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## Academic CV

### Profile:

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### Education:

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14. 03. 1995	1st Theol. Exam, Thesis in Systematic Theology: <i>Günter Dux und die Tradition der Religionskritik</i> (Prof. Dr. Falk Wagner)
1989 – 1995	Protestant Theology in Vienna and Munich

### Research Positions:

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2024 – 2027	<i>Joint Research Professor (W3, 20%)</i> , School of Divinity, University of St. Andrews
Since 2020	<i>Professor (W3)</i> for Systematic Theology/Dogmatic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Co-Director of the Bonn Institute for Hermeneutics
2012	<i>Professor (W3)</i> for Systematic Theology, Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Bonn, Director of Institute for Protestant Theology, University of Cologne, Co-Director of the Bonn Institute for Hermeneutics <i>Professor (W3)</i> for Systematic Theology/Ethics, Faculty of Protestant Theology, CAU Kiel
2010 – 2012	Interim professorship: Systematic Theology/Ethics, JLU Gießen (Prof. Dr. E. Gräb-Schmidt) Interim professorship: Systematic Theology, Theological Seminar, University of Zurich (Prof. Dr. Ingolf U. Dalferth) <i>Professor (W2)</i> for Systematic Theology/Ethics, Institute of Protestant Theology, JLU Gießen
2010 – 2011	Teaching Fellow for Systematic Theology, Mission Seminary Hermannsburg (MA)
07.07.2010	Award of the title "Privatdozentin"
2005 – 2010	Research Fellow (100%), Dept. for Systematic Theology, Philipps-University Marburg; Habilitation: <i>Bodenloses Vertrauen. Humanwissenschaftliche und theologische Erkundungen</i>
2003 – 2005	Assistant Research Professor, Center for Subjectivity Research (CFS) of the Danish National Research Foundation in Copenhagen
1998 – 2003	Research Fellow (100%), Dept. for Systematic Theology (Prof. Dr. Dietrich Korsch), Philipps-University Marburg; Dissertation: <i>Die Religion in der Sprache der Kultur. Schleiermacher und Cassirer – Kulturphilosophische Symmetrien und Divergenzen</i> (summa cum laude)
1996 – 1997	Research Fellow (100%), Project: <i>Religion der Moderne in soziologischer und theologischer Sicht</i> , Prof. Dr. Falk Wagner, funded by FWF Vienna

### Additional Education:

1997 – 2005 M.A. Sprecherziehung/Rhetoric Communication, University Koblenz-Landau

### Leadership in Academic Committees and Evaluation Processes:

Leadership positions	2013-2020 Director of the Institute of Protestant Theology (Programs in Religious Education) of the University of Cologne, since 2012 Co-Director of the Bonn Institute of Hermeneutics  Since 2024 chairperson of the senate of the Univ. of Bonn, 2020-2024 dean of the Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Bonn, 2018-2020 deputy chairman of the senate, 2016-2018 senator of the University of Bonn
(Inter-) National Evaluations	Member of the Review Board for Protestant Theology of the German Research Foundation (DFG, since 2024), Research evaluation of the Faculty of Theology, Univ. of Copenhagen (2023), Scientific Advisory Board of the Research Center <i>Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society</i> , Univ. of Vienna (since 2017), DFG (since 2016), Research Council Norway (since 2016), Expert Evaluator in the Marie-Sklodowska-Curie-Fundings in Horizon 2020 (since 2014), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, since 2013), Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (since 2013), Danish National Research Foundation/Danish Council for Independent Research/Humanities (since 2012), Scientific Advisory Board of the cooperation project <i>Entwicklung und Management von Forschungsprojekten</i> (2010-12, Univ. Kassel and Marburg), Expert Evaluator in the 6. and 7. EU Research Programme (since 2005), Self-/Evaluation of the <i>Center for Subjectivity Research</i> by the Danish National Research Foundation (2 <sup>nd</sup> funding period 2004-05)

### Special Responsibilities:

Since 2024 Liaison lecturer in cases of antisemitism at the University of Bonn (together with Prof. Dr. Hermut Löhr), contact person for the Jewish Students Association and Jewish guest lecturers

