

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Martin G. Kugler
Married since 2004, 4 children

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Date of birth: 1 August 1962 in Vienna (Austria)

CURRENT POSITION

- 2015 - **Founder and director of Kairos Consulting**
for Non-Profit Organisations, Vienna
- 2010 - **President** of the NGO “Observatory on Intolerance
against Christians” (OIDAC Europe)

EDUCATION

- 2000 – 2001 Research Fellow at the University PUSC in Rome
(Università della Santa Croce), Faculty for Social and
Institutional Communication
- 1988 – 1991 Doctorial Studies (Modern History) at Karl-Franzens –
University Graz; Doctoral Thesis published at Peter Lang
Verlag (Wien/Frankfurt 1995)
- 1987 – 1991 Various scholarships by the Austrian government and
member of “Pro Scientia”, a foundation to support the
young academic elite of Austria
- 1981 – 1987 Studies of History and Political Science at the
Universities of Vienna and Graz, Magister Degree
summa cum laude
- 1972 – 1980 Secondary school: Schottengymnasium (Vienna);
Graduation with distinction
- 1968 – 1972 Primary school in Vienna

DISSERTATION

Title: The Early Diagnosis of Nazism: Christian Resistance in Austria´s public debate before the War

Abstract: *The research documents the most relevant actors and circles of the faith-based Resistance against National Socialism in Austria and reveals the genesis of its intellectual positions. It offers a critical analysis how and to what extent this movement had an impact on contemporary society facing the immediate threat by the totalitarian “Machtergreifung”. Through investigating both the philosophical roots and historical protagonists of the early diagnosis of Nazism, the work aims at a better understanding why the Austrian elite was split regarding Hitler´s policy and why intellectuals generally seem prone to wishful thinking facing totalitarian tendencies in the 30s.*

Committee chair/members: Prof. Dr. Moritz Csáky, Prof. Dr. Dieter A. Binder

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 2015 - **Founding and directing** Kairos Consulting for Non-Profit Organisations in Vienna (since 2005)
- 2010 Engagement by the Bishop of Regensburg: **Crisis Communication** dealing with child abuse in Bavaria
- 2004 **Spokesman** for the Habsburg Family (Beatification of Charles from Austria)
- 2003 - **Public Relations Manager and Spokesman** of the Austrian Bishops Conference for the Central Catholic Days; covering all media issues of several international conferences and seminars; Preparing the Central Catholic Days Final Event in Mariazell May 2004 (100.000 participants).
- 2000 – 2003 **Member of the Academic Board** at Studentenhaus Birkbrunn in Vienna (responsible for academic and social activities for students at all Vienna Universities)
- 1993 – 2000 **Director** of Kulturzentrum Kroisegg in Graz (Austria)
- 1992 - **Dealing the Mass Media** for the Catholic Church at different levels in Austria, Czech Rep., Slovakia and Hungary. *Opus Dei* Press Spokesman for Central Europe.
- 1993 - 2000 **Founding and establishing** “*Studenten helfen Lateinamerika*”, an organization for volunteering projects for Austrian students in Latin America. Preparing eight **social projects** for Austrian students in Mexico, USA and Guatemala, including the organization of a mobile medical ambulance in regions without medical doctors.

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE _____

- 1983 and 1999 Training at the Hanns Seidl Stiftung (Bavaria) on Public Speaking and Rhetorics
- Organizing and conducting travel groups to congresses and youth events
- Writing for and editing of several (youth-) journals (including founding Campus, an Austrian Students Journal)
- Providing Media Trainings for NGO Leaders
- Lecturing: numerous lectures and seminars given for various audiences and organizations on topics related to contemporary history, public relations and social communication and religious freedom; several TV-debates.

