

Biography

Born 26 August 1947, Klagenfurt, Austria
Married to Nora, one son, Nikola, born 1999

Since June 2002	Head of Mission, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the Specialized UN Agencies in Geneva, WTO and the Conference on Disarmament.
2002	Elected to the Austrian Parliament — continuing responsibilities in diplomatic service prevented acceptance of this function
1999-2002	High Representative of the International Community for Bosnia and Herzegovina
1999-2001	Chair of the “Succession Commission for the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY)” responsible for the distribution of public assets and liabilities among the successor states (“Vienna Agreement” of June 2001)
1999	EU Chief Negotiator at the Kosovo Peace Talks in Rambouillet and Paris
1998-1999	Special Envoy of the European Union for Kosovo
1997-1999	Ambassador of Austria to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
1995-1997	Head of Department for International Relations of the City of Vienna
1994-1995	Head of Department for Information on European Affairs in the Federal Chancellery (Prime Minister’s Office); member of the EU-accession task force
1992-1994	Head of the Department for Multilateral Economic Co-operation in the Austrian Foreign Ministry
1984-1992	Director of the Austrian Press and Information Service in the United States; Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York
1983-1984	Minister Counsellor at the Austrian Mission to the OECD, Paris

1977-1983	Press Secretary, subsequently Dep. Chief of Cabinet of Federal Chancellor Bruno Kreisky
1966	Elementary school teacher in Untermittendorf, Austria

Other Selected Assignments

Since 2003	Chair of the Working Party on Bhutan's accession to the WTO
April 2007	Co-Chair of the Conference "Ready to Govern: Developing a Strategy for Kosovo's First 120 Days", Pocantico Conference Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Tarrytown, NY
October 2005	President of the International Conference "Ten Years of Dayton and Beyond", Geneva
2004-2005	Chair of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); charged with the reform of this regional UN body
Nov-Dec 2004	President of the "Nairobi Summit on a Mine Free World"
2003-2005	Chair of the "Ottawa Convention" Mine-Ban Treaty
2001-2002	Charged with the reorganisation and streamlining of the international presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Foundation Membership

Since 2007	Esterházy Foundation, Eisenstadt — Member of the International Board of Trustees
Since 2005	European Cultural Foundation (ECF), Amsterdam — Member of the Advisory Board
Since 2004	Chair, Paul Lazarsfeld Society for Social Research, Vienna
Since 2003	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) — Member of the Advisory Council
Since 2003	Chair, Centre for European Integration Studies (CEIS), Geneva-Sarajevo-Vienna
Since 1993	Sigmund Freud Society, Vienna — Member of the Board
Since 1992	Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna — Member of the Board

Awards

2007 European Human Rights Award 2006, Strasbourg
2004 Bruno Kreisky Award for the Political Book, Vienna
2002 Honorary Citizen of his hometown Ferlach, Austria
2002 Friedrich Torberg Award for Human Rights, Vienna
2000 Voted 'Person of the Year', Bosnia and Herzegovina
1987, 1990, 1991 Golden Cine Award, Washington D.C.
1987-1992 Over 30 international Film and Broadcast Awards —
numerous festival invitations

Education

1972 – 1973 Fulbright Scholarship — University of Southern
California (USC), Los Angeles — Political Science /
International Relations
1972 Ph.D. in South-Eastern European History and
Politics, University of Vienna
1967-1972 University of Vienna, History, Political Science,
International Relations, Law and Economics.
1967 Obligatory Military Service
1961-1966 Teacher Training College, Klagenfurt
1957-1961 Secondary School, Ferlach
1953-1957 Elementary School, Glainach