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Position: Full Professor, currently Dean of Philological Faculty

Postgraduate professional career

- 1995 – Professor of English Language and Linguistics, Department of English, University of Freiburg
- 2000 Visiting Professor at Portland State University (Oregon, USA)
- 2000 & 2001 Chair offers by U Heidelberg and Humboldt-U Berlin (declined)
- 1994 – 1995 Substitute Full Professor at Free University of Berlin
- 1985 – 1994 Assistant Professor at U Hannover, Free University of Berlin

Academic qualification and education

- 1989 – 1994 Habilitation, English Philology, Free University of Berlin (D)
- 1985 – 1989 Doctorate, PhD in English Linguistics, U Hannover (D)
- 1978 – 1985 Master, M.A. English and History (with honours)
State examination in English and History for Secondary School Teaching (with honours), U Trier (D), Lancaster (UK), Jesus College, Oxford (UK)

Honours and awards

- 2024 Rector's Fellow at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS)
- 2017 Instructional Development Award, U Freiburg (70,000 Euro)
- 2014 Elected member of the Academia Europaea
- 2014 Honorary Doctorate from the University of Eastern Finland
- 2008 – 2009 Senior Research Fellow at FRIAS

Scientific activities and responsibilities (within linguistics)

- 2012 – Editor of the journal *English Language and Linguistics* (Cambridge UP)
- 2011 – Series editor of *Dialects of English* (De Gruyter Mouton)
- 1996 – Series editor of *Topics in English Linguistics* (De Gruyter Mouton)
- 2009 – 2018 Principal Investigator of Graduate Training College (GRK 1624) *Frequency Effects in Language* at U Freiburg
- 2012 – 2015 Member of Editorial Board of *Transactions of the Philological Society*
- 2007 – 2012 Member of the Editorial Boards of *English Language and Linguistics* and *English Today* (both Cambridge UP)
- 2007 – 2011 Member of the *Scientific Committee of European Dialect Syntax* (Amsterdam)
- 2007 – 2011 Member of the *Scientific Board* of the project *Finnish Dialect Syntax* (Helsinki)
- 1996 – 1999 Secretary of the German Society of Linguistics (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft*)
- 1990 – 1994 Member of the international research programme Typology of European Languages (EUROTYP) of the European Science Foundation (ESF)

Administrative responsibilities (within the University of Freiburg)

1997-99, 2010-14, Dean of the Philological Faculty

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2013 – 2022 Director of the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS) for the Humanities and Social Sciences (Executive Director 10/2015 to 9/2022)

2016 – Head of PhD committee for the Humanities and the Social Sciences

2004 – Chairman of the Board of the Language Teaching Centre (*Sprachlehrinstitut*)

2016 – 2022 Member of the Board of the Hermann Paul School of Linguistics (HPSL; International Graduate School of Linguistics between U Freiburg and U Basel, Switzerland)

2006 – 2019 Member of the Board of the Hermann Paul Centre for Linguistics (HPCL)

2004 – 2014 Director of the Master programme *European Linguistics* (MEL)

Academic activities and responsibilities related to the science system (nationally and internationally; selection)

2024 – 2028 Member of the national panel (*Fachkollegium*) for linguistics of the German Science Foundation (DFG)

2023 – 2025 President International Society of Linguistics (ISLE; President-Elect 2021-23)

2023 – Member Scientific Advisory Board Trinity Long Room Hub

2023 – Member Scientific Advisory Board CIRCUS Uppsala (Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society)

2020 – Deputy Chair selection committee of Henriette-Hertz-Scouting-Programme of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

2018 – 2022 Deputy Project Director of MIASA – the Maria Sybilla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies for the Humanities and Social Sciences in Sub-Saharan Africa (Accra, Ghana)

2018 – Member Executive Committee MIASA

2017 – 2024 Member of Scientific Advisory Board of the Faculty of Arts, U Helsinki

2017 – 2021 Chair of LERU (League of European Research Universities) SSH Policy Group (see also below 2014-21)

