

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

June 1973 Abitur at Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliches Gymnasium in Emmendingen, Germany

October 1973–February 1985 Studies in philosophy, political science, sociology, biology
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg i. Br.
Ph.D. in political philosophy (summa cum laude)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

1973–1983 Scholarship from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

1997 First recipient of the Peregrinus Prize, which is given in recognition of outstanding work in the humanities, from the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, Munich, Germany

March–June 2000 Georges Lurcy Professor in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago

September–October 2003 Guest Professor at Boston College, USA

May 2005 Leibniz-Medal of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

POSITIONS

August 1, 1985 – Present Director of the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, Munich, Germany

July 1999 – Present Professor of Philosophy at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

March 2008 – Present Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, USA

EDITORSHIPS AND COEDITORSHIPS

1985 – Present Editor of the series *Themen*, which is published by the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, Munich (to date, 49 volumes have appeared).

1988 – Present

Coeditor of *Veröffentlichungen der Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung* [Publications of the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation] within the series *Serie Piper* (to date, ten books have appeared).

Publications

BOOKS

Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Discours sur l'origine et les fondements de l'inégalité parmi les hommes / Diskurs über den Ursprung und die Grundlagen der Ungleichheit unter den Menschen. Bilingual (French/German) critical edition of the integral text, including the surviving fragments and supplementary material in accordance with the original editions and manuscripts. Newly edited, translated, and with commentary.

Paderborn: Schöningh Verlag (Uni-Taschenbücher), 1984. 624 pp. (280 of which are commentary), 6 illustrations.

Second, revised und expanded edition, 1990. 638 pp., 7 illustrations. The appendix contains Rousseau's marginal notes and corrections from his personal copy, which was discovered in 1988; they were published here for the first time.

Third, revised edition, 1993. 638 pp., 7 illustrations.

Fourth edition, 1997. 638 pp., 7 illustrations.

Fifth edition, 2001. 638 pp., 7 illustrations.

Sixth edition, 2008. 638 pp., 7 illustrations.

Chinese translation of "Einführender Essay über die Rhetorik und die Intention des Werkes" in: *Classic and Interpretation 2*, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2003, 48 pp.

Carl Schmitt, Leo Strauss und "Der Begriff des Politischen". Zu einem Dialog unter Abwesenden. With Leo Strauss's essay on "Der Begriff des Politischen" and three previously unpublished letters to Carl Schmitt from 1932–33. Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 1988. 141 pp.

Carl Schmitt, Leo Strauss et la notion de politique. Un dialogue entre absents, translated by Françoise Manent with a Foreword by Pierre Manent "Notre destin libéral" (Our Liberal Destiny). Paris: Commentaire-Julliard, 1990. 179 pp.

Japanese edition, translated and with an epilogue by Takashi Kurihara and Kiyoei Takiguchi. Tokyo: Hosei University Press, 1993. 187 pp.

Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss. The Hidden Dialogue, translated by Harvey Lomax with a "Preface to the American Edition" and a "Foreword" by Joseph Cropsey. Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 1995. 156 pp. Revised paperback edition. Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 2006. 156 pp.

Chinese translation, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2002.

Die Lehre Carl Schmitts. Vier Kapitel zur Unterscheidung Politischer Theologie und Politischer Philosophie. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 1994. 267 pp., 1 illustration.

Second, revised and extended edition, 2004, 272 pp. 1 illustration.

The Lesson of Carl Schmitt: Four Chapters on the Distinction between Political Theology and Political Philosophy, translated by Marcus Brainard with a "Preface to the American Edition." Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 1998. 203 pp.

Chinese translation, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2004.

French translation, Paris: Editions du Cerf, 2009.

Die Denkbewegung von Leo Strauss. Die Geschichte der Philosophie und die Intention des Philosophen [Leo Strauss's Movement of Thought. The History of Philosophy and the Intention of the Philosopher]. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 1996. 66 pp.

Second edition 1996.

Chinese translation, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2002.

French translation, Paris: Bayard Publishing House, 2006.

Spanish translation, Buenos Aires: Katz Editores, 2006.

Japanese translation, Kyoto: Koyo Shobo, 2009.

Carl Schmitt, Leo Strauss und "Der Begriff des Politischen". Zu einem Dialog unter Abwesenden. Erweiterte Neuauflage. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 1998. 192 pp. Expanded edition. Additional material includes the Essay "Der Philosoph als Feind" [The Philosopher as Enemy] and an Epilogue "Eine theologische oder eine philosophische Politik der Freundschaft?" [A theological or a philosophical politics of friendship?]

