

Hans van Ess

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EMPLOYMENT

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| Full Professor for Chinese Studies at the Ludwig-Maximilians - Universität of München (LMU) | 10/1998 - Present |
| President, Max-Weber-Foundation – German Institutes in the Humanities abroad | 2015 - 2023 |
| Assistant Professor at the Institute for Chinese Studies of the University of Heidelberg | 04/1995 - 09/1998 |
| Area manager at the German Asia-Pacific Business Association (Ostasiatischer Verein) in Hamburg | 09/1992 - 03/1995 |
| Social service in a hospital for paralytics in Tübingen | 09/1981 - 12/1982 |

MAJOR POSITIONS HELD AT LMU

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| Commissioner of the University Executive Board for science Research policy Issues in Asia | 10/2025 - Present |
| Vice President for Research | 2019 - 2025 |
| Vice President for International Affairs | 2013 - 2019 |
| Member of the Academic Senate at LMU | 2009 - 2011 |
| Vice President for Teaching and Learning | 2007 - 2009 |
| Vice Dean of the Faculty for Cultural Studies | 01/10/2005 - 30/09/2007 |
| Dean of the Faculty for Cultural Studies | 01/10/2003 - 30/09/2005 |

EDUCATION

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| Habilitation (University of Hamburg) | 1998 |
| Dr. phil in Chinese Studies (University of Hamburg) | 1992 |
| PhD student at the University of Hamburg (Supervisor: Prof. H. Stumpfeldt) | 1988 - 1992 |
| Post-graduate studies DAAD (fellow at Fudan-University Shanghai) | 09/1986 - 07/1988 |
| MA (Magister Artium) with a thesis on the later Han philosopher Zhongchang Tong (180-220 AD) | 09/1986 |
| Three month language training at Beijing daxue, PR China | 08/1984 |
| Chinese, Mongolian and Turcic Studies, philosophy at the University of Hamburg, other languages: Japanese and Sanscrit | 04/1983 - 09/1986 |

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS (in Recent 5 Years)

- van Ess, H. (2021). *Chinesische Philosophie. Von Konfuzius bis zur Gegenwart* [Chinese philosophy: From Confucius to the present]. C.H. Beck.
- van Ess, H. (2020). Zhu Xi's interpretation of the five canonical scriptures. In K. Ng & Y. Huang (Eds.), *Dao companion to Zhu Xi's philosophy* (pp. 89–108). Springer Nature.
- van Ess, H. (2022). Ban Gu's view on the "second victory" of "Confucianism" and the fall of the Former Han. *Early China*, 45, 15–49.
- van Ess, H. (2023). Zum Gegensatz von Konfuzianismus als geistiger Tradition und sozialer Praxis [On the contrast between Confucianism as an intellectual tradition and as social practice]. In K. Marchal (Ed.), *Tu Weiming. Menschsein lernen. Entwurf eines Humanismus im konfuzianischen Geist* (pp. 99–110). Matthes & Seitz.
- van Ess, H. (2019). 《論語·雍也》和《史記·弟子列傳》 [The Analects (Yongye) and the Records of the Grand Historian (Biographies of the Disciples)]. *國文天地 (The World of Chinese Language and Literature)*, 35(5), 12–18.

SOME MEMBERSHIPS

- European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), 1998-2004 Treasurer
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Chinastudien (DVCS)
- Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft (DMG)
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- Mongolian Society

EDITOR

- Lun Wen (Studien zur chinesischen Literatur- und Geistesgeschichte), Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz

EDITORIAL BOARD (Selection)

- *Minima Sinica* (Bonn, Germany)
- *Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities* (Stockholm, Sweden)
- *Archiv orientální* (Prague, Czech Republic)
- *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* (Honolulu, USA)

- *T'oung Pao* (Paris, France)
- *Guoxue xuekan* (Research in the Traditions of Chinese Culture; Beijing, China)
- *Shida xuebao* (Taiwan, China)

HONORS

- Halls-Bascom Professor, University of Madison, Wisconsin 03/2014
- Honorary Professor, Sun Zhongshan University Guangzhou 2014 - Present
- ICAS 10 Book Prize 2017 German Edition for 2014 Book: Politik und Geschichtsschreibung in der Zeit der Han
- Honorary Fellow United International College Zhuhai 06/2019
- Member of the Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur, Mainz 2020 – Present

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