

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **1. Personal Data:**

Date of Birth: August 19, 1943  
Birth Place: Lauban, Silesia, Germany  
Married to Ulrike Unschuld, Ph.D., since 1968  
Three children (Paul Gerson, Janna Ruth, Sophia Magdalene)

### **2. Academic Training:**

School of Pharmacy (Munich University, graduated 1968)  
Chinese Studies, Political Sciences (Munich University, Dr. phil. 1971, summa cum laude)  
Public Health (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, M.P.H. 1974)  
"Habilitation" in History of Pharmacy (Marburg University, 1979)  
"Habilitation" in History of Medicine (Munich University, Dr. med. habil., 1982)  
"Habilitation" in Chinese Studies (Munich University, Dr. phil. habil., 1983)

### **3. Academic Positions:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Department of International Health, School of Hygiene and Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore 1975-1977.  
Visiting Assistant Professor 1977-1979  
Visiting Associate Professor 1979-1985  
Heisenberg grantee of the German Research Association 1979-1983  
Professor (C2), Munich University, Institute of the History of Medicine, 1984-1986  
Full Professor (C4) and Director, Munich University, Institute for the History of Medicine, 1986- 2006.

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study Berlin 1998-1999.

Professor and Director, Horst-Goertz-Endowment Institute for the Theory, History, and Ethics of Chinese Life Sciences, Charité – Medical University Berlin, since 1.11.2006

Senior Professor and Director, Institute for the Theory, History, and Ethics of Chinese Life Sciences, Charité – Medical University Berlin, since 2016.

#### **4. Selected Past and Present Positions:**

Past President, International Society for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in East Asia, 2008 - 2011

Past President, East Asia Commission, DHPS/IUHPS/UNESCO, 2009 - 2011

Past Chairman, Advisory Board Max-Planck Research Institute of Psychiatry, since 2005 (re-elected 2011) – 2016.

Redactor, Sudhoffs Archiv. German Journal of the History of Science, Mathematics and Medicine. Since 1977-2016.

Member Editorial Board, Comparative Studies in Asian Medical Systems and Health Care, University of California Press Monograph Series

Member Editorial Board, Wellcome Series of Asian Monographs. Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London. Editor responsible for China and Japan.

Past Member Editorial Board, Anthropology & Medicine. Carfax Publishing Ltd. England

Past President (1998-2008) and Past Vice-Chairman, Association of Friends and Supporters of the German Medical History Museum, Ingolstadt, 2008

2001 on invitation by the government in North Korea trip to Pyongyang and to the country to explore the possibility of German-North Korean cooperation in the health sector.

Member Expert Group of the „University Presidents‘ Conference on Negotiations with the Republic of China on the Mutual Recognition of Conditions for University Admission and Graduation.“ Responsible for Humanities and Medicine, since 2004.

Guest Professor, Zhejiang College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hangzhou, China. Juli 2001.

Past Member of the Advisory Council of the Berlin School of Public Health.

2005 Co-chair of the celebration session on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences in Beijing, 18. 11. 2005.+

Member of the International Advisory Group of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences „Forum Future of Chinese Medicine“, since November 2010.

2005 Participation by invitation at the "Beijing Forum 2005" in Beijing, 15-18. 11. 2005 as representative of the ministers Ulla Schmidt and Anette Schavan.

Past Member of Bionet. European-Chinese Network Initiative in Bioethics. Supported by the EU and directed by the London School of Economics (2006-2010)

Past Member of the Advisory Council of the Commission for ethical, legal and social aspects of the National Chinese Human-Genome Project South in Shanghai.

Past Member of the Advisory Council of the Center for AIDS Research, China Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai

Honorary Advisor to the Library of the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Peking.

Vice-Director, Committee for the Approval of an English Translation of Terms in Chinese Medicine of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, April 2006 – März 2010.

Sept. 23, 2016. person of the New York Times weekly "Profile."  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/24/world/asia/chinese-medicine-paul-unschuld.html?mcubz=1>

Temporary Advisor and Member of the WHO Working Group on Standard Terminology in Traditional Chinese Medicine, 2005, and again since 2018.

Past Member, Board of Directors, Research Center of Chinese Traditional Science and Civilization, Chinese Academy of Science, Research Institute of Natural Science, Beijing, Mai 2006 – April 2010.

Past Chairman of the Munich Medical History Association, 1994.- 2006

Past Coordinator of the Medical Faculty of the University of Munich for cooperation with medical / scientific institutions in China, 2001.- 2006

Past Representative of the Medical Faculty of the University of Munich in the Advisory Committee of the Central Library of the University of Munich 1986 – 2006.

Past Member of the Promotion Committee of the Medical Faculty of the University of Munich, 1986 – 2006.

Past Member Advisory Board, China Culture Research Association, Bencao Encyclopedia Project, Peking, China

Founder and Editor-in-Chief of ChinaMed. Journal of Medicine, Politics, Economics and Culture. Official organ of the German-Chinese Society of Medicine. 1993-1996.

Past Chairman Munich Physicians' Association, 1997-1999.

Past Founding Member German-North-Korean Medical Association, 1999-2004.

Past Scientific Curator, Parc de la Villette, Paris, France, 1998-2001.

