

Hans N. Weiler

Biographical note

Having been trained as a political scientist in Frankfurt/Main, Freiburg, and London, Hans N. Weiler has been a professor of education and political science at Stanford University since 1965, where he was instrumental in developing Stanford's program in international development education (SIDECE). He was director of UNESCO's International Institute for Educational Planning in Paris (IIEP) in the 1970s and has served as a consultant to a number of international organizations (including the World Bank and the African Development Bank), foundations and national governments in Europe, Africa, and South East Asia. At Stanford, he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, as a University Fellow, and as Director of the Center for European Studies. He was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and has been awarded research fellowships and grants by, among others, the British Council, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the Spencer Foundation, the Thyssen Foundation, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, and the Deutsche Bank Foundation. In 1993, he was appointed a professor of comparative politics and elected the first *Rektor* (president) of Viadrina European University at Frankfurt (Oder), a position from which he retired in the fall of 1999. He is now a frequent advisor on the reform of higher education in Germany and other countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the (private) Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, of the international boards of the Free University of Berlin and the Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, of the Advisory Board of the Center for Higher Education Development (CHE) in Germany, and of the Global Scientific Committee for UNESCO's Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge. His service as an evaluator includes the recent "Excellence Initiative" in German higher education, the Berlin Social Science Research Center (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin), the University of Freiburg, and various award competitions on research, teaching quality, and teacher education. His recent speaking engagements have included invited addresses in New York, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, San Francisco, Heidelberg, Berlin, Frankfurt/Main, Kuala Lumpur, Trieste, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Munich. He has been awarded the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (Commander's Cross) and of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz I. Kl.), an honorary doctorate by Viadrina University, and honorary citizenship by the city of Frankfurt (Oder). His publications deal with the politics of educational change, the international politics of knowledge production, and the dynamics of reform and non-reform in higher education. Further information, including a list of publications and a more detailed CV, is available at www.stanford.edu/people/weiler.