

Curriculum Vitae Hannah M. Lessing

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Austrian citizenship, born in Vienna on 26 April 1963

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| Since December 2010 | Secretary General of the Fund for the Restoration of the Jewish Cemeteries in Austria |
| May 2001 – April 2022 | Secretary General of the General Settlement Fund for Victims of National Socialism |
| Since September 1995 | Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism |

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Postgraduate:

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| Nov. 2001 – May 2002 | Federal Academy of Public Administration
Graduation with honours |
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Undergraduate:

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| 1981 – 1988 | Vienna University of Economics
Title awarded: Magistra rer. soc. oec. |
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Schooling:

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| 1968 – 1981 | Lyçée Français de Vienne
Graduation: Baccalauréat (Matura) |
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ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

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| Since July 2022 | Member of the International Auschwitz Council |
| Since June 2022 | Member of the macrosocial platform National Forum against Antisemitism |
| Since Sept. 2017 | Member of the Presidium of the International Auschwitz Committee |
| Since January 2017 | Representative of the National Fund on the Mauthausen International Advisory Board |
| Since October 2016 | Chair of the Supervisory Board of Kunsthalle Wien GmbH |

2016 – 2018	Member of the Advisory Board for the Year of Commemoration and Remembrance 2018
Since June 2016	Deputy Chair of the Public Forum of the House of Austrian History
Since March 2011	Austrian representative on the International Committee of the Auschwitz Foundation and member of the board of the Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance
Since 2010	Deputy Chair of the Auschwitz Camp Community
Since 2009	Co-Head of the Austrian Delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
July 2000 – Jan. 2001	Member of the Austrian team under Ambassador Ernst Sucharipa for the negotiations on restitution issues headed by Under Secretary of State Stuart Eizenstat . Negotiations concluded with the Washington Agreement, January 2001

AWARDS

July 2022	Conferral of the professional title “Professor”
June 2022	Cavalier Cross of the Order of Merit (Republic of Poland)
June 2021	Federal Cross of Merit with Ribbon (Federal Republic of Germany)
October 2017	Golden Medal of Honour for Services to Vienna
December 2016	Trude and Max Berger Prize for exceptional services to the Jewish Museum Vienna
November 2015	Rosa Jochmann Plaque
May 2013	Cross of Honour for Science and Art (Republic of Austria)
June 2012	Grand Golden Medal of Honour (Federal Alliance of Austrian Jewish Communities)
April 2009	Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite
September 2007	Shofar of Freedom Award of the Synagogue “Temple Israel” in Albany, New York

June 2001

Silver Medal of Honour for Services to the
Republic of Austria

LANGUAGES

- German: mother tongue
- French: bilingual
- English: fluent spoken and written
- Italian: fluent spoken, good written knowledge
- Hebrew: fluent spoken, basic written knowledge
- Spanish: good conversational knowledge
- Russian: basic knowledge