

Curriculum vitae

Per Øhrgaard (professor, dr.phil. - for explanations, see below)

b. February 6, 1944, in Copenhagen. Danish citizen.

-Student of Germanics (etc.) at the universities of Copenhagen, Berlin (Freie Universität), and Kiel, 1962-1969. Mag.art. [= Ph.D.] Copenhagen, 1969.  
-Assistant professor of German Literature, University of Copenhagen, 1969. Research grants, 1970-1975. Associate professor, 1975.  
-Dr.phil. [= German "Habilitation"] 1978.  
-Professor of German Philology at the University of Copenhagen, 1980-2003.  
-Professor of German and European Studies at the Copenhagen Business School 2007-2013. Since then Professor emeritus at the CBS.

-Visiting Professor, University of Kiel (Germany) Winter 1979/80 and Summer 2001.  
-Visiting Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Spring 1985  
-Research fellow, Center for Research in the Humanities, University of Copenhagen 1987-1989  
-Distinguished Max Kade Visiting Professor, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Spring 2005 and Spring 2014.  
-Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Center for Advanced Study) 2008-09.  
-Fellow of the Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Göttingen, Spring 2012.  
-Lectures and/or conferences in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Austria, Italy, France, Portugal, India, Korea, USA.  
-Member of appointing and/or evaluation committees in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany.

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-Member of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters since 1991.  
-Member of the Danish Literary Academy since 2001. Secretary 2012-2016.  
-Member of the German Academy of Language and Poetry, (Deutsche Akademie für Sprache und Dichtung), Darmstadt, since 2004 (member of the board 2010-2018).  
-Member of the Academy of Sciences, (Akademie der Wissenschaften), Göttingen, since 2005.

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-Member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsberg Foundation 1993-2013 and of the Supervisory Board of Carlsberg A/S (brewery group) 1993-2014.  
-Member of the Supervisory Board of the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen, 1993-2013.  
-Member of The Danish Commission on Security and Disarmament Affairs 1993-95, of the Council of the Danish Institute of International Affairs 1996-99.  
Member of the Supervisory Board of JP/Politikens Hus A/S [newspaper publishers] 2003-08.

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-President of the Danish P.E.N. 1983-1990 and 2015-2022.  
-Chairman of the Günter and Ute Grass Stiftung 2021-

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Books

- C.F. Meyer. Zur Entwicklung seiner Thematik. Kopenhagen 1969. [Ph.d.-Diss.]
- Moderne tysk litteratur 1945-1970. [Modern German Literature]. København 1972.
- Klaus Rifbjerg [monography]. København 1977.
- Die Genesung des Narcissus. Eine Studie zu Goethe: "Wilhelm Meisters Lehrjahre" . Kopenhagen 1978. [Habilitation]
- Gæld og Arv. Tre essays om Tyskland [three essays on contemporary Germany]. København 1991.
- Goethe. Et essay. København 1999.
- Fortsættelse følger... Et essay om Günter Grass. København 2002, 2nd edition 2007. [German edition: Günter Grass. Ein deutscher Schriftsteller wird besichtigt, Wien 2005; 2nd edition, dtv-Taschenbuch 2007; French edition: Günter Grass. L'homme et l'œuvre, Paris (Seuil) 2007]
- Tyskland - Europas hjerte. Et essay. København 2009
- Hans Magnus Enzensberger. En introduktion. København 2010.
- Heinrich Böll. En påmindelse. København 2017.
- Sprogløse verdensborgere – om en uddannelsespolitik, der forsvandt (with Lisbeth Verstraete-Hansen). København 2017.
- Goethe – Mann – Grass. Literarische Essays (= Xenia Toruniensa Series Nova VI (XVI)). Torun: Koin-Nema. Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Mikolaja Kopernika 2019 (in German).
- Commentary to Günter Grass: Beim Häuten der Zwiebel, Die Box, Grimms Wörter (in print)

Other publications

Essays and articles mostly in Danish or German (some in English or Polish) especially on Danish and German subjects (history, literature, politics etc.). Contributions to various editions. – Literary criticism in the newspaper Information 1969-1984; columnist in the newspaper Kristeligt Dagblad 2017-; various tv-interviews with German intellectuals 2009-11.

Numerous translations of German literature (Günter Grass, Hans Magnus Enzensberger, Johannes Bobrowski, Max Frisch, Botho Strauß, Christa Wolf, Christoph Hein, Stefan Heym, Theodor W. Adorno/Max Horkheimer, Franz Kafka, Robert Walser, Friedrich Schiller, Thomas Mann).

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Honors and Awards

- Gold Medal, University of Copenhagen, for the year 1964 (1965)
- [German] Bundesverdienstkreuz I Klasse 1989
- Gelsted Prize of the Danish [Literary] Academy 1992
- Knight of the [Danish] Dannebrog-order 1992
- Goethe-Medal in Gold 1994 [awarded by the Goethe Institute, Munich]
- Translation Prize of the Danish [Literary] Academy 1997
- Henrik-Steffens-Preis 2001 [awarded by the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S., Hamburg. Laudatio by Günter Grass]
- Friedrich-Gundolf-Preis für die Vermittlung deutscher Kultur im Ausland 2003 [awarded by the Deutsche Akademie für Sprache und Dichtung, Darmstadt]

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