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Short biography

Dirk Wentzel has been Professor of Economics and European Economic Relations at Pforzheim University since 2003. In 2005 he received an EU-funded Jean Monnet Chair. He has been director of the European Business, Politics, and Culture summer school in collaboration with Pennsylvania State University since 2008. Since 2019, he is also the dean of the economics department.

Dirk Wentzel studied economics at the University of Bonn. He earned his doctoral degree in 1994, with a dissertation in monetary theory at the University of Marburg. In 2001 he completed his habilitation in media economics, also at the University of Marburg. He has had multiple research stays abroad, including at Lomonosov Moscow State University, at New York University, and at Pennsylvania State University. He was a visiting professor and Humboldt fellow between 2000 and 2002 at Penn State, where he also founded a summer school in cooperation with the Smeal College of Business.

Dirk Wentzel was a scholarship student of the Adenauer Foundation, for which he serves as trustee today. He was awarded the Herbert Quandt Prize for his dissertation and received a research fellow-ship from the Humboldt Foundation between 2000 and 2002. In 2011 he was named President of the Karlsruhe-Pforzheim region for the Humboldt Foundation. In 2013 he became president of the Forschungsseminar Radein (www.radein.de). Dirk Wentzel has been the editor of *Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft* since 2010 and writes regularly for *Börsen-Zeitung*.

Competences

Dirk Wentzel concentrates on institutional and regulatory economics in the tradition of Walter Eucken's Freiburg School and Jean Monnet's concept of European integration. In the course of completing his dissertation and habilitation (both supervised by Alfred Schüller) numerous articles of his have received accolades. As the new editor of *Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft* (founded by K. Paul Hensel), Wentzel is in charge of spreading regulatory policy opinions and supervising dissertations. Since being named Jean Monnet Professor for European Integration by the EU Commission in 2005, his publications have focused on European affairs. He has authored multiple books in addition to his monographs, some in collaboration with his colleagues. Since 2011 he has been a regular contributor to *Börsen-Zeitung*, concentrating on international economic policy and European integration. He also writes frequently for other national and regional newspapers. Since the beginning of the financial crisis in 2008 Dirk Wentzel has published numerous articles on stability policy and monetary constitution in Europe. He organized a large third-party EU project and in 2013 ran an international conference on European financial market architecture (with the proceedings published in a special 2013 volume of *Kredit und Kapital*). The proposals on state bankruptcy acts he developed with Hanno Beck have gained special attention among parliamentarians and legal professionals. In the future he will continue to devote time to stabilization policy in states with excessive debt. In recent research and seminars, Dirk Wentzel has put more emphasis on sport economics – a rich research area that brings together regulatory economics and game theory and is amenable to empirical study. His work covers the regulatory conditions in European sport markets, the rules for financial fair play and the application of financial market theory to sport and talent promotion. In addition to his other publications, Wentzel is completing an edited volume on basic questions of social market economy with regard to existing theory and to current and new fields of application. Dirk

Wentzel makes every effort to link research and teaching. He currently supervises a huge variety bachelor's and master's theses.

Professional Activities

- Director of the Summer University in Collaboration with Penn State
- Editor of Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft, Verlag Lucius and Lucius, Stuttgart
- Trustee of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- President of the Humboldt Gesellschaft, Karlsruhe-Pforzheim
- President of the International Forschungsseminar Radein
- Founding member of the Marburg Gesellschaft für Ordnungsfragen (MGOW)

Awards

- Appointed Jean Monnet Chair of the EU Commission, 2005
- Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Feodor Lynen Scholarship, 2000–2002
- Herbert Quandt Award from the TU Dresden for the best dissertation on system transformation, 1995
- Scholarship student of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung; division for gifted and outstanding students, 1986

Selected Publications

- Wentzel, D. (2013): Ordnungspolitische Bausteine einer europäischen Stabilitätsverfassung. In: I. Pies (Hrsg.): Das weite Feld der Ökonomik: Von der Wirtschaftsforschung und Wirtschaftspolitik bis zur politischen Ökonomik und Wirtschaftsethik, Schriften zu Ordnungsfragen der Wirtschaft, Bd. 97, Stuttgart
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- Wentzel, D. (1995): Geldordnung und Systemtransformation: Ein Beitrag zur ökonomischen Theorie der Geldverfassung. Schriften zum Vergleich von Wirtschaftsordnungen, Bd. 50, Stuttgart. (Ausgezeichnet mit dem Herbert-Quandt-Förderpreis)