Chinese translation, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2002.

Spanish translation, Buenos Aires: Katz Editores, 2009.

Warum Politische Philosophie? Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 2000. 40 pp. Second edition 2001.

Chinese translation in *Revelation vs. Reason*, Hongkong 2001.

American translation in *The Review of Metaphysics* 56, pp. 385–407, Washington 2002.

French translation, Paris: Bayard Publishing House, 2006.

Spanish translation, Buenos Aires: Katz Editores, 2006.

Japanese translation, Kyoto: Koyo Shobo, 2009.

Das theologisch-politische Problem. Zum Thema von Leo Strauss [The Theologico-Political Problem. On the Theme of Leo Strauss]. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 2003. 86 pp.

Chinese translation, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2004.

French translation, Paris: Bayard Publishing House, 2006.

Spanish translation, Buenos Aires: Katz Editores, 2006.

Japanese translation, Kyoto: Koyo Shobo, 2009.

"Les rêveries du Promeneur Solitaire". Rousseau über das philosophische Leben. Munich: Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, 2005. 68 pp.

Second, revised edition 2009.

Chinese translation in: *Classic and Interpretation* 11, Beijing: Huaxia Publishing House, 2006.

Leo Strauss and the Theologico-Political Problem, translated by Marcus Brainard with a "Preface to the American Edition" and two unpublished lectures by Leo Strauss: "The Living Issues of German Postwar Philosophy" (1940), "Reason and Revelation" (1948). Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006. 204 pp. Second printing, Oktober 2006. Paperback Edition 2007. Fourth Reprint 2008.

Was ist Politische Theologie? – What Is Political Theology? Munich: Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, 2006. 35 pp.

Die Lehre Carl Schmitts. Vier Kapitel zur Unterscheidung Politischer Theologie und Politischer Philosophie. Dritte Auflage. Mit einem Rückblick: Der Streit um die Politische Theologie. Stuttgart–Weimar: J. B. Metzler Verlag, 2009, 304 pp., 1 illustration.

EDITED BOOKS

Die Herausforderung der Evolutionsbiologie [The Challenge of Evolutionary Biology]. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1988. 294 pp. 2d ed. 1989; 3rd ed. 1992.

Zur Diagnose der Moderne [Towards a Diagnosis of Modernity]. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1990. 251 pp.

Vom Urknall zum komplexen Universum. Die Kosmologie der Gegenwart [From the Big Bang to the Complex Universe: Contemporary Cosmology]. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1993. 222 pp. (With Gerhard Börner and Jürgen Ehlers.)

Der Mensch und sein Gehirn. Die Folgen der Evolution [Man and His Brain: The Results of Evolution]. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1997. 259 pp. 2d ed. 1998. (With Detlev Ploog.)

Über die Liebe. Ein Symposium. [On Love. A Symposium.] Munich: Piper Verlag, 2000. 352 pp. 2d ed. 2001. 3rd ed. 2008 (With Gerhard Neumann.)

Der Tod im Leben. Ein Symposium. [Death in Life. A Symposium.] Munich: Piper Verlag, 2004. 2nd ed. 2008. 352 pp. (With Friedrich Wilhelm Graf.)

Über das Glück. Ein Symposium. [On Happiness. A Symposium]. Munich: Piper Verlag, 2008. 295 pp.

Leo Strauss, *Gesammelte Schriften* [German edition of his Collected Works], 6 volumes. The following volumes have appeared thus far:

I: *Die Religionskritik Spinozas und zugehörige Schriften* [Spinoza's Critique of Religion and Related Writings]. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 1996. 448 pp., including an Introduction.

Second, revised, and enlarged edition 2001. 480 pp., including a new Introduction.

Third, newly revised and extended edition 2008. 504 pp., including an Introduction to the third edition.

II: *Philosophie und Gesetz – Frühe Schriften* [Philosophy and Law – Early Writings]. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler-Verlag, 1997. 669 pp., including an Introduction.

Second, revised printing 1998. Third printing 2004.

III: *Hobbes' politische Wissenschaft und zugehörige Schriften – Briefe* [Hobbes's Political Science and Related Writings – Letters.]. Stuttgart/Weimar: Metzler Verlag, 2001, 837 pp., including an Introduction.

Second, revised printing 2003.

Second, revised edition 2008. 840 pp., including an Introduction to the second edition.

ESSAYS

"Leo Strauss," in: *Metzler Philosophen Lexikon*. Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 1988. 2d ed. 1995. 3rd ed. 1999.

