

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Geert-Hinrich Ahrens
Born 29 July 1934 in Berlin, Germany
Two children

Educational History

1964	Second State Law Examination; LLD
1959 – 1964	Legal Training in Duesseldorf
1958	First State Law Examination
1954 – 1958	Read Law in Bonn and Berlin
	Higher School Leaving Certificate

Professional History

Aug. 2004-September 2009	OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation and Election Assessment Missions, Head of Mission: Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Serbia, Armenia, Iceland, Norway
June 2003-July 2006	Senior Fellow, Center for European Integration Studies, Bonn, Germany
September 2002 - May 2003	Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D. C., USA
September 1999 – August 2002	OSCE Presence in Albania, Head of Presence
April – June 1999	Special Envoy of the European Presidency to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
November 1996 – July 1999	Ambassador, Santafo de Bogota, Colombia
March – November 1996	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn, Director for Asian Affairs, Political Directorate General
August 1992 – February 1996	Ambassador at Large, International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, Geneva, Switzerland

September 1991 – August 1992	Ambassador at Large, Conference on Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands
July – August 1991	European Community Monitor Mission, Zagreb, Croatia, Head of German contingent
1986 – 1991	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn, Head of Section, Political Directorate General
1984 – 1986	Ambassador, Hanoi, Vietnam
1983 – 1984	Fellow, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., USA
1979 – 1983	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn, Deputy Head of Section, Political Directorate General
1975 – 1979	Embassy, Beijing, China
1972 – 1975	Embassy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
1968 – 1972	Consulate General, Hong Kong
1967 – 1968	Federal Foreign Office, Bonn
1965 – 1967	Foreign Service Training in Sao Paulo/Brazil and Bonn/Germany
1964 – 1965	Lawyer at Duesseldorf District Court

Language Knowledge

Mother Tongue: German

Professional Fluency: English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Serbian

Working Knowledge: Russian, Polish, Albanian, Chinese