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Curriculum vitae

BA (Hons.) Modern Languages (1979). Interpreter (1979-1980). Administrator, Paisley College (1980-1983). Head of the private office of the Rt Hon. David Steel MP, Leader of the Liberal Party (1983-1987). Banker, HSBC Holdings PLC (1988-1994).

Vice-President (1977-1979) and General Secretary (1979-1981), International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth. Council member, Party of European Liberals and Democrats (1983-1993).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1994). Whip, ELDR Group (1994-1996). Leader, UK Liberal Democrats (1999-2002). Chairman, Committee on Justice and Home Affairs (1999-2002). Leader, ELDR Group (2002-2004).
Editor, 'The Parliament Magazine (since 1999



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Delegation for relations with Iran

Curriculum vitae

Master's in sociology, University of Warsaw (1970). Doctorate, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) (1974). Postdoctoral qualification (dr. hab.), Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAN (1983). Associate professor (1993).

Assistant in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAN (1970-1974). Ford Scholarship student at Stanford University and the Carnegie-Mellon University Business School, United States (1974-1976). Assistant professor, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAN (1976-1983). Associate professor, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAN (1983-1991). Head of the Economics and Politics Unit, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAN (1990-1991). Director of the Public Opinion Research Centre (1991-1997). Director of the Institute of Public Affairs (1997-2009).

Member of a team of sociologists providing advice to the Citizens' Parliamentary Group (OKP). Author/co-author of a number of expert opinions (1989-1990).

Director of the Public Opinion Research Centre - an institution that came under the government until 1997 (1991-1997).

Member of the European Commission's Advisory Group on Social Sciences and Humanities in the European Research Area (2003-2006). Member of the Social Cohesion, Research and Development Department Advisory Group, Council of Europe and European Commission (2009).

Member of the European Group of Organisational Sociology (EGOS) (1976-1979).

Member of the Supervisory Board of the Central European University Foundation (1998-2008). Member of the Steering Committee, Centre for East European

Language Based Area Studies, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (2007). Member of the Academic Council of the European University Institute in Florence (since 2009).

More than 300 publications (books, papers and studies, articles in Polish and foreign press).

Member of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (1990-1991). Member of the Academic Council, Institute of Political Studies, PAN (1991-1999). Member of the Polish President's Committee on Economic Affairs (1992-1995). Nowa Europa newspaper policy committee (1995-1996). Member of the 'Poland in the 21st Century' Forecasting Committee (1996-1998). Member of the Prime Minister's Committee for European Integration (1997-1998). Member of the National Chief of Police's Advisory Committee (1997-1999). Member of the Board of the Public Opinion Research Centre (1998-1999). Plenipotentiary adviser to the government on the negotiations on Polish accession to the European Union (1998-2001). Member of the Supervisory Board of PTE Bankowy S.A. (1998-2007). Member of the Academic Council of the Institute of Sociology (1999). Member of the High-Level Advisory Group on Corruption, World Bank (2000-2002). Member of the Advisory Committee of the World Bank Vice-President for governance and anti-corruption in Europe and central Asia (2000-2002). Member of the Policy Board of the magazine Służba Cywilna (2001). Member of the National Chief of Police's Advisory Committee (2001-2003). Member of the Prime Minister's National Council on European Integration (2001-2004). Member of the Polish President's Reflection Group (2001-2005). Member of the Polish President's Reflection Group (2002-2004). Member of the Cabinet Committee on Social and Economic Strategy (2002-2005). Member of the PAN Sociology Committee (2003-2009). Member of the Advisory Board of the Confederation of Polish Private Employers (2004). Member of the Steering Committee of the 'New Governance Methods' project under the European Union's 6th Framework Programme (2004-2008). Member of the Board of the Polish Ombudsman's Office (2006). Member of the PAN Ethics Committee (2007). Member of the Collegium Civitas University Senate (2007). Member of the National Chief of Police's Advisory Committee (2008). Member of the Supervisory Board of the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency (2008-2009). Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Social Security Department (2008-2009). Member of the Board of Patrons of the Tischner European University, Kraków (2008-2009).

