



Curriculum Vitae Professor Dr Joachim von Braun

Name: Joachim von Braun
Born: 10 July 1950



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Research Priorities: Agricultural policy, origins of and measures against hunger, global food security, bioeconomy, sustainable resource use

Joachim von Braun is an agricultural economist. He focuses on agricultural policy, the economics of famine as well as the analysis of global sustenance. He researches ways to sustainably feed the world population. With his work, he contributes to the improvement of global food security and thereby contributes to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Academic and Professional Career

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| since 2019 | Distinguished Professor Economic and Technological Change, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany |
| 2009 - 2021 | Director, ZEF, and Co-Chair, Section "Innovation and Technology for a Sustainable Future", University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany |
| 2002 - 2009 | Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington D.C., USA |
| 1997 - 2002 | Director, ZEF, and Chair of Department and Professor of Economics and Technical Change, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany |
| 1993 - 1997 | Professor of Food Economics, Food Policy, and World Food Issues, Director, Institute for Food Economics and Consumer Analysis, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Kiel, Kiel, Germany |
| 1990 - 1993 | Director, Food Consumption and Nutrition Policy Division am International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington D.C., USA |

1983	Habilitation in Agricultural Economics, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany
1978	Promotion in Agricultural Economics (Dr. sc. agr.), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany
1975	Dipl.-Ing. Agriculture, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
1970 - 1975	Studies in Agricultural Sciences, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany

Functions in Scientific Societies and Committees

2019 - 2022	Co-Chair, Transdisciplinary Research Area “Innovation and Technology for a Sustainable Future”, Excellence Initiative, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
2019 - 2021	Chair, Scientific Group to advise the Secretary General on the UN Food System Summit 2021, United Nations
since 2017	President, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Vatican City, Vatican
since 2017	Member, Board of Trustees, Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart, Germany
since 2017	Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panels on African Food, Nutrition, Agriculture
since 2015	Member, Board, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
since 2014	Associate Editor, Science Advances
2013 - 2019	Vice-Chair, Board, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
since 2012	Vice-President, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Germany
2014 - 2019	Chair, Federal Bioeconomy Council (“Bioökonomierat der Bundesregierung”), Federal Government of Germany, Germany
2011 - 2017	Member, Board for Program Evaluations, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Berlin, Germany
2010 - 2013	Member, Academic Advisory Board, Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change Research, European Union (EU)
2010 - 2013	Member, Advisory Group for Global Agricultural Development Initiative, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago, USA
since 2009	Member, Editorial Board, Food Security Journal
since 2005	Member, Editorial Board, economics
since 2005	Member, Board of Academic Advisors, Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), China
2000 - 2003	President, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)

Advisory activities: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA, Federal Parliament of Germany, Federal Government of Germany, Commission of the European Union, World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations (UN)

Honours and Awarded Memberships

2019	One World Medal in Gold (“EINEWELT-Medaille in Gold”), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Federal German Government, Germany
since 2018	Member, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Germany
2017	Theodor Brinkmann Award, Theodor Brinkmann Foundation, Bonn, Germany
2016	Marsilius Medal, Marsilius College, Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany
since 2014	Associate Fellow, African Academy of Sciences
since 2012	Member, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Vatican City, Vatican
2011	Justus von Liebig Award for World Nutrition, Fiat Panis Foundation, Ulm, Germany
since 2011	Member, acatech – National Academy of Science and Technology, Germany
since 2010	Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn, Germany
2010	Lifetime Fellow, African Association of Agricultural Economists
2009	Bertebos Award Stockholm, Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Sweden
2009	Lifetime Fellow, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)
2006	Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), USA
2005	Honorary Doctoral Degree for Agricultural Economics, Universität Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Stuttgart and Hohenheim, Germany
2004	Honorary Professorial Appointment, Nanjing Agriculture University, Nanjing, , China
since 1999	Member, Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften und Künste, Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany
1996	Elected Fellow, Development Economics Branch, Verein für Socialpolitik, Berlin, Germany
1988	Josef G. Knoll Research Award, Eiselen Foundation, Ulm, Germany
1978	Award for Doctoral Dissertation, German Labor Office (“Bundesanstalt für Arbeit”), Germany

Research Priorities

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How does hunger and under-nutrition develop and how can it be sustainably overcome? This is the central research question of Joachim von Braun. He studies the relation between hunger and poverty. At the same time, he is interested in strategies to feed the world without burdening the environment. In this context, questions of economic development, global trade, and technological innovations are of importance.

Joachim von Braun investigates concepts for systemic transformation toward a sustainable economy, especially bioeconomy. By transforming interconnected supply chains and applying ecofriendly innovations, and science, bioeconomy seeks to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. It aims to efficiently employ biological resources such as microorganisms and plants, as well as new biochemical processes to this end. The concept encompasses conservation, sustainable consumption and food production. Further aspects of his research are the transformation of subsistence agriculture, and the connection of poverty and soil degradation.

Joachim von Braun was the spokesperson of various world food summits. He advises charitable foundations and organisations as well as the United Nations and the federal German government. Since 2017, he is the president of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.