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Research areas

- Environmental and climate change
- Sustainable use of natural resources
- New Technologies
- Land, water, food and energy
- Innovation, knowledge and science policy

Expertise

Science Management & Science Policy, Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development, Intergrated & Transdisciplinary Approaches, Global Change, Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services, Graduate Programs & Capacity Development in the Global South, Proposal Development

Curriculum Vitae

- since 07/2010: Senior Researcher at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany. Project manager of www.WABES.net funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI). Development and evaluation of project and research proposals; teaching activities and supervision/tutoring of doctoral students
- 2006-2010: Coordination of the [BIOTA](#) working group at the [Nees Institute for Biodiversity of Plants](#), Bonn University, "Analysis of Africa's biodiversity and development of sustainable conservation concepts integrating the impact of land use and climate change"
- 2002-2008: PhD-student at the Nees Institute ([BIOMAPS](#), [BIOTA](#)). PhD-thesis: "Plant Diversity and Future Climate Change – Macroecological analyses of African and global species distributions" (supervisor: Prof. W. Barthlott, Nees Institute)
- 2002: Graduation in botany, zoology and geography; employment as a biologist in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, FAN-project "Design of the optimum distribution of Protected Areas and buffer zones in the Bolivian Amazon"
- 2001-2002: Research period in Santa Cruz, Bolivia at [FAN Bolivia](#) (NGO for nature conservation), preparation of the diploma thesis: „Development of a model for the extrapolation of biodiversity considering the Araceae of Bolivia as an example“ (supervisor: Prof. W. Barthlott, Nees Institute)
- 1999-2001: Studies in biology and geography at the University of Bonn, Germany
- 1997-1998: Studies in biology (ecology and conservation) at the University of Bergen, Norway
- 1995-1997: Studies in biology at the University of Göttingen, Germany