

Bernd Schneidmüller – Research Profile

Position: Senior Professor, Medieval History (2020-)
Director of the Research Institute 'History and Cultural Heritage' at Heidelberg University (2018-)
President of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2020-2023)

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Education and positions:

1972-1976 Studies in history, literature, theology, law at the Universities of Zurich (Switzerland) and Frankfurt/Main

1976 "Staatsexamen"

1977 PhD in History, University of Frankfurt

1978-1987 Research fellow, Universities of Frankfurt and Braunschweig

1985 Habilitation, University of Braunschweig

1987-1990 Professor of Medieval History, University of Oldenburg

1990-1994 Chair in Medieval History, University of Braunschweig

1994-2003 Chair in Medieval and Regional History, University of Bamberg

1994-1997 Offers for chairs at the Universities of Köln, Oldenburg, Bonn (declined)

2003-2020 Chair in Medieval History, Co-Director of the Department of History, Heidelberg University

2020- Senior Professor, Heidelberg University

2020-2023 President of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Research:

History of medieval Europe; European nation-building (9th-14th centuries); integration and disintegration in medieval cultures; rituals and symbolic communication; public performance of power and subjection; decision-making in medieval political communities; monasticism in the central middle ages.

Memberships (selected):

Marsilius-Kolleg, Institute for Advanced Study of the Heidelberg University: Fellow (2009-2010), Director (2014-2020)

Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities: Member (2005-), Vice President (2014-2016), President (2020-2023)

Honors / Invitations (selected):

Eike-von-Reppow-Award Magdeburg (2016); Denomination of an asteroid as (65712) Schneidmüller; Invited Visitor, Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, School of Historical Studies (2014).

Research Projects

1996-2003: Co-founder, co-chair of the DFG Graduate program “Kunstwissenschaft – Bauforschung – Denkmalpflege“, Universities of Bamberg and Berlin

2003: Co-founder, co-chair of the DFG Graduate program “Generationenbewusstsein und Generationenkonflikte in Antike und Mittelalter” (until change to Heidelberg).

2005-2009: Graduate program of the University of Heidelberg “Das Konzert der Medien in der Vormoderne. Gruppenbildung und Performanz”

2005-2013: Vice-coordinator, DFG Collaborative Research Program (SFB) 619 “The Dynamics of Rituals”

2005-2011: Coordinator DFG Priority Program “Integration and disintegration in European medieval cultures”

2006-2014: Member of the Academic Advisory Council, University of Heidelberg

2007-2012: Coordinator of the research program „Transcultural Studies“, Excellence initiative, University of Heidelberg

2007-2019: Principal investigator, Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context. The Dynamics of Transculturality “, University of Heidelberg. Coordinator (together with Klaus Oschema) of the project “World Orders in Transcultural Perspective. Pre-Modern Concepts of Continents and Empire“ (2013-2016)

2009-2018: Member of the University Council, University of Heidelberg

2010-2024: Coordinator Academy Research Program “Cloisters in the Central Middle Ages. Innovation Laboratories of European Life and Order” (Heidelberg Academy of Sciences).

2011-2023: DFG Collaborative Research Program (SFB) 933 “Material Text Cultures. Materiality and Presence of Writing in Non-Typographical Societies”.

Past/previous supervisions of doctoral students, postdocs:

Supervision of 28 completed PhD theses, 8 habilitation theses.

Current supervision: 2 PhD theses

Publications:

[http://www.uni-](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/fakultaeten/philosophie/zegk/histsem/mitglieder/ls_schneidmueller_veroeffentlichungen.html)

[heidelberg.de/fakultaeten/philosophie/zegk/histsem/mitglieder/ls_schneidmueller_veroeffentlichungen.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/fakultaeten/philosophie/zegk/histsem/mitglieder/ls_schneidmueller_veroeffentlichungen.html)