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Graduations

1982 School leaving examination in Germany

1990 State examination for grammar school teacher (mathematics, Catholic religious education)

2008 PhD Thesis (Graduation) in Catholic Theology (Augsburg)

Languages: German, English, French, Spanish, Chinese

Work Experience

Secondary School teacher of mathematics and religious education (Catholic), Secondary School Headmaster, Deputy Head of the Office of Bavarian Bishops

How I would like to contribute to the work of the ICCJ

Not my first, but the most impressive and important experience for me was an international Jewish-Christian Seminary in Auschwitz approximately 20 years ago. Students and their professors from the USA, Israel, Poland and Germany spent several days studying history and theology related to the Shoa. The encounters between descendants of perpetrators and descendants of victims of the Shoa were downright overwhelming. The tedious but very open exchange associated with the place of horror stirred up many feelings, but nevertheless made confidence and reconciliation possible among the participants. It became very clear to me through this seminar that the reappraisal of our history is far from over, that we still need opportunities to meet, and that the reflection of the personal history of one's own family is a prerequisite.

This initial impulse has ignited the fire of my commitment to the Christian-Jewish dialogue and it is a pleasure for me that I was able to pass this on and also to participate in the importance of the Christian-Jewish dialogue at various stages in my life: as a religious teacher at the Secondary School in Catholic religious doctrine, as part of the development of the new curriculum for Catholic religious teachings at the Religious Education Centre in Munich, at the European Forum for Religious Education, and as Chairwoman of the GCJZ Augsburg and Swabia and as Catholic President of the DKR.

At the International Conference of the ICCJ 2017 in Bonn, where I was able to make the welcoming address at the kick-off event, I was impressed that the Christian-Jewish cooperation network is supported by so many organizations worldwide. Both the topic and the very extensive and diverse program aroused my interest in the ICCJ. Since then, I have participated in the international meeting in Lund in 2019 and at ICCJ Board meetings in Jerusalem and Heppenheim.

Now, more than ever, the solidarity between religious faiths is important. Such has always been the driving force behind social cohesion and thus policy advisers. It should therefore be a future task of all religious faiths to develop common worldwide ethical principles for justice and peace based upon interfaith dialogue as well as to communicate such to leading institutions.

What is my broader vision for the ICCJ in the next three years

1. The current situation of the Corona pandemic wants to be reflected: on many issues such as education, justice and social cohesion, religions, both Christianity and Judaism should bring impulses.
2. Current social changes should be included in the future planning of the Christian-Jewish conversation: People without reference to the institutions church or synagogue are often interested in interreligious dialogue, debate on religious freedom, impulses and projects on peace and justice.
3. Regarding the future of the ICCJ the young generation should be targeted: mutual exchange of member organizations on best practice examples in school or educational fields; communication platforms for pupils and students for international Christian-Jewish exchange.