

# CURRICULUM VITAE

Rev. Professor Dr. Fernando Enns



BORN	1964 in Curitiba/Brazil
since 2018	Professor for “Peace Church Theology” at the Department for Protestant Theology, University of Hamburg/Germany (Endowed Chair)
since 2006	(Founding) Director of the Center for Peace Church Theology at University of Hamburg.
Since 2011	Professor for [Peace-] Theology and Ethics at the Faculty of Religion and Theology at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam/The Netherlands, (Founding) Director of the Amsterdam Center for Religion and Peace & Justice Studies at VU Amsterdam Co-Rector of the Mennonite Seminary at VU Amsterdam
2010	Habilitation „Ökumene in der Bewährung. Beiträge zur ökumenischen Theoriebildung, Theologie und Friedensethik aus der Perspektive einer Friedenskirche“
1996-2005	Assistant Lecturer of Systematic Theology / Ecumenical Studies and Director of Studies at the Ecumenical Institute and Student Hall at the University of Heidelberg/Germany
2001	„Doktor der Theologie“ (Dr. theol., „ <i>summa cum laude</i> “) The Peace Church and the Ecumenical Community. Ecclesiology and the Ethics of Nonviolence. Copublished by Kitchener/Ontario: Pandora Press and Geneva: World Council of Churches 2007 (orig. „Friedenskirche in der Ökumene. Ekklesiologische Aspekte einer Theologie aus friedenskirchlicher Perspektive“)
1994-96	Research Assistant at the Ecumenical Institute, University Heidelberg
1992-1994	Practical Theology at the University Bonn
1992-94	Pastor of Mennonite Church in Krefeld/Germany
1992	Ordination in Krefeld

1992	„Magister der Theologie“ (Mag.theol.) „Der eine Haushalt Gottes – Die Krise der ökumenischen Bewegung: theologische Ursachen und neuere Konzepte“
1985-1992	Studies in Theology at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
1988-89	Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries in Elkhart/Indiana (USA)

## CHURCH and ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### I. ACADEMIC

#### I.1. Editorial Boards

- *Ökumenische Rundschau* (Ecumenical Review) since 1998
- *Conrad Grebel Review* (2010-2016, again since 2021)
- *Religious History Society* series (since 2021)
- *Amsterdam Series of Baptist and Mennonite Theologies*

#### I.2. Faculty of Religion and Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

- Coordinator of the one-year Masterprogram on „Peace, Trauma and Religion“, VU
- (Co-) Coordinator of the interdisciplinary BA Minor in „Peace- and Conflict Studies“
- (Co-) Founder and Chair of the Research Group „Peace, Trauma, Religion“

#### I.3. Fachbereich Ev. Theologie der Universität Hamburg

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Missions Academy Hamburg, since 2008
- Member of the interdisciplinary Research Group on „Friedenserziehung/Peacebuilding“

#### I.4. Academic Memberships

- Member of *European Academy of Sciences and Arts*
- Member of *Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie*
- Member of *Gesellschaft für Evangelische Theologie* (Society of Protestant Theology)
- Member of *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Missionswissenschaft* (German Society for Mission Theology)
- Member of *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ökumenische Forschung* (Association of Ecumenical Research)
- Member of *Deutscher Ökumenischer Studienausschuss* (German Commission on Faith & Order, until 2018)

#### Lectures at many international conferences and occasions

on Theology, Ecumenism, Peace and Justice, Interreligious Dialogue, organized by the WCC, by the international academia, or by individual institutions. These include (churches and universities in) many European countries as well as Brazil, Chile, Colombia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Japan, Southkorea, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Fiji, Canada, U.S.A., Jamaica.

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| 2008 | Speaker of the “Bechtel Lectures” at Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo/Ontario (Canada)             |
| 2010 | Speaker of the “Paul Wattson Lectures” at University of San Francisco/California (U.S.A.)         |
| 2012 | Speaker of the “Believers Church Lecture Series” at Fresno Pacific University/California (U.S.A.) |
| 2012 | Speaker of “Mennonite Peacelectureship” at Seattle Mennonite Church (U.S.A.)                      |

## II. CHURCH

### II.1. Mennonite Church

- Pastor of *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Gemeinden in Deutschland* (Association of Mennonite Churches in Germany)
- Vice-Chair of the board of *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Gemeinden in Deutschland* (Association of Mennonite Churches in Germany), since 2001
- Vice-Chair of the *Vereinigung der Deutschen Mennonitengemeinden* (Union of Mennonite Churches in Germany), 1994-2001, Ecumenical Officer since 1994
- Member of Mennonite Peace Center Berlin, (2004-2013 Speaker)
- Consultant to *Mennonite World Conference* (Key-speaker at World Assembly in Bulawayo/Zimbabwe, 2003)

### II.2. Ecumenical Relations

#### a. national

- Delegate to the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in Deutschland* (National Council of Churches in Germany)
- Member of *the Conference on Peace of the EKD* (Ev. Church in Germany)
- Member of several planning committees for the German *Kirchentag*
- Member of the Board of *Deutsche Ostasien Mission* (German East-Asia Missions) (until 2018)

#### b. international

- Member of *World Council of Churches' Central Committee* (since 1998)
  - Member of Program Committee (since 1998)
  - Member of WCC-Advisory Group on Overcoming Racism, Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia (since 2021)
  - Moderator of the WCC-Reference Group and the Theological Study Group on the ecumenical "Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace" and its Theological Study Group (since 2014).
  - Moderator of the Planning Committee of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (2008-2011)
  - Member of "Decade to Overcome Violence" - Reference-Group (since 2000, moderator 2005-2011)
  - Member of Advisory Group on Justice, Peace, Creation (1998-2003)

Delegate to:

- VIII. Assembly of WCC in Harare/Zimbabwe 1998
- IX. Assembly of WCC in Porto Alegre/Brazil 2006
- XI. World Conference on Mission and Evangelism in Salvador da Bahia/Brazil 1996
- XII. World Conference on Mission and Evangelism in Athens/Greece 2005
- International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Kingston / Jamaica 2011
- X. Assembly of WCC in Busan / Southkorea 2013
- XIII. World Conference on Mission and Evangelism in Arusha /Tanzania 2018
- XI. Assembly of WCC in Karlsruhe / Germany 2022

2007

Award "Best Sermon of the Year"  
by "Verlag der Deutschen Wirtschaft"

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