for Organic Aloe vera, Management [quality leader] 1995-2002

Union de Ejidos Citricultores del Sur del Estado de Yucatán 1999-2003

Leading 3'000 member cooperative for orange juice] production

Trees for People GmbH Training for Eco-logical Development, Founding & Management 1990-1997

Curriculum development and trading for civil society initiatives in 26 countries of Africa, Latin-America, Asia and Europe.

TRANSFORMATION MOVEMENTS LEADERSHIP FUNCTIONS [SELECTED]

IFOAM International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements 1988-1991

Board Member, Vice-President, established the Present International Organic Certification System

Forest Stewardship Council Germany, Founder and Board Member 1994-1997

Forest Stewardship Council International 1994-1997, Chief Arbitrator 1997-1998

German Communal Forest Policy Reform, GSTB, German Council of Cities & Communities 1996-1999

Concept development & Implementation [Largest German forest-owner]

Restructuring of 650 CHURCH COMMUNITY FORESTS in Saxony Anhalt, Germany 1991-1992

Industrial Landscape Restoration in Eastern Germany, with the Bauhaus Dessau, 1993-1994

EUROPEAN BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Schwarzwälder Forstsamen, Black Forest Tree Seeds for Forest Restoration, Founder & Manager 1989-1995

Baumschule Burg am Wald, Black Forest Tree Nursery for Forest Farms & Silviculturists] 1986-1991

Forest-Tree Nursery seasonal Apprenticeship Training, Seasonal March-April 1973-1983

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Soul Keeper for Germany's oldest Spiritual Center Todtmoos-Rütte 1989-1996

Market studies, marketing, commercialization for organic companies and smallholder organizations in Guatemala, Mexican, Peru, Germany (Cacao, ORANGES, HONEY, ALOE VERA, GINGER, MACA, YACON, SASHA INCHIK)

CERTIFICATION CONSULTANCIES for Tropical Timber Associations [HDH, VDH, GHK & Trade Unions Germany] 1994-1995

Conceptualization of FOREST RESTORATION in tropical forests, México, Honduras, Colombia.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTANCY in Quintana Roo for Land-use Planning and Plan Piloto Forestal 1979-1985

Status Report Tropical Forest Destruction, GTZ Mexico 1978.

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SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS

Landscape History, Landscaping and Community Development

Forestry & Agro-forestry, Ecological Silvi-Culture

Eco-logical Product Development, Marketing, Quality Guidelines and Standards Development

Agri-Culture Products, Honey, Nutrition, Elixirs, Soul Foods, Cosmetics

Entrepreneurship and Methodologies for Rural Development and Community Organisation

Participative Strategy Development and Evaluation, Resource Based Monetary Systems

Certification and Value Centered Marketing for Sustainable Development.

METHODICAL CHARACTERISTICS

I wish to contribute to creating the new patterns our world so urgently requires.

As long as the economy fails putting a decent price on the vitality of forests there is no hope to maintain a balanced climate, nor to effectively plant trees. The forest and climate debates miss out on the trees' and people's needs and basic interests. Industrial and corporative patterns prevail over the all decisive human factor. We must learn working *with* nature, and with the human nature, instead of fearing and combatting it.

I dare say the main issues are not environmental destruction nor climate change, but our immobility, lack of consciousness and action to face our economy's incoherence. Many environmental and social conflicts could easily be solved if we only tried. Forest restoration, ecological silvi-culture and the massive use of timber in construction are potentially important ways to achieve a turnaround. They demand deep transformation, both conceptually and organisation wise, and most interestingly, this strategy has already worked and been highly successful in the past. Humanity presently seems to lack some capacity in historical awareness, and many people are desperate about this.

I promote a resource based economy with a strong focus on sustainability. We must learn to work with what there is - that is the resource based economy. To get there I help people understand why they don't act when they could, and take first steps to transforming the way they live. By taking responsibility and building productive relationships, any group can definitely solve any problem in this world. Every one of us can start the revolution the world so urgently needs. We do not need to go to Mars or live underwater to find prosperous future ways for our children to live. We do not even have to wait for better technologies to be found. The major step to take is the people's firm change of mind, their growth in awareness, and the strengthening of will power towards togetherness and action.