Knight's Cross of the Order of Poland Reborn awarded by the Polish President (1997). Nominated for the Andrzej Bączkowski Award (1999). 'Institution of the Year 2001' - title awarded to the Institute of Public Affairs by the Pro Publico Bono Awards Committee (2001). Officer's Cross of the Order of Poland Reborn awarded by the Polish President (2004). European Medal awarded by the European Integration Committee and the Business Centre Club (2004). 'Ordre National du Mérite' awarded by the President of the French Republic (2005).



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Curriculum vitae

Engineering degree (electronics and telecommunications), 'Traian Vuia' Polytechnic Institute, Timișoara, Faculty of Electronics and Telecommunications (1983-1988); International Republican Institute (USA), Civic and Political Action Programme (Timișoara) (1995); Entrepreneurship development programme, Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers, Belfort, France (1997); Postgraduate course in management and marketing (international economic affairs), Deva Environmental University (1997); Summer School, Assembly of European Regions, Erfurt (Germany) 1998); Postgraduate course in regional marketing, Business Centre, Szombathely (Hungary) (1998); Degree in finance and insurance, Faculty of Sciences, University of Petroșani (1998-2001); Diploma, Series XII, National Defence College, Romanian Ministry of Defence (2003).

IAMSAT Bucharest, Hunedoara branch - branch coordinator (1988-1992); Banat-Crișana Private Property Fund I (1993-1998) - representative on management and administrative organs of private companies in Hunedoara county (1993-1998); Director of development, S.C. Remontin Construcții-Montaj S.R.L., Hunedoara (1996-1999); Eximbank Romania, Interministerial Committee on Finance, Guarantees and Insurance - Vice-President.

Member, Union Representatives' Council, UDMR (Democratic Union of Magyars of Romania) (2000-present); Chair, UDMR Hunedoara county branch (2001-present, re-elected in 2003, 2005 and 2007). Councillor elected on UDMR list, Hunedoara County Council (1996-1999).

Member of the Romanian Parliament (member, Committee on the Budget, Finance and Banking; member, Committee on European Integration (2003-2004); secretary, Committee on the Budget, Finance and Banking (May-December 2004)).

Sub-prefect of Hunedoara county (1999-2000); member of the Romanian government: Minister-Delegate for Trade, Ministry for the Economy and Trade (December 2004-April 2007); State Secretary, Ministry for SMEs, Trade, Tourism and the Liberal Professions (April-July 2007); Minister of Communications and Information Technology (Aug.-Dec. 2007).

Member of the European Parliament (2007-present). Awarded the 'Magyar Köztársasági Érdemrend Középkeresztje' (Cross of the Republic of Hungary) (2008).

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Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

Curriculum vitae

Diploma in International and Comparative Human Rights (IIHR, Strasbourg); jurist (ELTE (Eötvös Loránd University), Budapest, 1995).

Vice-Chair of the Government Office for Hungarian Minorities Abroad (2001-2002).

Chief adviser to the President, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2003-2004).

Member of the European Parliament (since 2004). Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (2006-2009).

Jurist, European Centre for Minority Issues (1997-2001).



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Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly

Substitute

Committee on Culture and Education [See]

Delegation for relations with India [See]

Curriculum vitae

Master's in management, University of Łódź, Management Department, specialising in marketing and management (2001).

Deputy director of the Office for Promotion, Enterprise Development and Employment of the City of Łódź (February-July 2003). Deputy director of the Office for Promotion, Tourism and International Cooperation (August 2003-February 2004). Coordinator in the Office of the Mayor of Łódź (February-July 2004). Representative in the Łódź Regional Office in Brussels (August 2004). Deputy director of the Office for Development, Enterprise and Employment of the City of Łódź (since August 2004, currently on unpaid leave).

