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Upon my return to Germany, I headed a research group at the Institute for Rational Energy Use at the University of Stuttgart. In 2000 I was invited to the University of Oldenburg as assistant professor, where I headed a research team until 2004. I held lectures in St. Petersburg, Moscow und Siena. In 2006 I was awarded the high level prize as one of the top eleven young scientists in Germany by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Science Foundation), the Helmholtz- and the Leibniz-Foundation. In 2011 I was awarded by the Urania Medaille as well as the B.A.U.M. environmental award for best public science, in 2016 followed the Adam Smith Award for a social-ecological economy as well as the German Solar Award. I am member of Club of Rome, since 2016 in the steering committee.

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