UNIVERSITY AND OTHER SERVICE _____

- 2005 - **General Secretary** of the ecumenical network “Europe for Christ”
- 2009 – 2016 **Vicepresident** Paneuropean Union Austria
- 1985 – 1987 Elected **Student, Member to the Board** of the Faculty “Geisteswissenschaften” at the Karl-Franzens University of Graz
- 1982 – 1983 **General Secretary** of Österreichische Hochschülerschaft (Austria’s official students association) at the University of Vienna

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE _____

Frequent prolonged stays in various countries, esp. Italy, Belgium, Mexico and Guatemala as well as Poland and Central and Eastern Europe.

Continuous job-related speech-giving travels within Europe and Latin America (eg. Spain, France, Germany and the Central Eastern European countries, esp. the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary).

Speech-giving travel to various universities in France in 1997 (on behalf of the Austrian Culture Institute in Paris) about the Resistance against Hitler’s Germany.

Preparing international conferences like “*Helden der Menschenwürde*” (Heroes of Human Dignity - on the movement The White Rose: student resistance in Nazi Germany) in Munich 2003 or “*Sinn und Schuldigkeit – Fragen zum Lebensende*” (Preventing Euthanasia and protecting Human Dignity) Schloss Hartheim/Linz 2007) or *Modernes Sterben* (Salzburger Ärzteforum und Ärztekammer), 2020 in Salzburg.

PUBLICATIONS (Selection)

Books:

Kugler, M. Religious Freedom in the World Report 2016 (Co-Author). Ed. Aid to the Church in Need. London and Königstein/T. 2016

Kugler, M. La libertà religiosa nel mondo. Rapporto 2014. (Co-Author). Ed. Aiuto alla Chiesa che Soffre. Rome 2014

Kugler, M. Democracia sin Religion? El derecho de los Cristianos a influir en la sociedad. (Editor) Madrid 2014

Kugler, M. Exiting a Dead End Road, A GPS for Christians in Public Discourse. (Co-Author) Vienna 2010.

Kugler, M. Papst Benedikt und Österreich (Co-Author). Linz 2007

Kugler, M. Stationen des Mitteleuropäischen Katholikentags. Published in: Christus-Hoffnung Europas, Wallfahrt der Völker nach Mariazell. Ed. Hubert Weber. Vienna 2004.

Kugler, M. Das war „Mariazell 2004“. Published in: Was ist christlich an Europa ? Ed. Walter Krieger. Vienna 2004.

Kugler, M. Warum die Weiße Rose heute noch blüht. Der zeitlose Widerstand der Geschwister Scholl und ihrer Freunde. Published in: Helden der Menschenwürde – Texte zum Symposium an der TU München im Gedenken an die Widerstandsgruppe „Weiße Rose“ zum 60. Todestag der Geschwister Scholl. Bonn 2003.

Kugler, M. Cyrill Fischer, ein Pionier gegen Rassenhass und Antisemitismus. Published in: Faszinierende Gestalten der Kirche Österreichs. Wien 2003.

Kugler, M. Die frühe Diagnose des Nationalsozialismus. Christlich motivierter Widerstand in der österreichischen Publizistik. Frankfurt 1995.

Articles:

Mainly in Austrian and German Newspapers, for example in

- Die Presse (Vienna)
- Der Standard (Vienna)
- Die Tagespost (Würzburg)

- Kleine Zeitung (Graz)
- Profil (Wien)
- Academia (Wien)
- Palabra (Madrid)

Contributions to film projects:

Collaborations with Ruth Mader's Film projects "Serviam" (2004) and "Life Guidance" (2017)

Two ORF-TV-documentaries 2002 and 2004 (Austrian Television)

TEACHING INTERESTS _____

Contemporary Austrian History, History of Political Ideas, Resistance against totalitarian systems, Europe and Christian identity, Crisis Communication, Communication of faith and Christian values, Religious Freedom and Human Dignity

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS _____

1987-1991 Pro Scientia Scholarship for high potentials (by the Austrian Bishops Conference)

1982 – 1990 various scholarships by the Austrian Government at Karl-Franzens-University of Graz

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY _____

German: mother tongue

English: fluent in reading, speaking and writing

Spanish: fluent in reading, speaking and writing

Italian: basic in reading and speaking

Latin: good understanding of Church Latin