

**Peter Meusbürger, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c.  
Distinguished Senior Professor**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Date of Birth	14 March 1942
Place of birth	Lustenau (Austria)
Citizenship	Austrian
Marital Status	Married, 3 daughters (born 1978, 1980, 1984)

**EDUCATION**

Sept. 1948 - July 1953	Primary school in Lustenau
Sept. 1953 – July 1961	Secondary school in Bregenz, graduation with distinction
Oct. 1961 – Sept. 1962	Military service in the Austrian army
Oct. 1962 – July 1968	Study at the University of Innsbruck <u>PhD. Thesis in Geography</u> : “Die Vorarlberger Grenzgänger” [The Vorarlberg cross border commuters] Graduation “sub auspiciis praesidentis rei publicae”

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

Sept. 1968 – July 1980	Universitätsassistent [lecturer] at the Geography Department (University of Innsbruck)
July 1980	“ <u>Habilitation</u> “ in geography (University of Innsbruck, Austria) <u>Postdoctoral thesis</u> : “Contributions to the geography of education. Regional and social disparities in the educational attainment of the Austrian population“
August 1980 – March 1983	Associate professor (Dozent) at the Geography Department (University of Innsbruck)
April 1 1983 March 31 2007	Full professor for “Economic and Social Geography“ at Heidelberg University
1989	Offer of a position as full professor for Geography at the University of Innsbruck not accepted
Since April 1 2007	Distinguished senior professor of Heidelberg University

**SERVICE at Heidelberg University and in German Geography**

1983 – 2007	Director of the Department of Geography (Heidelberg University)
1983 – 1990	Founder and Chair of the study group „Geography of Education“ in the Association of German Geographers
June 1985 – May 1989	Founder and president of the Heidelberg Geographical Society

Nov. 1985 – Oct. 1987	Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Earth Sciences
Oct. 1987 – Sept. 1989	Dean of the Faculty of Geosciences
Oct. 1991 – Sept. 1993	Prorector of Heidelberg University, member of the Administrative Board and the Senate of the University of Heidelberg
Oct. 1991 – Febr. 1995	Member of the scientific council of the Association of German Geographers
1994 – 2009	Member of the scientific board of the government of Vorarlberg, Austria
1995 – 2002	Member of the Commission for Computer Science of the University of Heidelberg
1996 –1998	Chair of the scientific board of the Association of German Geographers
1996 –1997	Member of the structure commission of the University of Heidelberg
1998-2002	Member of the board of the „Foundation 600 years University of Heidelberg“
February 1998 – July 2009	Rector’s representative for the partnership with the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
April – December 1999	Member of the commission of the Ministry of Science and Arts of Baden-Württemberg on the institutionalization of gender studies in Baden-Wurttemberg
Oct. 1999 – Oct. 2001	Vice-Chair of the Association of Geographers at German Universities
Oct. 1999 – Sept. 2006	Elected member of the Senate, University of Heidelberg
Jan. 2001 – Dec.2003	President of the Society of German Geographers
Jan. 2001 – Dec.2003	President of the Association of Geographers at German Universities
2004 - 2011	Member of the Directorate of the Heidelberg Center of American Studies (HCA)
2005-2006	Member of the steering committee of Heidelberg University
Okt. 2005 – Sept. 2006	First speaker of the senate of Heidelberg University
2007-2011	Member of the Scientific Board of the Leibniz-Institute of Regional Development and Structural Planning (Erkner)
since May 2008	Member of the New Club of Paris (Intellectual Capital)

## **EVALUATOR AND REVIEWER**

### ***For research foundations, scholarships and awards***

Adenauer Foundation

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Scholarship holders and Award-winners

Austrian Geographical Society, Hans Bobek Award  
Centre for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford  
Cusanus Foundation  
Evangelisches Studienwerk e.V. Villigst  
F. Ebert Foundation  
Funds for Academic Research in Austria  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)  
Naumann Foundation  
Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), Qatar Foundation  
Research Fund of the Austrian National Bank  
Scientific Committee of CIGREF ISD-Programme (Information System Dynamics), Paris  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Soros Foundation, Budapest  
Study Foundation of the German Nation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)  
Swiss National Research Fund for the Promotion of Science  
Széchenyi Foundation, Budapest

***For international journals***

Annals of the Association of American Geographers  
Berichte zur Deutschen Landeskunde  
Die Erde  
DISP  
Economic Geography  
Geographica Helvetica  
Geographische Zeitschrift  
GeoJournal  
International Management  
Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft  
Journal of Regional Science  
Mitteilungen der Österreichischen Geographischen Gesellschaft  
Progress in Human Geography  
Raumforschung und Raumordnung  
Regional Studies  
Regional Science  
Sozialgeographische Bibliothek

Urban Geography

## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

### *Awards (chronological order)*

Honorary ring of the Austrian president (sub auspiciis praesidentis rei publicae)

HAMPL-Award of the Austrian Geographical Society

Scientific Award of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce

Humboldt-Lecturer at the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands)

Franz von Hauer Medal of the Austrian Geographical Society

Distinguished Senior Professor of Heidelberg University (= the first distinguished senior professor in Germany) 2007

Presidential Achievement Award of the Association of American Geographers

Scientific Award of the Land Vorarlberg

Honorary member of the Hungarian Geographical Society

Honorary PhD and honorary professorship of the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest

### *Scholarships and Visiting professor*

February – March 1977	Scholarship of the British Council, Studies at the School of Geography, Oxford University (Prof. J. Gottmann)
August – September 1979	Scholarship of the Austrian Ministry for Science and Arts, studies at the UNESCO in Paris
July – December 1981	Scholarship of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science, Tokyo Metropolitan University
Sept. – October 1987	Visiting professor at People's University of China (Beijing), Lecture on Geography of Education
Sept. – October 1988	Scholarship of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for research in Hungary
Sept. 1993 – June 1994	Visiting professor at Clark University, Worcester/ Mass., supported by the Volkswagen Foundation
October 1993	Visiting professor at Nankai University in Tianjin, China, Lectures on Geography of Education
March 1999	Visiting professor at Curitiba University (Brazil), lectures on Geography of Education
March 2005	Visiting professor at Andrassy University in Budapest (Hungary), lectures on Geography of Knowledge and Education

### *Research grants or equivalent grants received as principal investigator (including grants applied for projects of PhD students)*

Between 1995 and 2009 I had 40 research projects financed by various foundations and institutions amounting to a total sum of 2.3 million Euro.