EXAMPLES FOR CONFERENCES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE,
FAIR-TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE Bauhaus-Dessau 1994

TREES FOR PEOPLE FORESTRY FORUM Ecological Forestry, Marketing and Wood Technology 1994-1997

FOREST MOVEMENT EUROPE on Certification 1995

INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY & HUMAN ECOLOGY GERMAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN ECOLOGY 1996

IFOAM International Scientific Conference in Budapest 1991 CHIEF COORDINATOR

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY PLANNING in Ladakh, India 1994

ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY Latin American Agro-Ecological Movement MAELA and RAE, Cuzco, Peru 1994

WORKSHOP SEMINARS on Ecological Agri-Culture Development in Venezuela, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Columbia in Partnership with local Universities and NGOs 4-5 weeks each 1994

SEMINAR FORESTS & DEVELOPMENT Forestry Faculty, University of Freiburg 1990-94

TRADITIONAL SILVICULTURE TECHNOLOGIES of the IFUGAO, Luzon, Philippines 5 weeks 1993

SHORT COURSES ON ECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE AGRI-CULTURE
Burkina Faso, Chile and the Philippines 18 weeks 1993

FORESTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS in Madras & Pondicherry, India 1992-93

STUDY TOUR AND WORKSHOP SEMINAR ON FORESTRY and AGRI-CULTURE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES in Chile 5 weeks 1992

WORKSHOP SEMINAR AT UNCED/GLOBAL FORUM '92 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2 weeks 1992

CURRICULUM-DESIGN for AGROFORESTRY and SOCIAL FORESTRY ESNACIFOR Honduras 1992

Design and support of a TRAINING-CENTRE FOR SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION in Yucatán, Mexico 1991

ECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE AGRI-CULTURE Short course in Bolivia 4 weeks 1991

EDITORIAL BOARD Member 'AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS' International Journal 1991-1994

WORKSHOP SEMINAR ECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE AGRI-CULTURE
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana', Zamorano, Honduras 4 weeks 1990

SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEMS Workshop ITTA Nigeria 1989.

Motivational Speeches for Banks and Industry Associations in Germany, México 1986-1998.

PUBLICATIONS [SELECTED]

2021 Die Zukunft beginnt HIER [looking for publisher] THE FUTURE BEGINS HERE !

2020 Mayan Social Design [in preparation]

2019 El libro del sargazo [en preparación]

2019 El libro de los microorganismos [en preparación]

2017 A Guide to City sustainability. [to be published]

2016 A short Philosophy of Sustainability [to be published]

2015 Mayan Sustainability. TED Talk Tulum. Private distribution.

2001 Ecological Technologies for Orange Juice Production. International Fruit Juice Union, Paris.

2001 Ecological Non-Plantation Orange Juice Production. IFOAM International Scientific Conf.

1997-1999 Various Publications on Forest Certification in German, French, International forestry journals

1995 Die Wälder der Welt. J Pretzsch and J Herkendell, editors. [The World's Forest Compendium, Chapters on Forests in Latin-America, Timber Certification, Methodologies for Silviculture]. Beck Editors Munich.

1995 Handbook of Ecological Agri-Culture Development. DSE, Feldafing 198 pp.

1994 (1992) Agricultura Ecológicamente Apropriada. Manual de Metodología para el Desarrollo de una Agri-Cultura Ecológica. DSE, 204 pp.

1993 Wald und Marktwirtschaft [Forests and Market Economy]

Zertifizierung, ein Weg zur nachhaltigen Nutzung? Holz-Zentralblatt Oct4,1993.

1993 Kultur, Wald und Entwicklung [Culture, Forests and Development]. Prisma. Goethe Institut, München.

1992 Von Indianern lernen? [Learning from Indigenous People]

In: Humanökologie und Kulturökologie, Grundlagen, Ansätze, Praxis. Westdeutscher Verlag, Opladen. 289-314pp.

