

## Curriculum vitae

### Professional career

- 1967 Born in Mutlangen on 25 April 1967
- 1986 Obtained Abitur (school-leaving certificate giving right of entry to university) from grammar school in Schwäbisch Gmünd specializing in economics and management studies
- 1986 – 1988 Undertook military service and trained as reserve officer; current rank: captain in the reserve
- 1988 – 1992 Studied business economics with a technical orientation at the University of Stuttgart; held scholarship from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation during studies
- 1992 – 1997 Employed by the electricity supply company Energie-Versorgung Schwaben AG (EVS); gained particular experience while working in cost control and investments in corporate acquisitions and public private partnership projects in the area of water supply and sewage disposal
- 1997 Obtained doctorate as Dr. rer. pol.
- 1997 – 2002 Head of economic and employment promotion activities for Stuttgart, provincial capital of Baden-Württemberg
- since 2003 Freelance consultant
- since 2006 Lecturer on energy policy at the Institute of Energy Economics and the Rational Use of Energy of the University of Stuttgart

### Political career

- 1990-1994 Chair of the Young Christian Democrats for the county of Rems-Murr
- 1992-1999 Member of the town council of Urbach
- since 1994 Member of the regional assembly in the Stuttgart Region Association
- since 1996 Chair of the CDU parliamentary group in the Stuttgart Region Association
- since 2000 Chair of the CDU for the county of Rems-Murr
- since 2002 Member of the German Bundestag directly elected for the constituency of Waiblingen
- since 2006 Vice Chairman of the Working Group Economy and Technology and Coordinator in Energy Issues of the parliamentary group of the CDU/CSU in the German Bundestag
- since 2009 Economic Policy Spokesman for the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group