### International and Interdisciplinary Experience in Cooperative Research:

Since 2022	Building on the results of the research group <i>Resilience and Humanities</i> the program of <b>Interdisciplinary Hermeneutics</b> will be enhanced in cooperation with philosophy, comparative literature, history, law studies/jurisprudence and political theory  (1) SFB/CRC <i>Reality/Fiction – Shifting Dynamics of a Fundamental Relationship</i> , spokesperson Markus Gabriel, PI Richter in cooperation with PI Wittekind in research area D: <i>From the Notion of God to its Performative Power. Reality and Fiction in Religious Communication and Presentation of Future Expectations</i> , processed to the DFG senate on 21/22.11.2024  (2) TRA 4: Director of the interdisciplinary research group <i>Semantizing Processes of the Future. The Role of Integrity and Agency</i> , 2022-2023 consolidating the research group with the objective of cross-theological cooperative research (Faculties of Protestant and Catholic Theology, Seminar of Old-Catholic Theology, Religious Studies) with special focus on early career researchers, encouraging and mentoring applications for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party funding (s. pt. 3)  (3) Within <i>Semantizing Processes of the Future</i> : DFG research grant <i>Radicalized Pluralism. Building-blocks of a Hermeneutics of Society in Post-/Modern Times</i> , in cooperation with Jun.Prof. Dr. Stefan Walser (Catholic Theology/Bonn), required funding € 338.260; PI Richter: € 164.120, handed in on 18.11.2024
Since 2014	Initiator and director of the interdisciplinary research group <b>Resilience and Humanities</b> ; objectives are (a) enhancing resilience research, (b) fostering interdisciplinary hermeneutics  (1) Spokesperson of the DFG Research Group <i>Resilience in Religion and Spirituality</i> , University of Bonn: Interdisciplinary cooperation of theology, philosophy, psychosomatic medicine and psychotherapy, palliative medicine and spiritual care: DFG-FOR 2686, funding period 2019-2023, total funding: € 2.799.248, PI Richter: TP Z € 361.264; TP 0 € 250.682, TP 2 € 302.200, spokesperson's budget € 83.650, total PI Richter: € 997.796

(2) DFG project/Covid Call: *Trajectories of perceived stress and resilience through the crisis and the influence of semantic representations of SARS-CoV-2 in healthcare and pastoral/spiritual care workers*, in collaboration with Franziska Geiser (Psychosomatic Medicine/UKBonn) & Lukas Radbruch (Palliative Medicine/UKBonn), funding period 2021-2024, PI Richter: € 171.950

(3) VW Foundation/Covid Call: *The role of transcultural semantics and symbols for resilience during the Corona pandemic – a hermeneutic approach to historical and intercultural expressions of severe crisis*, in collaboration with Judith Gärtner (Theology/Rostock) & Thiemo Breyer (Philosophy/Cologne), funding period 2021-2025, total € 120.000 €

(4) DFG Interdisciplinary Projects under the Reinhart Koselleck Programme: *Developing an interdisciplinary concept of 'ambivalence-sensitive thoughtfulness'. Reflexive resilience for young professionals in healthcare and pastoral/spiritual care*, in cooperation with Franziska Geiser (Psychosomatic Medicine/UKBonn), required funding € 1.250.000, PI Richter: € 625.000, application handed in on 15.10.2024

- 2003 – 2005 Assistant Research Professor, Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen: Cooperation of philosophy of religion/hermeneutics, phenomenology, clinical psychopathology
- 2002 – 2009 Research Fellow, Project *Menschenbilder*, Philipps-University Marburg: Interdisciplinary Cooperation with special focus on medicine, life sciences and ethics

#### Memberships and Editorial Boards:

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Academic Societies	Theologischer Arbeitskreis Pfullingen (TAP, since 2015, since 2022 member of the Board), Luther Society (2012-2019, 2013-2019 Member of the Board), Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie (WGTh, since 2011), <i>Gründungsmitglied</i> of the German Society for Philosophy of Religion (since 1999, since 2008 Member of the Board), Cassirer Society (since 1999), European Society for Philosophy of Religion (ESPR, since 1999), European Society of Women in Theological Research (ESWTR, since 1999), Schleiermacher Society (since 1998).
Editorial Boards	Journal <i>Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie</i> (de Gruyter, since 2022), Series <i>Christianity in the Modern World / Christentum in der modernen Welt</i> (CMW, Mohr Siebeck, since 2021), Series <i>Religion und Gesundheit</i> (Kohlhammer, since 2017), <i>International Journal of Philosophy and Theology</i> (IJP&T, since 2016).