2017 – 2020 Member of Scientific Advisory Board of Collegium Helveticum (Zurich)

2017 – 2019 Member of the selection committee for the Anneliese Maier Research Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

2016 – 2019 Deputy Coordinator of the global consortium of University-based Institutes for Advanced Studies (UBIAS)

2014 – 2021 Member of the Steering Board of the "Social Sciences and Humanities" (SSH) Policy Group of LERU (League of European Research Universities)

2012 – 2020 Member of the selection committee Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Other professional activities (selected, only on international level)

Peer reviewer for many national and international science foundations and institutions (e.g. ARC, ESF, DFG, NSF, CNRS, and their counterparts in the UK, Finland, Belgium, Switzerland, The Netherlands), for individual universities and research institutions (search committees, research evaluations), as well as many international journals and publishers (e.g. OUP, CUP).

Dozens of plenary lectures at national and international conferences and workshops; lecturer at two international summer schools and one winter school; organizer of several large conferences (300+ participants) and many small international workshops; for several annual or bi-annual conferences member of the scientific committee (e.g. *Societas Linguistica Europaea*).

Third-party funding

Third-party funding and major travel grants for my own linguistics research: from *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (DFG), European Science Foundation (ESF), Thyssen Foundation, German Academic Research Council (DAAD), Fulbright Commission, totalling **1.2 million Euro**. Institutional third-party funding (from BMBF and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Cofund Programme of the European Union), for institutions Bernd Kortmann has served as (Executive) Director of (Language Teaching Centre since 2004 and FRIAS 2013-2022, both U Freiburg): **3.8 million Euro**. Additional third-party funding: about **14 million Euro** (2018-2026) BMBF funding for the Preliminary and Main Phase of MIASA – the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (Accra, Ghana); the total funding for this Institute for Advanced Studies (MIASA), including the Final Phase (2027-29), will amount to maximally 18 million Euro. Until December 2022, FRIAS was the lead organizational unit of the German consortium which successfully applied for this IAS in the 2016 BMBF call for such a Merian Centre for supporting research cooperation between Germany and Sub-Sahara Africa in the humanities and social sciences.

Ten most important publications

1. Kortmann, B. 2021. "Reflecting on the quantitative turn in linguistics." *Linguistics* 59/5: 1207-1226. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2019-0046>
2. Kortmann, B./K. Lunkenheimer/K. Ehret. eds. 2020. *The Electronic World Atlas of Varieties of English*. Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3712132 (to be accessed online under <http://ewave-atlas.org>)
3. Kortmann, B. 2019. "Global variation in the Anglophone world." In: B. Aarts, J. Bowie and G. Popova, eds. *Oxford Handbook of English Grammar*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 630–653.
4. Kortmann, B./K. Lunkenheimer, eds. 2012. *The Mouton World Atlas of Variation in English*. Berlin/New York: De Gruyter Mouton.
5. Kortmann, B./J. van der Auwera, eds. 2011. *The Languages and Linguistics of Europe: A Comprehensive Guide*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
6. Kortmann, B./B. Szmrecsanyi. 2011. "Parameters of Morphosyntactic Variation in World Englishes: Prospects and Limitations of Searching for Universals." In: P. Siemund, ed. *Linguistic Universals and Language Variation*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 257-283.
7. Kortmann, B./E. Schneider in collab. with Kate Burridge/Raj Mesthrie/Clive Upton, eds. 2004. *A Handbook of Varieties of English*. 2 vols + 1 CD-ROM. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
8. Kortmann, B. 1997. *Adverbial Subordination. A Typology and History of Adverbial Subordinators Based on European Languages*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
9. Kortmann, B./E. König. 1992. "Categorial Reanalysis: The Case of Deverbal Prepositions." *Linguistics* 30: 671-697.
10. Kortmann, B. 1991. *Free Adjuncts and Absolutes in English: Problems of Control and Interpretation*. London/New York: Routledge.