



Dr. Wolfgang Gerhardt

Honorary Chairman of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Minister of State ret.

*31. December 1943 in Ulrichstein-Helpershain, married, two children

Wolfgang Gerhardt finished his studies in pedagogics, political science as well as German language and literature studies in Marburg with a doctorate. He then worked as the Personal Assistant for the Minister of the Interior of Hesse and concluded his career there as the Head of the Office of the Minister of the Interior in Hesse. In 1978 Dr. Gerhardt was elected as a Member of the Parliament of Hesse for the Free Democratic Party (FDP). He was the Leader of the parliamentary faction in Hesse from 1983 to 1987 and again from 1991 to 1994. From 1987 to 1991 he was the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Science and Arts in Hesse. Elected in 1994 as a Member of Parliament to the German Bundestag, Dr. Gerhardt led the FDP as Leader of the parliamentary faction from 1998 to 2006 and as Federal Chairman from 1995 to 2001. On May 20, 2017 Dr. Gerhardt was elected patron of Liberal International.

Dr. Gerhard is Honorary Chairman of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom since 2018.

Political Offices

Since 2018	Honorary Chairman of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
2006-2018	Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
2002-2012	Vice-President of Liberal International
1998-2006	Leader of the Parliamentary Faction of the FDP
1995-2001	Federal Chairman of the FDP
1994-2013	Member of the German Bundestag
1985-1995	Federal Deputy Chairman of the FDP
1983-1987 and 1991-1994	Leader of the FDP State Parliamentary Faction in Hesse
1982-1995	State Chairman of the FDP Hesse
1978-1994	Member of the Hessian State Parliament

Career

1994–2013	Member of the German Bundestag
1987-1991	Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for Science and Arts in Hesse
1978–1994	Member of the Hessian State Parliament
1970-1978	Personal Assistant for the Minister of the Interior of Hesse, then Head of the Office of the Minister of the Interior in Hesse

Education

1970	Doctorate (Dr. phil.)
1963-1969	Studied pedagogics, political science as well as German language and literature studies at Marburg University
1963	General qualification for university (Abitur) in Alsfeld

Awards and Publications

Examination of the Growth of the Euro-Dollar market (Untersuchungen zum Wachstum des Eurodollarmarktes), Tübingen 1977 (=Diss. rer. pol. Kiel 1976) — *The Crisis of the WTO*. Potsdam 2008

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