#### Supervision of Researchers in Early Career Phases since 2012:

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BA and MA	Completed BA-projects: 18, completed MA-projects: 10
Dissertations	Ongoing projects: 7
Completed Dissertations	<p>(4) Alles, Thorben: Dissertation: <i>Fundamentaltheologische Rationalität. Eine Grundlagenreflexion zu theologischen Begründungen</i>, 2020-2024, handed in 23.09.2024, career: research fellow at the Institute of Ecumenical Theology, Univ. of Bonn</p> <p>(3) Armbruster, Ann-Kathrin: Dissertation: <i>Figuration und Aneignung. Hermeneutische Konklusionen zur Bedeutung narrativ-bildhafter Elemente im Kontext dogmatischer Lehre im Anschluss nach Philipp Melanchthon</i>, 2014-2022, summa cum laude; publ. in Nov. 2024; career: Project Manager Faculty Development/ ExU of the Faculty of Protestant Theology, Univ. of Bonn</p> <p>(2) Opalka, Katharina, Dissertation: „Das Geheimnis des religiösen Menschen vor sich selbst.“ <i>Überlegungen zu Funktionalität und Performanz der Demut</i> (Ritschl) 2014-2019, summa cum laude; publ. 2021 (Tübingen); career: Research Associate DFG-FOR 2686; 2022-23: Annemarie Schimmel Fellowship, Univ. of Bonn</p> <p>(1) Ugi, Dorothea, Dissertation: „Den Tod vor Augen“. <i>Systematisch-theologische Blicke auf thanatologische Entwürfe</i>“ 2013-2019, summa cum laude; publ. 2020 (Leipzig); career: Vicar</p>
Completed Habilitations	(2) Robinson, Matthew: Habilitation Thesis: "Theological Investigations. Systematic Theology and Christianity in a Global Society", handed in 06.03.2024, accepted 10.04.2024, career: research fellow for Practical Theologie with special focus of Intercultural Theology

(1) Opalka, Katharina: Habilitation Thesis: *Die Uneindeutigkeit des Kerzenscheins. Eine explorative Theologie der Spiritualität in den Predigten Paul Tillichs und in der Communauté de Taizé*, handed in: 05.03.2024, accepted 10.04.2024, career: since 2023/24 Vicar (50%) and Interim Professor (W2, 50%) for Systematic Theology, Univ. of Bonn

*Transfer to Churches, Educational and Professional Training Settings, Health Care System, Economy:*

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Protestant Church in the Rhineland (EKiR)	Regular lectures in congregations, convents, regional synods, regular professional training workshops for vicars/ministers, teachers, professionals in pastoral and spiritual care, since 2024 Minister of the University Church, since 2018 member of the Theological Committee of the EKiR, since 2012 regular services in the <i>Schlosskirche</i> (= University Church) and on behalf of regional congregations
Protestant Church of Germany (EKD) and Educational System	Appointed member of the <i>Kammernetzwerk</i> (Ethics, since 2023) and the <i>Kammer für öffentliche Verantwortung</i> (Ethics, 2016-2021) with several focus groups Regular lectures and trainings in academies (in Protestant and Catholic tradition), professional training units and educational training in all German <i>Landeskirchen</i> and the Education System with focus on <i>church development</i> (in cooperation with Eberhard Hauschildt and Uta Pohl-Patlong), models of liberal spirituality, and on resilience, religion and spirituality for pastoral and spiritual care workers, teachers, headmasters of schools, nursery, social workers and child care institutions and honorary services
Protestant Church of Austria	Since 05.06.2022 ordained as honorary pastor by Bishop Michael Chalupka, 2018 award of the <i>licentia concionandi</i> by Bishop Dr. Michael Bünker, Since 2016 regular services, professional trainings and lectures in Austrian convents, synods, congregations
Health Care System, Economy (pilot)	Since 2022 regular lectures, seminars, workshops in: German Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine, Society of Palliative Care, Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Hospitals for Children, German Cancer Society; since 2021 Pricewaterhouse Coopers (coaching of top management/CEOs, pilot)

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