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State Secretary

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Born on September 29, 1967, North German town of Eutin.

He is married to Meike and has two children.

Education

1988 – 1993 Law and political science in Hamburg, Bordeaux and Paris.

Career

Since 08/2025 State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Defense

2021 – 2025 Foreign Policy and Security Advisor to the Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Berlin

2019 – 2021 Political Director, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2017 – 2019 Ambassador to Greece

2014 – 2017 Chief of Staff to Foreign Minister Frank Steinmeier, Berlin

2012 – 2014 German Ambassador to Tunisia

2009 – 2012 German Ambassador to Sri Lanka

2007 – 2009 Spokesman of the German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2002 – 2007 Various positions at the German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

1998 – 2002 Desk Officer, German Embassy to Israel, Tel Aviv

