

Uwe Holtz

Born in 1944, a former German MP, is professor of Political Science at Bonn University (Faculty of Arts and Humanities) and development consultant.

Personal history

Holtz graduated from the University of Cologne in 1967 and received his Doctorate of Philosophy from the same University in 1969 (magna cum laude; major: French and Spanish literature; minors: Anglo-American history, Ancient history). He acted as assistant professor for modern history at the University of Kiel from 1969 to 1972. Since 1975, he has been a lecturer of Political Science, and since 1987 an honorary professor at Bonn University. 1999 Senior Fellow at the Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI), Bonn University; since autumn 2003 Senior Fellow at the Bonn Centre for Development Research (ZEF). Holtz has consulted for and advised several national and international organizations and institutions on development issues including the European Union and the United Nations.

Research and teaching areas

Holtz's concentrations are in democracy and human rights, development policy and the third world, European integration and sustainability.

Publications

Many books, book chapters, articles, and reports on a wide range of historical, political and economic themes as well as on European and development issues. His latest books are "EU and ACP - On the Road to a New Partnership?" (1996), "Problems of Development Policy" (1997), and "50 Years Council of Europe" (2000).

Previous and present positions

1972 - 1994, SPD Member of the German Parliament (where he chaired the Development Cooperation Committee from 1974 to 1994) and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (CoE), Strasbourg - he presided its Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations from 1989 to 1992 and its Committee on Economic Affairs and Development from 1992 to 1995. From 1973 to 1992 active in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). He served on several boards, including the EBG Company for Electro-Magnetic Materials, Bochum, and the International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., up to 1999/2000, and was – in 1986 – founding member of the Bonn based "Foundation development and Peace" created by its first president Willy Brandt.

Currently he is an honorary member of the CoE and the IPU, NGO representative to the CoE on behalf of the Society for International Development (SID), member of the SPD commission "One World", Board member of the Centre for International Cooperation Bonn (CIC), member of the UNCCD-Panel of Eminent Personalities to consider the poverty-

environment, vice-chair of the German Association and honorary president of the European Association of former MPs.

Decorations

- Great cross of merit: Germany, Mexico, Spain, and Chile
- “Pro Merito” medal of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Order of merit: North Rhine-Westphalia.

Married since 1970, a daughter and a son