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SHORT CV

Education

- 1979-1986 Master Studies in Sociology, Social & Economic History and Media Sciences, University of Zurich/Switzerland
- 1986 Master Thesis in Sociology/Media Sciences, University of Zurich
- 2018 Doctoral thesis " Wie das Schweizer Bildungssystem Bildungs- und Lebenschancen strukturiert. Empirische Befunde aus der Längsschnittstudie TREE." Submitted to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Basel University.

Professional Experience

- 1986-1988 Co-head of news desk, reporter and editor at "Radio Förderband", a Bern-based private radio station
- 1989-1993 Head of Higher Education Statistics & Research, Swiss Federal Office of Statistics
- 1993-1999 Research, evaluation and consultancy projects on a free lance basis (see project list below)
- 2000- Initiator, (co-)head & senior researcher of the Swiss panel survey TREE (Transitions from Education to Employment), University of Bern

Projects

- 1993/1997 Projections of (university) students enrolment; mandated by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office
- 1993-1999 Consultancy for the implementation of a national education information system in the People's Democratic Republic of Laos; mandated by the Lao Ministry of Education
- 1993-1995 Consultancy for a scientific publication project on adult/further education; mandated by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office
- 1994-1999 Deputy head of the research project „Students' dropout at Swiss universities", funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (headed by prof. R. Droz, Lausanne University; National Research Programme 33: "Efficiency of systems of education")
- 1996-1997 Methodological evaluation of the use of Swiss labour market survey data for analysing youth transition from initial education to employment; mandated by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office
- 1997-1998 National review for Switzerland in OECD's thematic review on the transition from initial education to work (TIEW); co-mandated by The Swiss Conference of Canton-

al Ministers of Education (EDK), the State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER) and the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET)

- 1998-1999 Scientific Evaluation of the researchers having participated in the National Research Programme no. 33 „Efficiency of systems of education“; mandated by the head of programme
- 1997-2000 Scientific evaluation of a special federal programme for the promotion of junior researchers at Swiss universities; mandated by State Secretariat for Education and Research (SER)
- 2000- Swiss panel survey TREE (Transitions from Education to Employment)

Awards

- 2017 Fritz Thyssen Foundation Award 2016 for the contribution «VET Entry in Switzerland via "Bridging Solutions": Stepping Stone or Dead End?»¹, published in the Swiss Journal of Sociology.

Review activities

- Social Inclusion
- Swiss Journal of Sociology
- Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Bildungswissenschaften/Revue Suisse des Sciences de l'Education
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Research Division I

¹ Original title in German: «Übergangslösungen beim Eintritt in die Schweizer Berufsbildung: Brückenschlag oder Sackgasse?»