

CV (May 2022)

Professor Dr. Gerd Schwandner (*1951)



Former Mayor of City of Oldenburg (2006 - 2014).

Before being elected by popular vote as a Mayor in Oldenburg he was Professor of International Management and Marketing Strategies (tenured) at the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, Germany since 2000 (till October 2006).

He was Visiting Scholar at Hong Kong Baptist University (1999-2000), where he is lecturing frequently since then.

He was guest professor at Shanghai Normal University (2005), at Beijing International Studies University (2006), where he is regularly since 2004 and he is Honorary Professor of Shandong University of Science and Technology (2015).

He lectured at the Université Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France (2003-2006), at several Italian universities (2005) and again at both University of Siena and University of Trieste in 2018.

Gerd graduated 1976 in Medicine from University of Heidelberg, Germany. He also studied Art History, German Studies, and Educational Sciences and he got his Doctoral Degree in Medicine from the University of Heidelberg, Germany in 1977.

Before his tenure as professor in 2000 he worked as General Manager for the Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe, a public foundation (1995-2000), served as an Undersecretary for “Culture and the Integration of Foreigners” at the State of Bremen, Germany (1992-1995).

In January 1993 he had a Scholarship by the U.S. Department of State (USIA-Visitor-Grant). He also participated in executive education programs at Harvard Business School (2003) and he is a Price Babson Fellow of the Babson College, USA (2003/2004).

He was a two-term State Legislator in Baden-Württemberg (1984-1992). He worked from 1976-1984 as a surgeon in public hospitals (Pforzheim City Hospital, Heidelberg University Hospital, Department of Surgery).

In 2013 he was awarded as Citizen of Honor of the City of Xi'an, China. He serves on the advisory board of Sino-German Ecopark Qingdao, China since 2015.

He was also honored in acknowledgment of his merits by the Turkish Press Association Bremen in September 2014.

In October 2014 he was awarded as the first non-Dutch person with the "Erepenning" (honorary medal) by the City of Groningen, The Netherlands.

He served as "Honorary Ambassador for Municipal Development Policy" by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in January 2019 – June 2021.

In 2007 Dr. Annette Schwandner and Prof. Dr. Gerd Schwandner founded their own foundation (Annette & Gerd Schwandner Foundation for Science and Culture), based in Oldenburg.

The Foundation supports e.g. students in Beijing and Hongkong and since 2019 is also engaged at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Since 2021 the foundation also supports Kenyan students with scholarships.

More information can be found on www.schwandner-stiftung.org and on Facebook (updates all activities since 2018)

In July 2020 Rainer Lisowski's (Bremen University of Applied Sciences) & Gerd Schwandner's latest book on "Sino-German municipal relationships" was published by LIT Academic Publishing, Münster (in German).

He lives with his wife in Nairobi, Kenya and Hannover, Germany