

Hans Joas

Curriculum Vitae

* November 27, 1948, Munich, Germany.

Ernst Troeltsch Professor for the Sociology of Religion, Faculty of Theology,
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Full Professor of Sociology and Social Thought, University of Chicago, and
Member of the Committee on Social Thought

Married to Heidrun Joas-Böhme, one child (born 1976)

1968–1971	studying sociology, philosophy, history, German literature at the University of Munich
1971–1972	studying the same disciplines at the Free University of Berlin
1972	“Diploma” in sociology
1973–1977	“Wissenschaftlicher Assistent” (Research and teaching fellow), Department of Sociology, Free University of Berlin
1979	“Dr. phil.”
1979–1983	Research Fellow , Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin (1980–1981 Visiting Professor, University of Tübingen)
1981	“Habilitation”
1984–1987	Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
1985	(Spring quarter) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
1986	(Summer quarter) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
1987–1990	Professor of Sociology , University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
1990–2002	Professor of Sociology , Free University of Berlin
1993–1995	Executive Director , John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Berlin
1992	(Spring semester) Fellow , Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences and Visiting Professor, University of Uppsala
1994	(Fall semester) Fellow , Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study, Bloomington, Indiana
1996	(Fall semester) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1997	(Spring semester) Theodor Heuss Professor , Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research, New York
1998	(Spring semester) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina (Fall semester) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
1999–2000	Fellow , Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden

since 2000	Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Member of the Committee on Social Thought
2002–2011	Director , Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt, Germany
2002	(Fall semester) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology, University of Vienna, Austria
2004–2005	Ernst Cassirer Professor , Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden
2005–2006	Fellow , Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
2007	(Spring semester) Visiting Professor , Department of Sociology and Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna, Austria
2010	(Spring semester) Fellow , Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden
2011	(Spring semester) Fellow , Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), Stellenbosch, South Africa
2011–2014	Permanent Fellow , Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg, Germany
2012	(Spring semester) Joseph Ratzinger Visiting Professor , University of Regensburg
2014	Torgny Segerstedt Visiting Professor , University of Gothenburg, Sweden
since 2014	Ernst Troeltsch Professor for the Sociology of Religion, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University of Berlin
2017	(Spring semester) Fellow , Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), Stellenbosch, South Africa
2017	(May) Fellow , Peking University, Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences
2022	(June) International Jakob Fugger Visiting Professorship , University of Augsburg

Awards and Memberships

since 1998	Regular Member, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science
2002	Recipient of the René König Prize of the German Sociological Association for the best textbook in German Sociology
2005-2014	Member of the Board, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science
2006–2010	Vice-President of the International Sociological Association
2010	Recipient of the Bielefeld Luhmann Prize
since 2011	Corresponding Member, Austrian Academy of Sciences
since 2011	Member, Academia Europaea
2012	Honorary Doctorate in Catholic Theology, University of Tübingen
2012	Werner Heisenberg medal, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2013	Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences, Uppsala University, Sweden
2013	Recipient of the Hans Kilian Prize
2015	Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, American Sociological Association, Section History of Sociology
2015	Recipient of the Max Planck Research Award
2017	Prix Paul Ricoeur
2018	Recipient of the Theological Award Salzburg
2022	Recipient of the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award of the German Sociological Association
2022	Honorary Doctorate, Péter-Pázmány-University Budapest, Hungary