

# Curriculum Vitae

## Professor Silke Birgitta Gahleitner

### Profile

Silke Birgitta Gahleitner studied Social Work, received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology, and qualified as a professor of Social Education with a focus on 'Psychosocial Work'. She worked for many years as a psychotherapist (A) in private practice as well as in the 'Myrrha', socio-therapeutic institution for traumatized girls. Since 2006, she has been working as a Professor of Clinical Psychology and Social Work with a focus on 'Psychosocial Assessment and Intervention' at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin. Teaching and research areas include: psychosocial diagnostics and intervention, professional relationship management, psychosocial traumatology, and qualitative research methods.



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### Education

since 2006	<b>Professor of Psychotherapy and Counseling</b>
2004	Ph.D., Free University Berlin, Clinical Psychology
1998	Licensed Psychotherapist, European Academy for Psychosocial Health (Austria)
1998	Washington DC, Research Stay
1997	University of Pennsylvania (PA), Summer School
1996	Postgraduate Degree in Social Work, Alice-Salomon-University of Applied Sciences Berlin

### Professional Experience

#### Teaching

since 2006	Full Professor, Alice-Salomon-University of Applied Sciences Berlin, School of Social Work
2012-2015	Full Professor, Danube University Krems, University for Continuing Education, Austria
2005	Full Professor, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigshafen, School of Social Work, 2005
2000-2004	Adjunct Professor, Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin, School of Social Work
	Adjunct Professor, Free University Berlin, Department of Clinical Psychology
	Adjunct Professor, Technical University Berlin, Department of Education
	Adjunct Professor, College of Administration and the Administration of Justice Berlin

## Teaching Awards

- 2003 Innovation in teaching award Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin  
2001 Excellence in teaching Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin

## Research and Scholarship Grants

- 2009-2011 Principal Investigator German Section, A comparative analysis of community-focused initiatives aimed at supporting women, children and young people who are survivors of violence, exploitation or trafficking in three regions of the United Kingdom, Germany and Romania, 2009 - the present in collaboration with: Newman University College in Birmingham, England and the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, funded by DAPHNE III Research Project (core anti-violence program of the European community)
- 2008-2012 Principal Investigator, Growing up with German and Israeli parents who lived through the disasters of the National Socialism - Explorations of identity issues, in collaboration with: University of Haifa, running application for research grant at the German Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (G.I.F.)
- 2007-2009 Principal Investigator, A follow-up survey of therapeutic residential youth groups in Berlin funded by the Society for Therapeutic Residential Youth Groups Berlin
- 2005-2007 Principal Investigator, Quality of life in tumor patients following surgery and reconstruction of the oro-mandibular region. The contribution of the hospital clinical social work service to psycho-social care. A cooperation project between the hospital clinical social work service of the unit for Oro-Mandibular and Facial Surgery of Heidelberg University Teaching Hospital and the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin
- 2004 Principal Investigator, Gender-Sensitive Psychotherapy and Counseling after Complex Trauma, funded by the Berlin Program for Equal Opportunities in Research and Teaching
- 2000-2003 Researcher, Modes of Coping with Sexual Abuse - An Exploratory Study from a Salutogenetic Viewpoint, Alice-Salomon Doctoral Fund and the Berlin Fund for Gender Research

## Work Experience

- 2000-2010 Evangelical Association for Youth and Welfare Berlin, Psychotherapist
- 1997-1999 Association for Better Life Quality for Women, Berlin, Youth Counselor
- 1997 District Department of Social Services, Family Counseling Unit Berlin, Psychotherapist
- 1997 Child Abuse Prevention Project Berlin, Social Worker
- 1996 District Department of Social Services, Sexual Abuse Unit, Social Worker
- 1992 Community Center for Social Services, Salzburg (Austria), Project Coordinator
- 1989-1991 Center for the Treatment of Mentally Handicapped Adult Patients, Salzburg (Austria), Caseworker

## Professional Organizations

### Membership

- German Society for Social Work: Clinical Social Work Section (DGS)
- Central Organization for Clinical Social Work in Germany (member of executive committee) (ZKS)
- German Society for Prevention and Intervention of Child Abuse and Neglect (DGfPI)

International Society for the Study of Dissociation (German Section) (ISSD-D) (includes European Society for Trauma and Dissociation) (German Section) (ESTD)

Society for Psychotraumatology, Trauma Treatment and Trauma Research (GPTG)

Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration (SEPI)

Austrian Association for Integrative Therapy (ÖGIT) Society for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling Germany (GwG)