Member of the Civic Platform (PO) party (since 2001). Member of the Sejm in the 5th parliamentary term (September 2005-November 2007). Member of Sejm in the 6th parliamentary term (November 2007-June 2009). PO Secretary for the Łódź region (since March 2009).

Member of the Committee on EU Affairs (November 2005). Member of the Committee on Physical Education and Sport (November 2005-November 2007). Chairwoman of the special subcommittee investigating the draft law amending the law on safety at major events (July 2006-March 2007). Committee on Families and Women's Rights (November 2005-December 2006). Member of the special subcommittee investigating the draft law on financial support to help families buy their own homes (April-June 2006). Committee on Public Finances (Dec.06-Nov.07). Member of the special subcommittee investigating the draft law amending the law on family benefits and the law on farm taxes (March-April 2007). Member of the Committee on Physical Education, Sport and Tourism (November 2007-June 2009). Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (November 2007-June 2009). Member of the Bureau of the Polish Group in the Interparliamentary Union (December 2007-June 2009). Honorary president of the 'Eagle' speedway club in Łódź (since 2005).



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Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

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Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly

Curriculum vitae

Graduate in economics (University of Oporto, 1977); M.A. and Ph.D. (University of Reading, UK, 1981 and 1985 respectively).

Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Oporto (since 1977). Non-permanent member of the Catholic University (since 1986).

Assistant director, Northern Region Water Resources Management Project (1986-1987). Coordinator, Preparatory Studies for the Integrated Development Operation for the Vale do Ave (1989). Chairman, Executive Committee of the Integrated Development Operation, Vale do Ave (1990-1992). Vice-Chairman, Northern Region Coordination Commission (1989-1992). Executive Vice-President, Portuguese Enterprise Association (1992-1994).

Minister for the Environment (1995-1999); Minister for Planning (1999-2002).

Member of the Assembly of the Republic (2002-2004); Vice-Chair of the parliamentary party of the PS (2002-2003).

Member of the Administrative Board, National Statistical Institute (1989-1992). Author of various articles and essays published in Portugal and abroad.



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Delegation for relations with Iran

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Delegation for relations with Canada

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Curriculum vitae

Studied jurisprudence (graduated 1994). Legal officer, Styria Chamber of Labour (1995-1999). Departmental head, citizens' advice service, Bruck/Mur town council (1998-2004).

Regional Vice-Chairman, Styria Young Socialists (1994-2000). Austrian Parliament candidate, Styria Young Socialists (1999). Federal Chairman, Austrian Young Socialists (2000-2002). Regional Party Vice-Chairman, Styria SPÖ (since 2000).



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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
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Curriculum vitae

Education : MA (physics and chemistry), Caius College, Cambridge. And MBA, INSEAD business school, Fontainebleau.
Worked in industry (1963-1979).
Member of the European Parliament (1979-1994 and from 1999-) Joint Leader of the British Conservative delegation (1993-1994); now Whip of UK's Liberal Democrat MEPs (2004-).
Author of two biographies, other books, and several political pamphlets, including most recently 'Europe Needs an FBI' (2004)



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Curriculum vitae

Graduate diploma (DEA) in political science (2004). Studying for a doctorate in political science.

Parliamentary attaché in the Senate.

Former secretary of the Jeunes Verts (Young Greens).

Member of the Jeudi noir (Black Thursday) collective. One of the founders of the Sauvons les riches (Let's save the rich) collective.



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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula

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Committee on International Trade

Delegation for relations with South Africa

Curriculum vitae

Secondary school-leaving certificate in classical subjects (1992). Journalist (since 1997).

Secretary of Lega Nord, Milan (1998); Vice-Secretary of the Lega Lombarda (2007).

Municipal councillor (since 1993). Member of Parliament (2008).

Member of the European Parliament (2004-2006).