



Prof. Dr. Theodor Berchem

President ret. (1988–2007)
German Academic Exchange Service
(DAAD)

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Career

1988–2007	President of the DAAD
1976–2003	President of the University of Würzburg
1983–1987	President of the West-German Rectors' Conference (Westdeutsche Rektorenkonferenz, WRK; now: HRK)
1979–1983	Vice President responsible for academic affairs, examination and School-University West-German Rectors' Conference (Westdeutsche Rektorenkonferenz, WRK; now: HRK)
1978–1982	Chairperson of the Bavarian Rectors' Conference
1975–1976	Headmaster of the University of Würzburg
1974–1976	Representative chair for Romance Philology, University of Regensburg
1967	Chair for Romance Philology, University of Würzburg
1965–1966	Lecturer for Ancient French, University of Würzburg
1962–1965	Teacher at the Interpreting School Erlangen
1962–1965	Research assistant for Romance Philology, University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Awards

Great Cross of Merit, Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Großes Verdienstkreuz des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland), honorary doctorate from various universities, Bavarian Order of Merit

Academic education

1967	Appointment as a full professor
1966	Habilitation in Romance Philology at the University Erlangen-Nürnberg
1961–1963	PhD thesis (Mention très honorable) at Sorbonne
1959–1961	Studied Romance Studies and German Studies (Licence ès lettres) at Sorbonne
1956–1959	Studied Romance Studies and English Studies at Cologne University

Memberships

2005–2007	Chairman of the Board of Governors, International University Bremen
2003–2004	Chaire Européenne, Collège de France
1988–1990	Chairman of the Structural Commission "Fachhochschule 2000" of the State of Baden-Württemberg
1987–1989	President of the "Katholischen Akademikerarbeit Deutschlands (KAD)" (catholic academic work Germany)
1973–1979	Vice-Chairman of the Structural Advisory Board of the Bamberg Comprehensive University (Gesamthochschule Bamberg) and membership in several sub-commissions
Since 1970	President of the German Paul Claudel Society (Paul-Claudel-Gesellschaft)
1969–1990	President of the German-Iberian Society Würzburg
Since 1967	Head of the romantic section of the Görres Society for the Cultivation of the Sciences (Görres-Gesellschaft zur Pflege der Wissenschaften)