

Bernhard Seliger



Biographical Information

Dr. Bernhard J. Seliger from January 2026 is representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation for the USA and Canada, based in Washington, D.C.

Since 2002, he was resident representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea, based in Seoul, consulting NGOs, academic and public institutions in questions of Korean unification, peace in Northeast Asia and the geopolitics and geoeconomics of Northeast Asia. In the past, he frequently travelled to North Korea, where he implemented capacity-building projects, among others in economics, energy, forestry and agriculture. He serves as associate of North Korean Review. In 2006 the honorary citizenship of Seoul was conferred by the later president of South Korea, then mayor Lee Myung-Bak, on Bernhard Seliger. In 2012 he became honorary citizen of Gangwon province, partner province of Hanns-Seidel-Foundation in implementing projects of sustainable development in the border area.

[Education]

Dr. Seliger received a habilitation (postdoctoral lecture qualification) at the University of Witten-Herdecke in 2007. Dr. Seliger received a doctorate (Dr.sc.pol.) at the Institute for Economic Policy, Christian-Albrechts-University at Kiel (Germany) in 1998. Dr. Seliger holds a degree (Maitrise en sciences économiques) from Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne, France).

[Academic Experience]

Dr. Seliger is currently affiliated with the East Asia Center at Zwickau University of Applied Sciences in Germany and works as an honorary professor for Economic Policy, in particular East Asian Economies since 2022. He has been senior lecturer (Privatdozent Dr.habil.) at the University of Witten/ Herdecke (Germany) from 2007 to 2010. From 2004-2006 Dr. Seliger was guest professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration of Seoul National University and at the Graduate School of International Area Studies of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Before, Dr. Seliger was from 1998 to 2002 Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of International Area Studies of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. From 1995 to 1998 Dr. Seliger worked as Assistant Researcher at the Institute for Economic Policy, Christian-Albrechts-University at Kiel (Germany), where he received a doctorate (Dr.sc.pol.) in 1998.

[Publications]

Dr. Seliger edited and wrote numerous articles and books, among them in 2022 Korea, the Iron Silk Road and the Belt and Road Initiative (together with Prof. Ralph Wrobel, in the series Emerging Market Studies, no. 9, Peter Lang Verlag), 2018 Arbeitsmarktentwicklung und –regulierung (Labor market development and regulation), Ordnungspolitische Dialoge Vol. 6, Frankfurt/ Main: Peter Lang Verlag, ISBN 978-3-631-73810-8, together with Stefan Kolev, Jüri Sepp and Ralph Wrobel, in 2015 East Asia and Eastern Europe in a Globalized Perspective – Lessons from Korea and Estonia, Ordnungspolitische Dialoge Vol. 5, Frankfurt/ Main: Peter Lang Verlag, ISBN 978-3-631-66860-3. (together with Jüri Sepp and Ralph Wrobel). Others include The Shrimp that Became a Tiger, Transformation Theory and Korea's Rise After the Asian Crisis, Peter Lang Verlag, Emerging Market Studies, Frankfurt: 2013; (with Gi-Woong Son et al.), 'Geurin detangteu' silcheonjeolyak: hwangyeongdongche hyeongseong-gwa jeobgyeongjiyeok · DMZ pyeonghwasengtae-jeok iyongbangan (Green Détente implementation strategy: formation of an ecological community and measures to use the border region peacefully and ecologically), Seoul: Korean Institute for National Unification, ISBN: 978-89-8479-792-5, 2014; (with Jüri Sepp, Ralph Wrobel) Innovationssysteme und Wohlstandsentwicklung in der Welt (Innovation systems and prosperity in the world), Ordnungspolitische Dialoge Vol. 4, Frankfurt/ Main: Peter Lang Verlag, ISBN 978-3-631-65024-0.

[Others]

Prof. Seliger is married and has two sons who currently study in Germany. He is roman-catholic.

From 1989 to 1990 he served at the Artillery regiment 7, Dülmen in the German army.