

Biodata of Prof. Dr. Werner J. Stueber

Werner Jakob STUEBER, born in Germany in 1952; Associate Professor in Social Sciences, Ph.D. Studied Political Science/Sociology, Education, English Language/Literature at the University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany, and at Trenton State University, New Jersey, USA.

From 1981 until 1982 he taught at the University of Hannover, Germany; from 1982 until 1985 at the State University of Indonesia, Jakarta; from 1985 until 1990 at Birzeit University near Jerusalem, West Bank/Palestine, where he also became Coordinator for German-Palestinian Higher Education Relations, commissioned by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Embassy in Amman, Jordan. From 1990 until 1991, awarded a research grant by DAAD, he worked as Senior Research Fellow at the Oriental Seminar, University of Bonn, Germany, conducting research on higher education in the Near East.

From 1991 until 1996 he served as Program Director, Section: Africa and Arab Countries at the German National Research Foundation (DFG) in Bonn, where in 1995 he became a member of DFG's fact-finding mission sent to South Africa to explore the state of higher education, science and research policy in the wake of the decline of the Apartheid regime. He was DFG's representative at General Assemblies of the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) in Trieste, Italy, and Kuwait.

In 1996 he was appointed Director of International Relations at the University of Duesseldorf, Germany, a position he held until 2008. Major achievements of his were the establishment of the University of Duesseldorf's Language Centre. He was co-founder and coordinator of the Confucius Institute for Chinese Language and Culture, a joint endeavour of the University of Duesseldorf, the Lord Mayor of the City of Duesseldorf, the Chinese Embassy in Berlin, and the Chinese Ministry of Education in Beijing.

In 2009 he was appointed Founder Dean of the School of Humanities & Natural Sciences, Adama University, Ethiopia, via DAAD within a co-operation scheme agreed upon by the Federal Government of Germany and the Federal Government of Ethiopia, designed to restructure and enhance tertiary education in Ethiopia.

Prof. Stueber has been working as an external assessor and a member of consultative committees of the European Commission in Brussels for higher education programmes such as the ERASMUS Mundus-Programme, which provides for co-operation schemes with developing countries. From 1991 until 2002 he worked as Near East consultant at the German Federal Foundation for International Development (DSE) and at the German Federal Center for Political Education (BpB), designing and directing lectures and workshops on the history, politics, economy, and culture of the Near East for German experts designated for technical aid missions in Arab developing countries. He became a

regular interview partner of the State Radio Broadcasting of the federal state of Hesse, Germany, on politics in the Near East.

His major research interest focuses on the Sociology and Educational Sociology of developing countries, cross-cultural studies, Near East Politics and Political Islam, and non-linguistic modes of communication. He worked as a literary and Art critic, interpreted Modern Arab poetry in the German language and published poetry.