1991 with R L Bunch. Potenciales Campesinos en el Desarrollo Práctico y Científico

[Peasant Potentials in Technical and Scientific Development].

Proceedings of the Conference on Hillside Agriculture. CIAT/ITTA, San José, Costa Rica.

1991 Weltforstwirtschaft [World-Forestry] - Hat die Forstwirtschaft der Welt eine Zukunft ?

[Is there a Future for Forestry in the World?] Allgemeine Deutsche Forstzeitschrift 2/91, 916-920.

1990 und W. Zech. Foliar Nutrient Levels of some Forest Trees in Yucatán, Mexico: Conclusions for Reforestation. Turrialba.

1990 Standortgerechter Landbau - eine Alternative für lateinamerikanische Bauern [Site-Specific Ecological Agriculture - an Alternative for Latin American Farmers]. In: ZEL Portrait, Jahresbericht 1990 der DSE, 79-82pp. Berlin.

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1990 From Shifting Cultivation to Ecological Agriculture. Gate # 4/90, 20 - 24pp. Eschborn.

1988 Starving in the Forest. Plant Research and Development #28, 7 - 31. Tübingen.

1988 Agricultural Development in Central Yucatan and its Implications for the Promotion of Intensive Diversified Land-Use Systems. In: Global Perspectives on Agroecology and Sustainable Agricultural Systems, 6th Scientific IFOAM Conference, 297-306pp. Santa Cruz, California, USA.

1987 Peranan Hutan dalam Tata Guna Tanah di Daerah Tropika. In: Metzner J. u. Daldjoeni N. (ed). Ekofarming, 374-401pp. Jakarta.

1986 Am Wald hungern? [Starving in the Forest] Universitätsblätter # 96, pp. 147-169pp. Freiburg.

1986 Starving in the Forest? International Science Journal. Tübingen.

1986 Mexiko - Von der Milpa zur Baumgartenwirtschaft. Blätter des Informationszentrum Dritte Welt # 133, 28-34. Freiburg.

1986 Der Wandel kleinbäuerlicher Landnutzung in Oxkutzcab/ Yucatán

[The Transformation of Village Agriculture in Oxkutzcab / Yucatán]. Institut for Land-Use Planning, 281 pp. Freiburg.

1985 Forstplantagen oder kommunale Forstwirtschaft -Kontroverse der Vergangenheit oder der Zukunft ?

[Forest Plantations or Communal Forestry - a Controversy of Today or Tomorrow?] Allgemeine Deutsche Forstzeitschrift 86/6, 108-110.

1985 with A. César Dachary. Quintana Roo: Perspectivas Agroforestales. [Agro-Forestry Perspectives] National Forestry Research Institute. México.

1984 Family Pens as a Species-Specific System for Keeping Pigs in the Tropical Lowlands of Yucatán.

In: Vogtmann, H et al (ed). IFOAM Conference Proceedings, 387-395. Witzenhausen.

1983 Watershed Management by the Maya Civilization of Central Yucatán/ Mexico. In: Glaeser, B and K D Phillips Howard (eds).

Clean water for Third World Development. Vierteljahresberichte Friedrich Ebert Stiftung # 94, 395-409.

1981 Agricultura Intensiva y Aprovechamientos Forestales [Intensive Agriculture and Forest Utilisation].

In: Alternativas para el Uso del Suelo en Areas Forestales del Trópico Húmedo.

Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales. Publ Espec #28. México D.F, 57-66.

1978 Statusbericht zum Stand der Zerstörung des tropischen Regenwaldes in Mexiko

[Report on the State of Destruction of the Mexican Tropical Moist Forests]. BMZ/GTZ, Germany, classified.

1976 Isoenzymvariationen in Kiefern Samen und ihre Bedeutung für die Taxonomie der Gattung Pinus

[Iso-enzyme variations in pine seeds and their importance for the classification of the Genus Pinus], Freiburg, Germany.