2002 at the invitation of U.S. NGOs to Cuba to give lectures at the Ministry of Health in Havana, the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Holguin, and in hospitals on the

possibilities of using traditional Chinese medicine in primary health care. 30-minute personal interview (unprepared) with Fidel Castro.

Scientific Curator of the Exhibition on „Theory and Practice. Past and Present of Medicine in China“. Museum Nordico of the City of Linz, Austria, 2004-2005.

Past President of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM), 1984-1990.

Past Member of the Commission for the Selection of Chinese Physicians for Doctoral Scholarships of the Volkswagen Foundation.

Past Vice-President of the German-Chinese Medical Association. 1984 - 2005

Past Consultative Member Xiangshan Science Conference, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of the People's Republic of China, 2003.

Past External Examiner: London University, School of Oriental and African Studies; University of Cambridge, Faculty of History.

Past Member of the US Delegation to the Preparation of the World Health Assembly of WHO in Geneva, 1976.

Member of German Federal Government Delegations to the People's Republic of China. From 1998, when the first German-Chinese Government Agreement on Collaboration in Public Health was negotiated and signed in Beijing, to the most recent biannual cabinet delegation to Beijing led by Chancellor Dr. Merkel in 2016 as advisor to the Minister of Health.

Reviewer: German Research Foundation, German Academic Exchange Service, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities (USA), Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (Rep. of China), American Council of Learned Societies (USA), Associated Medical Services Inc. Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine (Canada), Evangelisches Studienwerk, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology (USA).

## **5. Major Project recently completed:**

Translation project *Ben cao gan gmu*. A first complete and annotated English translation, based on a rigid application of European standards of philology and historiography, of the world's largest 16<sup>th</sup> century encyclopedia of natural history, the *Ben cao gang mu*, published in China in 1593. Ten volumes bi-lingual Chinese-English version plus three volumes of *Ben cao gang mu* Dictionaries published by University of California Press.

## **6. Current Major Project:**

History of acupuncture in China from ancient times to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. An analysis of written documentation.

## **7. Concluded Research Projects Supported by Third-Party Grants:**

Dictionary of the *Ben cao gang mu*, a Chinese encyclopedia of natural history of the 16<sup>th</sup> century (funded by Volkswagen Foundation), 2008 – 2018. Three volumes published by Univ. of California Press, on Historical Chinese Disease Terminology (vol. I), Place Names and Designations of Administrative Structures (vol. II), Names of Persons and Book Titles (vol. III). See bibliography.

Chinese Medical Manuscripts of the Past Centuries as Sources of Unorthodox Knowledge. (funded by the German Research Association). Three volumes published by Brill, Leiden/Netherlands: “Chinese Traditional Healing.” See bibliography.

Project “EpicLeap” in collaboration with Bicoll (Munich-Shanghai) and Symrise Corporation Holzminden. Funded by German Federal Government. Research aimed at identifying, in ancient Chinese pharmaceutical recipes, substances with anti-epileptic effects. Supported by BMBF, administered by VDI. Duration 01.01.2014 – 31.03.2017.

Joint project „SimLeap – Sweet and Bitter Modulating Compounds Leveraging Ancient Prescriptions.” Sub-project: Inverted pharmacognosy; statistical approach to evaluate historical, empirical data using ancient recipes and their ingredients. In collaboration with BiColl Munich/Shanghai and Symrise Holzminden. Supported by BMBF, administered by VDI. Duration 1.8.2017 – 31.1..2020

Joint project: PTID - Patient Twin on Inflammatory Diseases  
German-Japanese collaborative project for "Patient Twin on Inflammatory Diseases" -  
Subproject: Inverted pharmacognosy, statistical approach to evaluate historical empirical studies and their historical treatment with Asian plant ingredients. Supported by BMBF, administered by Forschungszentrum Jülich. Duration 2017 – 2022.

## **8. Awards**

Recipient of the Golden Apple Award for Excellency in Teaching from the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, 1977-78.

Recipient of the Seirin Research Award, 1997.

2001 Guest Professor Zhejiang College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hangzhou, China.

Recipient of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, 2006.

2017: Recipient of the Caspar Roos Medal of the Virchow Physicians Association in Recognition of Contributions to Maintain Physician Professionalism.

2017 Special Book Award of China. Awarded by the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of The People’s Republic of China, with a prize money of 180.000,00 RMB.

2019 Distinguished Alumnus Award, The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association.

2019 Shulan Medical Outstanding Contribution Award, Zhejiang University Education Foundation, Academician Shusen Lanjuan Talent Foundation. €1,000,000.00 RMB. Presented by Prof. Chen Zhu, former Minister of Public Health, PRChina.

2023 Guest Professor, Hongkong Baptist University. Hongkong.

2024 Honorary Professor Hongkong Baptist University.

2024 Recipient of Award “Outstanding Contributor to the Development of Global Traditional Culture” at the occasion of the Taihu World Culture Forum, 27 Oct. 2024.

2024 Recipient of Paulun-Medal of German-Chinese Medical Association.

2025 Invitation to travel to Beijing to obtain Chinese Government Friendship Award 中国政府友谊奖 on 25 Jan. 2025. Trip cancelled because of health reasons.

### **Publications**

Numerous books and articles on the history of medicine and pharmaceuticals in China, on public health issues associated with alternative health care systems, and on topics from the history of medicine in Europe. See “List of Publications”.