"Carl Schmitt und die sogenannte 'Konservative Revolution,'" in: Helmut Quaritsch, ed. *Complexio Oppositorum. Über Carl Schmitt*. Berlin: Duncker + Humblot, 1988.

"Die Herausforderung der Evolutionsbiologie" [The Challenge of Evolutionary Biology], in: Heinrich Meier, ed. *Die Herausforderung der Evolutionsbiologie*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1988.

Co-editor of: "Correspondence – Karl Löwith and Leo Strauss," in: *Independent Journal of Philosophy* 5–6 (Paris 1988).

"The Discourse on the Origin and the Foundations of Inequality Among Men: On the Intention of Rousseau's Most Philosophical Work," trans. J. Harvey Lomax, in: *Interpretation. A Journal of Political Philosophy* 16, no. 2, pp. 211–227 (New York 1989).

"Die Moderne begreifen - die Moderne vollenden?" in: Heinrich Meier, ed. *Zur Diagnose der Moderne*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 1990.

Introduction to: Christopher Bruell, *Xenophons Politische Philosophie*. Munich 1990; 2d ed. 1994, (also editor and co-translator).

"Freund Jünger als Feind" [Friend Jünger as Enemy], in: *Der Spiegel* 31 (Hamburg, July 29, 1991).

“Was ist Politische Theologie? Einführende Bemerkungen zu einem umstrittenen Begriff” [What is Political Philosophy? Introductory Remarks to a Controversial Concept], in : Jan Assmann, *Politische Theologie zwischen Ägypten und Israel*. Munich 1992.

“Che cos’è la teologia politica? Note introduttive su un concetto controverso” in: Riccardo Panattoni (Ed.): *La Comunità. La sua legge, la sua giustizia*. Padua 2000.

“What Is Political Theology?” in: *Interpretation. A Journal of Political Philosophy*. New York, Vol. 30, Issue 1, 2002.

“Czym jest teologia polityczna? Wstępne uwagi na temat kontrowersyjnego pojęcia” in: *Teologia Polityczna I/2003–2004*.

„Qu’est-ce que la théologie politique?” in: *Commentaire*, Paris, Printemps 2008.

“The Philosopher as Enemy: On Carl Schmitt’s *Glossarium*,” trans. Marcus Brainard, in: *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 17, no. 1–2 (New York 1994).

Introduction (English/German) to: Seth Benardete, *On Plato’s Symposium*. Munich 1994. Second, revised edition 1999. (Also editor and co-translator.)

“The Challenge of Evolutionary Biology”, in: *Social Science Information* 38, no. 3 (Paris-London 1999).

“Philosophie als Lebensweise. Vor 100 Jahren wurde Leo Strauss geboren” [“Philosophy as a Way of Life: Leo Strauss’s Centenary”], in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (September 18/19, 1999).

6 Articles on Jean-Jacques Rousseau, “Discours sur l’inégalité” and on Leo Strauss, “The City and Man”, “Natural Right and History”, “On Tyranny”, “Persecution and the Art of Writing”, “Thoughts on Machiavelli”, in: Franco Volpi, ed.: *Großes Werklexikon der Philosophie*. Stuttgart 1999.

“Epilog: Über Liebe und Glück” [Epilogue: On Love and Happiness], in: Heinrich Meier, Gerhard Neumann, eds.: *Über die Liebe. Ein Symposium*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 2000.

Introduction to: John M. Coetzee, *The Humanities in Africa/Die Geisteswissenschaften in Afrika*. Munich 2001. (Also editor and co-translator.)

Introduction to: Seth Benardete: *Socrates and Plato. The Dialectics of Eros/Sokrates und Platon. Die Dialektik des Eros*. Munich 2002. (Also editor.)

“Der Philosoph der Stunde” [“Philosopher of the Hour”] in: *Focus* no. 27 (June 30, 2003).

“Epilog: Über Leben und Tod” [Epilogue: On Life and Death], in: Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, Heinrich Meier, eds.: *Der Tod im Leben. Ein Symposium*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 2004.

“Perché Strauss?” in: *Il Foglio*, Milano, 24. Mai 2005.

“Rückhaltloses Fragen als Lebensform. Über die ursprüngliche Einsicht des Philosophen Leo Strauss” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2./3. Juli 2005.

“Pourquoi Leo Strauss? Quatre réponses et une considération sur l’utilité et les inconvénients de l’école pour la vie philosophique” in: *Commentaire*, Paris, Été 2006.

“How Strauss Became Strauss” in: Svetozar Minkov, ed.: *Enlightening Revolutions. Essays in Honor of Ralph Lerner*. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2006, pp. 363–382.

