

# Curriculum vitae

Johannes Martin Renger

Born: September 18, 1934 at Schönau/Chemnitz, Germany

1962 married to Gisela Renger, neé Knoth  
children: Almut, Christoph, Sabine

## Education:

1944-1952, Humanistisches Gymnasium Chemnitz

Graduation (Reifeprüfung) June 26, 1952

1952-1957, University of Leipzig (Protestant Theology) Ancient Near Eastern Studies ;

major field: Old Testament Studies (A. Alt), Ancient Near Eastern languages and history (Assyriology with H.-S. Schuster and H. Petschow, Egyptology with S. Morenz, North-West-Semitic Epigraphy with A. Alt).

First Theological Degree (Erstes Theologisches Examen) May 22, 1957

thesis "S. Mowinkels These vom Kultpropheten".

1958-1965, University of Heidelberg, (Assyriology with A. Falkenstein, Near Eastern

Archaeology with A. Falkenstein, Egyptology with E. Otto and G. Fecht; Semitic languages with A. Schall and History of ancient laws).

Ph.D. examination on November 24, 1965.

Ph.D. thesis: "Untersuchungen zum Priestertum in Altbabylonischer Zeit, 1. Teil" published in ZA 57 (1967), 110-118.

## Positions held

1966-1968 Research Associate, Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project, Oriental Institute,

University of Chicago

1968-1974 Assistant Professor of Assyriology, Oriental Institute and Department of

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

1974-1976 Associate Professor of Assyriology, Oriental Institute and Department of

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

1976-2002 Full Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Philology and History, Freie Universitaet Berlin

1980, 1982, 1988, 1989, 1990 Visiting Professor, Oriental Institute,

University of Chicago, Member Assyrian Dictionary Staff

1987, 1988, 1989 Senior Research Fellow, Cooperation Franco-Allemand at the CNRS

and École Pratique des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales / Maison des Sciences de l'Homme

1991 Visiting Lecturer, University of Leningrad; Visiting Professor  
University of Buenos Aires (UBA)  
1992 Visiting Professor, State Univ. Porto Allegre/Brazil  
1996 Directeur d'Études Associé, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, École  
Pratique des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris  
2002 Visiting Scholar, Università Cà Foscari di Venezia

### **Offices held**

1978-1980 Chairman Dept. of Classical and Oriental Studies, Freie  
Universitaet Berlin  
1982-1986 Member and Chairman of the University Council, Freie  
Universitaet Berlin  
1987-1991 Member of the Academic Senat, Freie Universitaet Berlin  
1991-1992 Advisory Member of the Landeshochschulstrukturkommission des  
Landes  
Berlin  
1992-1997 Member of the Kuratorium (Board of Regents), Freie Universitaet  
Berlin

1976-1980 Vice President, Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft:

1988-1994 President, Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft:

1994-2000 Vice President, Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft:

Corresponding member, Deutsches Archaeologisches Institut; Honorary  
member of the  
Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft

Associate Editor (Pre-Islamic Ancient Near East), Journal of the American  
Society,  
1971-1976.

Editor Berliner Beiträge zum Vorderen Orient.

Associate (Regional) Editor for the Ancient Near East, Egypt, Iran, India,  
China

: Der Neue Pauly - Encyclopädie der Antike 1994-2003

Der Neue Pauly - Encyclopädie der Antike - English Edition 2002-

Associate Editor, Klio

Associate Editor, Altorientalische Forschungen

Editorial Board, Orientalia Argentina

### **Research interests and activities**

Director of the Assur-Project to publish the results of the Assur-Excavation of  
the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft during the years 1903 til 1914; Social and  
Economic History of the Ancient Near East; Comparative History of Ancient  
Economies; History of Ancient Near Eastern Studies; History of Near Eastern  
Studies in Germany.