

Prof. Dr. Michael Baumann
Curriculum Vitae

Present Position

Professor of Sociology
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Research Specialisation

General Theory of Sociology.
Rational Choice Theory.
Social Epistemology.
Online-Participation.

Academic Degrees

- 1970-76 Study of Sociology, Philosophy and Law, University of Frankfurt.
- 1976 Diploma in Sociology (with distinction). Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Frankfurt. Diploma thesis: Soziologie der wissenschaftlichen Rationalität.
- 1983 PhD in Sociology (summa cum laude). Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Frankfurt. Dissertation: Zweckrationalität und Strafrecht: Argumente für ein tatbezogenes Maßnahmerecht.
- 1993 Habilitation in Sociology. Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Frankfurt: Der Markt der Tugend. Recht und Moral in der liberalen Gesellschaft (published in German, English, Spanish and Chinese).

Grants

- 1973-76 Undergraduate scholarship from Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes.
- 1976-78 Phd scholarship from Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes.

Employment History

- 1971-73 Teacher in Adult Education, City of Frankfurt.
- 1976-78 Graduate Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt.
- 1978-83 Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt.
- 1983-84 Research Assistant in a project dealing with artificial intelligence: Interaktive Datenerhebung in der empirischen Sozialforschung, University of Frankfurt.
- 1984-97 Senior Lecturer for Sociology and Philosophy of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Mainz.
- 1984-97 Instructor for Ethics at the Centre for Teacher Education, State of Hessen.
- 1989 Guest Lecturer for Sociology of Law, University of Würzburg.
- 1993 Guest Professor for Theory and Sociology of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Frankfurt.
- Since 1997 Full Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Düsseldorf.
- 1999 Guest professor, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City.
- 2002-15 Member of the Tampere Club, Finland.

- 2001-09 Visiting Research Fellow at the Research School of Social Sciences (RSSH), Australian National University, Canberra.
- 2006/07 Visiting Professor at the Dept. of Politics, New York University.
- 2009/10
2012/13 Senior Research Fellow at the Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald.
- 2016 Research Visit at the Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm.

University Administration

- 1999-2016 Chairman, Program of Study.
- 2002-06 Member, Board of the Faculty.
- 2003-15 Member, University Senate.
- 2010-15 Chairman, University Senate.

Professional Offices

- 2000-15 Referee, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes.
- 2002-10 Member, Advisory Board, Center for Higher Education Development.
- 2002-15 Member, Advisory Board, Tampere Club, Finland.
- Since 2014 Deputy Speaker NRW Fortschrittsskolleg Online-Partizipation.
- Since 2016 Managing Director Düsseldorf Institute for Internet and Democracy (DIID).
- Since 2017 Scientific Director Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS).

Journal Responsibilities

- Since 1979 Founder and Joint Editor, Analyse & Kritik. Journal for Social Theory.
- 2000-04 Associate Editor, Associations. Journal for Legal and Social Theory.
- 2002-14 Editorial Board, Erwägen, Wissen, Ethik.

Prizes

- 2003 Award for one of the four best new study programs in Germany from the Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft (Donor's Association for the Promotion of Sciences and Humanities in Germany).