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1965, Heidelberg

### **Profile**

Political scientist and international cooperation advisor with over 25 years of experience in academia, research, policy advisory, and leadership in sustainable development, climate governance, and international cooperation. Currently serving as Team Leader of the EU-China Cooperation on Environment and Green Economy project.

- Leadership in interdisciplinary research and advisory work for the European Commission, United Nations, and German development cooperation.
- Extensive cross-cultural teaching at leading European and Chinese universities.
- Contributions to sustainability transitions, global megatrends, and participatory governance.

### **Academic Positions**

Adjunct Professor (Privatdozent), Freie Universität Berlin (2008–present)

Resident Professor & GIZ-CIM Senior Cooperation Expert, Xiamen University (2011–2013)

Resident Professor & GIZ-CIM Senior Cooperation Expert, Tsinghua University (2005–2007)

Associate Professor, Leiden University (2004–2005)

### **Education**

Habilitation in Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin (2004)

Ph.D. in Political Science / Development Studies, Universität Leipzig (1997, summa cum laude)

Diploma in Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin (1992, highest distinction)

## **Research Interests**

- Cooperation with Global South countries in an emerging multipolar world order
- Climate and Environmental Policy and Sustainability Transitions
- Global Megatrends & Future Studies
- International Cooperation & Governance
- Civil Society & NGOs

## **Selected Publications**

Books:

Kuhn, B. , Entwicklungspolitik zwischen Markt und Staat (Campus, 2005; 2024; Chinese edition Renmin, 2009).

Kuhn, B. & Margellos, D. , Global Perspectives on Megatrends (Ibidem, Columbia University Press, 2022).

Kuhn, B., Participatory Development in Rural India, Radiant Publishers, India, 1998)

Peer-reviewed articles:

Kuhn, B. , Pracademics in International and Development Cooperation, Development in Practice (2024).

Kuhn, B. , Sustainable Finance in Germany, Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment (2020).

Kuhn, B. , Sustainable Development Discourses in China, Journal of Sustainable Development (2016)

## **Teaching Experience**

Teaching at Freie Universität Berlin, TU Berlin, Universität Leipzig, Universität Bremen.

International teaching: Leiden Univ., Tsinghua Univ., Peking Univ. Xiamen Univ., Tongji Univ., Sichuan Univ., Rouen Business School

Executive training for diplomats and policymakers.

Award: Central Teaching Award, Freie Universität Berlin (2019).

## **Supervision of doctoral theses (primary advisor)**

Frédéric Krumbein, “Media Coverage of Human Rights in China and the United States: Human Rights Discourses in the Daily Newspapers China Daily, The New York Times, and the South China Morning Post,” FU Berlin, 2012; Inge Lambarz de Bayas, “Education Policy in Chile in the Context of OECD Membership,” FU Berlin, 2018

## **Consulting & Advisory**

Advisor to European Commission, UNDP, GIZ, NGOs, think tanks.

Evaluator of international cooperation and development projects funded by EU, Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Research Executive Agency and Non-profit Organisations

## **Languages**

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Chinese (conversational), Spanish and Netherlands (A2 certificates)

## **Current Roles & Activities**

PD, Freie Universität Berlin & expert in international cooperation with focus on governance and sustainable development and EU-China relations, cooperation with leading Universities and University alliances (UNA Europa) in Europe and China (Tsinghua University, Peking University, Tongji University, Xiamen University)

Frequent keynote speaker at international conferences and contributor to international policy discourse.

## **Personal**

Married with three children; currently based in Xiamen and scheduled to return to Berlin in July 2026.

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