

Curriculum Vitae (CV)



Personal Details: Fischer, Thomas
Date of Birth: March 4th, 1959 in St. Gallen (Switzerland)
Nationality: Swiss

Academic Career

1979-1988 Undergraduate studies of History, German Studies, Mass Media Studies and Pedagogy at the University of Bern (teacher degree for state secondary schools)

1988-1989 Teacher training at the state secondary school of Kirchenfeld, Bern

1989-1991 Research Associate at the Chair for Modern Global History at the University of Bern

1991-1992 Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation aimed at promoting academic research (research stays in Bogotá, Medellín and Chicago, among others)

1992-1996 Research Associate at the Chair for International Studies (Romance languages-speaking civilizations) at the Faculty of Economics and Social Science at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

1994 Dissertation at the University of Bern entitled "Lost decades – history of Colombian foreign-led development, 1850 – 1930"

1993-1995 Co-author (together with W. L. Bernecker) of the German Research Foundation sponsored research project "The German-US-American Antagonism in Latin America from Independence to World War One Using the Examples of Mexico and Colombia"

1995-1997 Co-author (together with H.-J. König) of the FORAREA sponsored research project „Foreign Interests, Perceptions and Domestic Elites in Latin America in Past and Present“

1996-2002 Assistant Professor at the Chair for International Studies at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg. Continuous work toward professorial dissertation ("Habilitation") entitled „Latin America and the League of Nations – Weak States and Collective Security, 1920-1936“

2002 Permission for Lecturing (Venia Legendi) for Modern History

2002-2003 Visiting Professor at the Chair for International Studies at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

2003-2004 Visiting Professor at the Chair for Non-European History at the University of Hamburg

2004 Short-Term-Lecturer (funded by the German Academic Exchange Service) at the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

2004-2005	Various lectureships at the University of Bern
2004-2008	Mayor Assistant at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
2007-2008	Various lectureships at the Universities of Heidelberg and Eichstätt
2008	Call accepted for the Professorial Chair (History of Latin America) at the Catholic University of Eichstätt
2009-	Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, Catholic University of Eichstätt
2011	Lectorship at Universidade Federal de Goiás
2011-2013	Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Catholic University of Eichstätt
2013-2015	Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Catholic University of Eichstätt
2014	Lectorship at Universidade Federal de Goiás
2015	Lectorships at PUC Rio
2016-	President of Elisabeth-Käsemann-Stiftung
2016	Lectorship at Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá), Universidad del Valle (Cali), Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)
2016-2020	President of German Research Association of Latin American Studies (ADLAF)
2019	Lectorship at UPAEP

Current Projects

- Monograph on the “Soberanía de los Débiles: América Latina y la Liga de las Naciones”
- History of Atlantic Migration
- Football Cultures and History
- Knowledge Spaces and Scientific Transfer Germany-Brazil-Germany in Nineteenth Century, Spix and Martius in Brazil
- Conflict, Memory and Peace in Latin America
- Science, Knowledge and Perception of Mapuche: the Capuchin order in the Araucanía

Scientific Commissions and Functions

- President of the board of directors of the German Association on Latin American Research (ADLAF), since 2020 member of the ADLAF-board of directors
- President of the board of directors of Elisabeth-Käsemann-Stiftung
- Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, Catholic University of Eichstätt
- Co-editor of Americana eystettensis
- Co-editor of MESA REDONDA
- Member of the Scientific council of IBEROAMERICANA, Berlin, editor of book reviews
- Member of the Scientific council of Revista de Historia de América, Ciudad de México
- Member of the scientific committee of Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura
- Member of the scientific committee of Memoria y Sociedad, Bogotá
- Member of the scientific committee of Jahrbuch für Überseegeschichte, Leipzig