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After studying sociology, philosophy, psychology and history at Freiburg University, Germany, Frank Welz taught and researched in Freiburg, Bielefeld, and, during shorter stays, in Onati/Spain, New Delhi and Cambridge.

His publications include 'Critique of the Life-world', 'Sociological Theory and History', and 'Morality and Law in the Discourse of Modernity'.

In 2006 he moved to Innsbruck University, Tyrol, Austria, for teaching and directing the BA and MA courses of study in sociology and social and political theory under the Innsbruck School of Political Science and Sociology.

In 2007 he has been elected chair of the Social Theory Research Network of the European Sociological Association (ESA, [www.social-theory.eu](http://www.social-theory.eu)).

**Major Research Interests**

Sociological Theory, Philosophy and Methodology of Social Science  
 International Comparative Sociology  
 Norm, Law and Politics

**Teaching** Sociology and Social Theory; Cultural Globalization; Social Inequality

**Curriculum vitae**

born in Mönchingen (n. Stuttgart); MA 1988 (Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology and Modern History); Dr. phil. 1994; since 1988 Lecturer, since 1994 Assistant Professor, 2004-06 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Albert-Ludwig University Freiburg, Germany.

2001-06 Founder & director, Global Studies Programme Freiburg-Durban-New Delhi

2006-present Department of Sociology, Innsbruck University; Director of Studies

Visiting Research Fellow: Cambridge, UK (2006); JNU New Delhi (2002); CIF, Bielefeld (1997/98); IISL, Oñati (1997-98); Harvard (1986).

Professional activities: Chair, Social Theory Research Network (RN29), European Sociological Association (since Nov. 2007)

Professional membership: ISA, ESA, ASA, DGS, ÖGS

Selected Honors and Awards: 'Excellence in Teaching State Award of Baden-Württemberg 1999, Ministry of Science, Research and Art, Stuttgart, Germany'; 'Top 10 International Master's Degree Courses made in Germany' Quality label awarded by Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft (German Science Association) & DAAD, Global Studies Programme Freiburg-Durban-New Delhi (2006); BMW Group Award for Intercultural Learning (2005); Dr Wolfgang Heilmann-Prize for Human Use of Information Technology (2000).

## Selected Publications

### Books

- 'Morality and Law in Discourse of Modernity: The Legitimation of the Social Order' (ed. with G. Dux) Opladen: Leske & Budrich, 2001 (in German).
- 'Sociological Theory and History' (ed. with U. Weisenbacher), Opladen/Wiesbaden: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1998, 328 pages (in German).
- 'The Critique of the Life-world: A Sociological Study of Edmund Husserl and Alfred Schutz', Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1996, 256 pages (in German).  
Discussion: Michael Barber (2006), 'Philosophy and reflection: A critique of Frank Welz's sociological and 'processual' criticism of Husserl and Schutz', *Human Studies*, 29, 2, 141–157.
- 'Where Have They Gone?' Freiburg Sociologists during their Studies and in their Occupation: An Empirical Enquiry on the Graduates between the Years 1980 to 1989', Pfaffenweiler: Centaurus, 2nd ed., 1995, 74 pages (in German).

### Articles

- 100 Years of Indian Sociology: From Social Anthropology to Decentering Global Sociology, *International Sociology*, Vol. 24, No. 6, 2009 (ISSN 0268-5809).
- 'Sociological Research and Teaching after the Digital Revolution', *Soziologie*, Vol. 37, No. 1, 2008, pp. 7-26 (in German).
- Rethinking Identity: Concepts of Identity and 'the Other' in Sociological Perspective, *The Society. An International Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 1, July 2005, pp. 1–25.
- El mundo de la vida y la historia, *Δαίμων [Daimon]. Revista de Filosofía*. Número 32, Mayo-Agosto 2004, Fenomenología y Ciencias humanas, pp. 39–54 (English: 'Lifeworld and History').
- 'Identity and Alterity from a sociological point of view', *wir/ihr/sie. Identität und Alterität in Theorie und Methode*, ed. W. Eßbach, Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag, 2000, pp. 89–101 (in German).
- 'A Historicization of Systems Theory?' (Contribution to the discussion of: Helmut Willke, *Die Gesellschaft der Systemtheorie*), *Ethik und Sozialwissenschaften*, vol. 11, No. 2, 2000, pp. 279–281 (in German).
- 'Law in Habermas' Theory of Communicative Action.' In: *Morality and Law in Discourse of Modernity*, ed. G. Dux/F. Welz, Opladen: Leske + Budrich, 2001. pp. 331–350 (in German).
- 'The Understanding of Law in Niklas Luhmann's Systems Theory', *Morality and Law in Discourse of Modernity*, ed. G. Dux/F. Welz, Opladen: Leske + Budrich 2001. pp. 381-397 (in German).
- 'Sociology of Law' (with P. Hiller ), *Sociology 2000*. Special issue of *Soziologische Revue*, ed. C. Jauß/R. Münch/C. Stark, München/Wien: Oldenbourg, 2000, pp. 231–243 (in German).
- 'Introduction: Sociological Theory and History', *Soziologische Theorie und Geschichte*, Opladen/Wiesbaden: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1998, pp. 9–32 (in German).
- 'New Music – Old Barriers', *Grenzenlose Gesellschaft? Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen, der Österreichischen und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie*, Tagungsband II/1, ed. H. Schwengel, Pfaffenweiler: Centaurus 1999, pp. 183– 186 (in German).
- 'The Sociologist as Actor in the Labour-Market?' (with U. Maier; D. Wetzel), *Soziologie*, No. 1, 1992, pp. 13–41 (in German).

### Other

- Culture in the World-System. An Interview with Immanuel Wallerstein (in cooperation with A. Kumar), *Social Identities. Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*, Vol. 7, N. 2, 2001, 221–231.