“Prolog: Über das Glück” [Prologue: On Happiness], in: Heinrich Meier, ed.: *Über das Glück. Ein Symposium*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 2008.

“Epilog: Über Glück und Unglück”, in: Heinrich Meier, ed.: *Über das Glück. Ein Symposium*. Munich: Piper Verlag, 2008.

Lectures and Courses

- April 30, 1987 Lecture at the Department of Government at Harvard University within the "Distinguished Lecturer Series in Philosophy and Free Institutions."
- March 30, 1989 Lecture at the University of Toronto.
- March 31, 1989 Seminar at the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto: "Carl Schmitt's Dialogue with Leo Strauss on the *Concept of the Political*."
- April 7, 1989 Lecture at Boston College.
- October 16, 1991 Lecture in the "Martinsrieder Forum" sponsored by Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry, Martinsried.
- March 31, 1993 Seminar at the Department of Political Science, Boston College: "What Is Political Theology?"
- April 7, 1993 Lecture at the Pre-Law Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, The Society for Politics and International Relations, Memphis State University.
- November 16, 1994 Concluding lecture in the lecture-series "The Legacy of Leo Strauss," which the University of Chicago sponsored on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Strauss's death.
- November 18, 1994 Lecture on the invitation of the Department of English, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- January 24, 1995 Lecture at the Department of Political Science, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- January 26, 1995 Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Universität Osnabrück.
- February 9, 1995 Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Universität Heidelberg.
- March 1, 1995 Lecture at the Akademie für Politische Bildung [Academy for Political Education], Tutzing as part of the scholarly colloquium "Politische Philosophie heute" [Political Philosophy Today].
- September 23, 1995 Discussion with Boris Groys, Heiner Müller, and Rüdiger Safranski under the title "Nation – Kunststück oder Glaubensfrage. Ein Gespräch über die metaphysischen Fundamente einer Debatte" [Nation: Clever Invention or a Question of Faith. A Conversation on the Metaphysical Foundations of a Debate], in the Staatstheater, Stuttgart.
- April 4, 1996 Lecture at the Department of Government, Harvard University.
- April 9, 1996 15th Annual Arthur M. Wilson Memorial Lecture at Dartmouth College.
- April 10, 1996 Seminar at the Department of Government, Dartmouth College.
- April 13, 1999 Lecture at the Franz Rosenzweig Center, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- February 16, 2000 Inaugural Lecture at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich.
- April 14, 2000 Lecture at the Departments of Theology and Political Science at Boston College.
- May 4, 2000 Georges Lurcy Lecture, University of Chicago.

May 29, 2000	Lecture at the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.
November 6, 2000	Lecture at the Max-Planck-Institut für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte, Frankfurt a. M.
November 8, 2000	Lecture at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
November 10, 2000	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Technische Universität Braunschweig.
April 17, 2001	Lecture at the Department of Comparative Literature, Stanford University.
June 19, 2002	Lecture at the international conference „Living Issues in the Thought of Leo Strauss“, Munich.
September 24, 2002	Lecture at the Department of Political Science, Beijing University.
September 27, 2002	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Fudan University Shanghai.
November 13, 2002	Lecture at the University of Halle.
November 14, 2002	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Universität Heidelberg.
December 7, 2002	Lecture at the Department of Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo.
December 9, 2002	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Kyoto University.
September 25, 2003	Lecture at the Department of Government at Harvard University.
October 3, 2003	Lecture at the Departments of Theology and Political Science at Boston College.
May 13, 2004	Lecture at the Frankreich-Zentrum, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg i. Br.
March 18, 2005	Lecture at the University of Catania.
May 24, 2005	Inaugural Lecture at the international conference „Leo Strauss: The Man, His Thoughts and Contemporary Global Politics“ at the American Studies Center, Rome.
April 24, 2006	Lecture at the European College of Liberal Arts, Berlin.
January 22, 2007	Lecture at Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt.
March 28, 2007	Lecture at Waseda University, Tokyo.
March 29, 2007	Lecture at Keio University Tokyo.
March 31, 2007	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Kyoto University.
April 5, 2007	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Peking University.
April 6, 2007	Lecture at the Department of Philosophy, Peking University.
April 24, 2008	Lecture at Rockefeller University, Chicago.
October 3, 2008	Lecture at Goethe Institut, Buenos Aires.

January 21, 2009 Lecture at Queen Mary University, London.
June 4, 2009 Lecture at the University of Krakow.
June 17, 2009 Lecture at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.