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Born 1929 in Budapest.; Co-Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the „Europäische Rundschau“, the Vienna based international quarterly on East-West relations. Host of regular monthly discussions on Austrian TV about developments in Europe („Europastudio“) and writes a weekly column for the Vienna daily „Der Standard“.

Between 1960 – 82 Vienna correspondent of the „Financial Times“ and contributor to leading Austrian, Swiss and German newspapers and radios. Between 1982 – 87 he was Chief-Editor of the East-Europe Programmes of Austrian Radio and TV (ORF), between 1987 – 1998 Director of Radio Austria International.

He has widely lectured in Europe and overseas and in 1971 was Regents Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara; participated as Austrian representative at Bilderberg Conferences, lectured at conferences of the World Economic Forum at Davos and Salzburg, at the Aspen Institute, at the Council of Foreign Relations in the US as well as in Japan, India, the UK, Germany and Switzerland.

He received the Karl-Renner-Prize, Austria's most prestigious award for journalistic achievements and in 1980 he was awarded to title of an honorary „Professor“ by the Federal President at the recommendation of the Minister of Science for his scholarly work. He was given high decorations by the Austrian, German, French, Hungarian and Polish governments including the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, in 2001 the Corvinus Prize by Europe Institute in Budapest and the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold, Commander's Cross 1st Class by the Republic of Austria. In 2002 honours included the Dr. Alois Mock-Europa-Preis, and in 2003 the Commander's Cross of Merit with star by the Republic of Hungary. 2006 State Prize for "Kulturpublizistik" (Cultural Commentaries), Republic of Austria.

Author of 16 books, nine in English and Hungarian, four in French, three in Slovak, two in Japanese and Czech, one in Estonian, Hebrew, Italian and Polish, and Editor of a collection of studies on freedom of religion and human rights in Eastern Europe. His book „Between Hope and Disenchantment – Reflections on the Change in Eastern Europe“ won the Bruno-Kreisky-Prize for the political book of the year 1994. „Blacklisted – a Journalist's Life in Central Europe“ was awarded the 1997 \$ 10.000,-- prize by Donauland, Austria's largest book-club. His book „The Hungarians“ (published in October 1999, in German) became, with four editions, a non-fiction bestseller. It was published in two editions in Hungarian, also in Czech and Romanian, and in 2003 in English by C. Hurst Publisher in London and by Princeton University Press in the US. Its Polish translation appeared 2016 thanks to the International Cultural Centre in Cracow.